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Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09**

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Reply Serial No.

HAB001

Question Serial No.

2433

Head : 53 – GS: Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : It is noted that the estimate for 2008-09 is \$90.4 million (97.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08 and this is mainly due to increased provisions for the promotion of civic/national education, youth development and social harmony, and the creation of 12 posts for undertaking related work. Please list the post titles, salaries and duties of the 12 posts and provide a breakdown of the expenditure involved for the promotion of civic/national education, youth development and social harmony.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The distribution and duties of the 12 posts are appended below –

- one Senior Executive Officer (\$0.715M) for promotion of civic/national education and youth development
- one Senior Executive Officer (\$0.715M) and one Executive Officer I (\$0.503M) for management and operation of the Centre for Youth Development (CYD)
- one Administrative Officer (\$0.653M) and one Senior Executive Officer (\$0.715M) to support further development of social enterprises in Hong Kong
- one Chief Executive Officer (\$0.975M), one Senior Executive Officer (\$0.715M) and one Executive Officer I (\$0.503M) (offset by deletion of one Executive Officer II (\$0.333)) for strengthening the organisation structure of the Administration Section
- one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (\$1.428M), one Personal Secretary I (\$0.289M), one Chief Executive Officer (\$0.975M), one Senior Executive Officer (\$0.715M) and one Assistant Clerical Officer (\$0.18M) to support the Family Council

To undertake the work in relation to the promotion of civic/national education, youth development and social harmony in 2008-09, additional resources would be allocated for (i) the preparation of the commissioning of and operation of some facilities in the CYD (\$39M); (ii) youth development activities/national education for youth (\$15M); (iii) promotion of civic/national education outside schools (\$12.8M); (iv) Family Council related programmes (\$5M); and (v) 12 additional posts as listed above (\$8.7M).

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Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB002

Question Serial No.

2434

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme :(3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the estimate for 2008-09 is \$99.6 million (131.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08 and this is mainly due to the increased provision for the promotion of Olympism. Please inform this Committee of the titles, details and expenditure involved for promoting Olympism in 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

A total of \$118.1 million has been earmarked in 2008-09 for allocation to the government bureaux/departments and agencies concerned for implementation of programmes to promote Olympism. This largely contributes to the increased provision. Details and breakdown of the expenditure for these programmes are as follows –

Titles	Details	Expenditure (\$ million)
(a) Territory-wide carnivals	(i) Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays	21.0
	(ii) Olympic and Paralympic Live Sites, Olympic celebration site at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza	35.0
(b) Community participation programmes	Funding support for Olympic-themed cultural, educational, sport, youth and other activities	15.4
(c) Publicity programmes	Publicity/public relations programmes/materials to be launched locally and overseas	12.3
(d) City dress-up initiatives for cultivating the Olympic co-host city atmosphere	Olympic-themed decorations and structures	17.9
(e) Olympic legacy projects	Projects in commemoration of the Equestrian Events and for promotion of Olympic legacy	8.0

Titles	Details	Expenditure (\$ million)
(f) Contingency	Contingency funding to meet unforeseen requirements	8.5
		<u>118.1</u>

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HAB003

Question Serial No.

2435

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government will continue to plan the development of a Multi-purpose Stadium Complex in Kai Tak in 2008. Will the Government inform this Committee of the details of this project, the expenditure incurred so far and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The Multi-purpose Stadium Complex (MPSC) has been included in the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan S/K22/2 as one of the major components of the Kai Tak Development. Since 2005-06, the Administration has been consulting the sports sector and the local community on the proposed features and use of the MPSC facilities. In 2008-09, we will continue drawing up the detailed project scope of the MPSC in consultation with the sports sector and the local community, and proceed with the technical feasibility study.

Since 2005-06, the Home Affairs Bureau has spent about \$2.98 million in four consultancy studies to, respectively, examine the need for a MPSC in Hong Kong, define the initial requirements, examine the financial case for the proposed MPSC, and plan for the preliminary master layout of the MPSC. In 2008-09, the Administration has set aside \$4 million to plan the development of the MPSC at Kai Tak.

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HAB004

Question Serial No.

0523

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities in 2008-09. Please inform this Committee of the details, including the timetable and the expected number of niches provided.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP) is in the process of identifying suitable sites for development of new columbarium facilities with relevant bureaux/departments. BMCP will map out the details, including the implementation timetable and the expected number of niches, as and when suitable sites have been identified.

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0524

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

One of the matters requiring special attention in 2008-09 is to identify and designate support for “up-and-coming” sports so as to enhance Hong Kong’s medal hope in the international sports arena. Please provide details in this respect, including the selection method, assessment criteria and specific support measures.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

With a view to identifying and designating support to “up-and-coming” sports for intensive development in order to enhance Hong Kong’s medal hope in the international sports arena, the Sports Commission has discussed and endorsed the implementation of the framework on the selection mechanism for “up-and-coming” sports for intensive development in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) has been tasked by the Sports Commission as the agent to identify, support and develop “up-and-coming” sports which are outside the Elite Sports category.

Selection Method and Assessment Criteria

The selection and assessment of “up-and-coming” sports will be conducted every two years. A two-stage selection process will be adopted with details as follows:

Stage I – Preliminary Round Selection

The average score of the best results from two senior and two junior athletes of an individual sport (non-Elite Sports) attained at the last review of the HKSI Elite Vote Support, with the qualifying mark set at 4.5 points, will be the basis for Stage I selection of the qualified sports.

Stage II – Final Round Selection

National Sports Associations (NSAs) of the sports that have attained the qualifying mark at the Stage I selection will be invited to submit to the HKSI a two-year development plan on how to meet the goal of winning medal in the upcoming Major Games/Championships. HKSI Management will then meet with the respective NSAs for more details of their development plans, and assess their sports against the following set of criteria:

- (a) Chance of winning medals as indicated by the performance of Asian athletes;
- (b) Sources of athletes;
- (c) Sources of coaches;
- (d) Competence of NSAs;
- (e) Commitment of NSAs at elite level;
- (f) Youth development programme for the sport;
- (g) Availability of training facilities in Hong Kong; and
- (h) A Major Game event (recognition of the sports at international games).

Specific Support Measures

As a pilot scheme, we aim to select two sports which will be provided with additional funding for intensive development on a two-year funding cycle (starting from 2008-09). The funds will be spent mainly in three aspects – coaching, athletes support, training and competitions.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB006

Question Serial No.

0525

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the occupancy rate of the Creative arts centre in Shek Kip Mei (the Centre) since its commissioning in early 2008? How many exhibitions have been organised and how many people have visited the Centre? Does the Centre have any plan to strengthen publicity so as to attract local students, practitioners in the relevant fields and other people to visit the Centre?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The Creative arts centre in Shek Kip Mei (the Centre) is an initiative of the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) supported by the Government whereby the decommissioned ex-Shek Kip Mei Flatted Factory at Pak Tin Street in Sham Shui Po has been converted into an artists' village providing studio space for artists and arts groups with funding support from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. In the process, HKBU has also taken advice from its strategic partners, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Arts Centre. Commencing operation in early March 2008, the Centre has a 100% occupancy rate, with all its studio units rented out to artists and arts groups. As the Centre has just started operation, exhibitions have yet to be organised and visitor statistics have yet to be captured.

To attract visitors and promote arts and culture to the community, the Centre is planning to organise a series of arts and cultural programmes including, among others, community arts festivals, arts and craft fairs, studio open days, exhibitions, outreach programmes to schools and artists-in-residence programmes. Special emphasis will also be placed on promoting arts and culture in the Sham Shui Po district. In addition to organising outreach programmes to schools in the district, the Centre will also seek the participation of the Sham Shui Po District Council and community organisations in activities such as the community arts festivals and the arts and craft fairs.

To raise public awareness of the Centre and its programmes, a major publicity drive comprising, among others, advertising, media tours, direct mails and exhibitions at MTR stations, has been planned. The Centre will also seek the assistance of the Tourism Commission in promoting the Centre to tourists.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB007

Question Serial No.

0623

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Study to explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities has been conducted for some years. When does the Administration expect the study to complete and when will plans for additional columbarium facilities be drawn up in order to cater for public demand in longer term?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP) is still in the process of identifying suitable sites for development of new columbarium facilities with relevant bureaux/departments. BMCP will map out the implementation plan for development of new columbarium facilities as and when suitable sites have been identified.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB008

Question Serial No.

0624

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

On promoting sports exchanges with neighbouring provinces/cities in the Mainland, please specify the sports exchange programmes with Mainland provinces/cities and organisations to be held in 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The following sports exchange programmes are under planning for the year 2008-09:

- I. Sports Exchange Programmes with Sports Administration of Guangdong Province and Macao Sport Development Board
 - (a) The 4th Pan Pearl River Delta Rally
 - (b) The 5th Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao International Sporting Goods Fair
 - (c) The 3rd Youth Soccer Exchange Programme
 - (d) The 2nd Youth Basketball Exchange Programme
- II. Sports Exchange Programmes with Shanghai Administration of Sports
 - (a) The 3rd Tour of Hong Kong – Shanghai
 - (b) The 4th Summer Youth Sports Camp
 - (c) Visit to Shanghai's major sports events and sports facilities
- III. Sports Exchange Programme with Beijing Dongcheng District Sports Bureau and Qingdao Sports Bureau
 - (a) Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Co-host Cities - Sports Exchange Programme

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HAB009

Question Serial No.

0625

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please specify the projects and amount of grants approved by the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In 2007-08, a total of \$4.77 million has been approved under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund) to support 117 projects. The projects and amount of grants approved are as follows:

Capital Works Projects: eight projects amounting to \$0.88 million for building new recreation and sports facilities

Non-capital Works 109 projects amounting to \$3.89 million for procurement of
Projects: recreation and sports equipment

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HAB010

Question Serial No.

0680

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Regarding the promotion of civic education and national education, please give details of the estimated expenditure in respect of the promotion of civic education outside schools, the work plan and the estimated number of participants in 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In 2008-09, in addition to implementing a series of activities and programmes to promote civic education outside schools, including national education, the Basic Law, the rule of law and social justice, human rights education and other topics relating to civic education, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) will focus its work on promotion of Olympism to tie in with the staging of the Olympic and Paralympic games in the Mainland, particularly the Equestrian Events in Hong Kong. The estimated total expenditure is \$20,315,000. The CPCE will map out in due course the detailed work plan in various areas.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB011

Question Serial No.

0681

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : It is noted that Home Affairs Bureau will work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (COY) in promoting national education among the general public. Please give details of the estimated expenditure, the work plan and the estimated number of participants in 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In 2008-09, we will continue to work closely with the CPCE and the COY to implement a wide range of activities and programmes to promote national education among the general public, including annual promotional programme on the Basic Law, provision of financial sponsorship to community organisations to organise activities to promote national education as well as study tours and youth exchange programmes with the Mainland, other promotional programmes such as television and radio programmes and educational materials on national education etc. The CPCE and COY will focus their work on promotion of Olympism to tie in with the staging of the Olympic and Paralympic games in the Mainland, particularly the Equestrian Events in Hong Kong. The estimated total expenditure is \$33,500,000. The CPCE and COY will map out in due course the detailed work plan in various areas.

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HAB012

Question Serial No.

0682

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the counseling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, please provide the number of cases handled by the Administration in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. Choy So-Yuk

Reply :

Direct counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers are provided through the four counselling and treatment centres under the sponsorship of the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund), which was established by the Government in 2003 to finance preventive and remedial measures to address the gambling-related problems, including counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers. The Administration does not capture any data relating to the number of cases handled as we do not handle these direct.

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HAB013

Question Serial No.

0683

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

For the promotion of Olympism, and to tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Olympic Equestrian Events to be staged in Hong Kong, what is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved in December 2007 the creation of a new commitment of \$150 million for the Administration to undertake publicity and promotional programmes to tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events to be staged in Hong Kong.

The funding of \$150 million is allocated to the government bureaux/departments and agencies concerned for implementation of the programmes. Of this total, \$31.9 million and \$118.1 million have been earmarked for the promotion of Olympism in 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively. In addition, the Administration will meet the additional workload arising from the promotion of Olympism through internal redeployment of its manpower and financial resources.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB014

Question Serial No.

0684

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (1) Regarding the indicators for performance measures in respect of district and community relations, the number of respondents covered in the surveys dropped from 6,109 in 2007 to 4,000 in the estimates for 2008. What are the reasons?
- (2) Please give a breakdown of the surveys to be conducted and its estimated number of respondents.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The average sample size of a survey normally consists of about 2 000 respondents. We plan to conduct two surveys in 2008, namely a manpower mapping study on the arts and cultural sector and an ad hoc survey whose theme has yet to be confirmed. Bearing in mind the normal sample size of 2 000 respondents for each survey, the total number of respondent to 2008 surveys is therefore estimated to be around 4 000.

As for the larger number of respondents in 2007, it was due to the larger sample size required by the two surveys conducted in 2007 having regard to the nature of the surveys and the level of details required in the statistical analysis.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB015

Question Serial No.

2633

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the Hong Kong Sports Institute redevelopment project and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (the Project) aims at providing world-class training facilities for elite athletes in Hong Kong. According to the project scope, the Project involves upgrading and refurbishment of existing facilities, as well as construction of the following new key facilities:

- (a) a multi-purpose building, consisting of:
 - a sports information centre;
 - conference centre, lecture and coaching rooms and function rooms;
 - athletes' canteen / restaurant;
 - athletes' hostel;
 - sports residence; and
 - offices and ancillary facilities;
- (b) a multi-purpose sports hall (including a 12-lane bowling centre, a venue for training of wushu and three doubles squash courts convertible to four singles courts);
- (c) a 52-metre (m) international standard indoor swimming pool (connected with the existing 25-m pool);
- (d) a 2-storey rowing boat-house; and
- (e) a multi-purpose outdoor venue.

In June 2007, the first stage funding of \$52.9 million was approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee (FC) for the preparatory works up to the pre-contract stage of the Project. In October 2007, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) appointed the Architectural Lead Consultant and the Quantity Surveying Consultant to proceed with the preparatory works with an aim to

consolidate the detailed design before tendering by the second quarter of 2008. Since late 2007, HKSI has been conducting consultation with stakeholders concerning the main works of the Project. Our plan is to seek FC's second stage funding support for the main works of the Project by mid 2008. Subject to FC's funding approval, the main works are expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2008 for completion in the third quarter of 2011.

Based on the estimate provided by HKSI's consultant in February 2008, the project cost is estimated to be \$1.3 billion (in September 2006 price level).

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HAB016

Question Serial No.

0108

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Bureau for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

Details of the consultancy studies with funds reserved for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies are as follows:

(1) Consultancy studies with funds reserved in 2007-08:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
(a) Opinion survey on built heritage conservation policy					
Center for Communication Research, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Opinion survey on built heritage conservation policy	134,550	Completed	-	The results have been taken into account by the Development Bureau in reviewing the policy on development-related heritage conservation.
(b) West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Projects					
Culture & Creativity Clusters Limited	Consultancy Services for the Study on the Relationship between Museums and Performing Arts, and Creative Industries for the WKCD Development in Hong Kong	125,000 [see Note 1]	Study completed in April 2007	The findings of the study had been taken into account in the Recommendation Report of the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of the WKCD released in September 2007.	The report has been uploaded onto Home Affairs Bureau's website.
Public Policy Research Institute of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Consultancy for the Analysis of Public Views of the Public Engagement	1,040,000	Study completed in January 2008	On the basis of the major findings of the analysis, the Administration has formulated	The report has been uploaded onto Home Affairs Bureau's website. The report has also

	exercise on the WKCD Development			the way forward to implement the WKCD project.	been deposited at designated Leisure and Cultural Services Department venues and Home Affairs Department's Public Enquiry Centres for public inspection.
GHK (HK) Limited	Financial Advisor (FA) for the Development of the WKCD and Related Matters	- [see Note 2]	In progress	In taking forward the WKCD project, the Administration has taken into account the FA's findings and assessment of the financial implications of the WKCD project, among others.	The FA's Final Report dated April 2007 has been uploaded onto the Home Affairs Bureau's website.
(c) Civic Engagement					
Policy 21 Ltd of the University of Hong Kong	A follow-up tracking study on the Benchmark Survey on Civic Engagement and Social Networks of Youth in Hong Kong conducted in 2004 to 2005.	\$920,000 The Study will continue in 2008-09. [see Note 3]	In progress	N/A	N/A

The Centre for Civil Society and Governance and Policy 21 Ltd of the University of Hong Kong	The Survey on Corporate Social Responsibility in Hong Kong conducted between November 2006 and April 2007.	\$1,296,800	Completed	A seminar with the theme “Adding Value to Your Business – Seminar on Corporate Citizenship 2007” was organised in late November 2007 to disseminate the survey findings to business corporations.	Yes. The major findings were presented at a press conference and announced through a press release in mid November 2007.
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(2) Consultancy studies with funds reserved in 2008-09:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
(a) Research Study on a New Funding Mechanism for Major Performing Arts Groups and Related Matters				
Not yet available	A study to develop a new funding mechanism for the major performing arts groups in Hong Kong and to advise on related matters of funding policy for the performing arts	Not yet available	Under planning (The consultant selection process is underway. It is expected that the study will be commissioned in late April or early May 2008.)	The research study is expected to complete in April/May 2009. Once the Funding Committee for the Performing Arts, set up by the Home Affairs Bureau to advise the Government on the funding matters for performing arts groups, has reviewed the findings and recommendations in consultation with major stakeholders, the report will be released to the public on the Home Affairs Bureau’s website.

(b) Research Study on Arts Education				
Not yet available	To review the provision of general arts education in Hong Kong	Not yet available	Under planning	The research study is expected to complete in 2008-09. The findings will be released to the public by the Committee on Performing Arts both on the Home Affairs Bureau's website and in printed form.
(c) Manpower Mapping Study on the Arts and Cultural Sector				
Not yet confirmed	Manpower Mapping Study on the Arts and Cultural Sector	Not yet confirmed	Under planning	It is planned that the study will be completed in 2009-10.
(d) WKCD Projects				
GHK (HK) Limited	Financial Advisor (FA) for the Development of the WKCD and Related Matters	1,797,000 [see Note 2]	In progress	The FA's Final Report dated April 2007 has been uploaded onto the Home Affairs Bureau's website.
Not yet available	Technical consultancy study to assess various technical aspects in relation to the WKCD project, including preliminary traffic and transport impact assessment; preliminary environmental review etc.	about \$1,000,000	Under planning	We intend to release the results to the public by uploading them onto the Home Affairs Bureau's website as appropriate.

(e) Civic Engagement				
Policy 21 Ltd of the University of Hong Kong	A follow-up tracking study on the Benchmark Survey on Civic Engagement and Social Networks of Youth in Hong Kong conducted in 2004 to 2005.	\$460,000	In progress. The study is expected to be completed by the end of 2008.	The findings will be released through a press conference and a press release. The study report will also be released to the public on the Commission on Youth's website.

Note 1 : The total cost of the consultancy is \$250,000 of which \$125,000 had been settled in 2006-07.

Note 2 : The total cost of the consultancy is \$5,990,000, of which \$4,193,000 had been settled in 2006-07. Provision was originally provided for in the 2007-08 Estimate to pay for the balance of the consultancy fee, i.e. \$1,797,000. However, in the light of the progress of the WKCD project, provision has been made for this amount to be settled in 2008-09 instead.

Note 3: The total cost of the study is \$920,000, of which \$460,000 had been settled in 2006-07.

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Question Serial No.

0651

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

During 2008-09, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to promote the development of social enterprise and nurture more social entrepreneurs together with relevant stakeholders. Please inform this Committee what relevant stakeholders refer to. Do they include people from local organisations and those related to cultural or sports organisations? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Government is committed to promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs). We encourage and need the concerted efforts of stakeholders in various sectors, including the business community, academia, non-government organisations, local organisations and cultural or sports organisations to participate in the promotion of SEs as well as the nurturing of social entrepreneurs.

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Question Serial No.

0652

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme :(3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008-09, the Administration will continue to co-ordinate efforts with all sectors of the community to involve the public in the Olympic celebrations. Please advise the activities and the amount of funds required.

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved in December 2007 the creation of a new commitment of \$150 million for the Administration to undertake publicity and promotional programmes to tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events to be staged in Hong Kong. \$118.1 million has been earmarked for the activities in 2008-09 as follows -

	\$ million
(a) Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays	21.0
(b) Olympic and Paralympic Live Sites, Olympic celebration site at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza	35.0
(c) Cultural and community participation programmes	15.4
(d) Local and overseas publicity/public relations programmes	12.3
(e) City dress-up initiatives for cultivating the Olympic co-host city atmosphere	17.9
(f) Projects in commemoration of the Equestrian Events and for promotion of Olympic legacy	8.0
(g) Contingency	8.5
	118.1

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HAB019

Question Serial No.

0653

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : It is noted that, in 2008-09, the Home Affairs Bureau will work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education outside schools. Please advise what organisations are referred to as outside schools? Are there any cultural and sports organisations? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

In 2008-09, we will continue to work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and various stakeholders, including non-governmental organisations, community organisations, Home-School Cooperation Committee, Commercial Chambers and other sectors of the community, in promoting civic education outside schools.

The Community Participation Scheme (the Scheme), administered by the CPCE, aims to provide sponsorship to community organisations to organise activities to promote civic education. Registered organisations, statutory bodies or recognised community organisations including cultural or sports organisations may apply under the Scheme. The total estimated sponsorship of CPCE for the Scheme in 2008-09 is \$2,500,000. The CPCE has yet to consider the sponsorship for the projects.

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HAB020

Question Serial No.

0654

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the Home Affairs Bureau has been promoting national education and organising study tours to the Mainland with a view to enhancing understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people. In this connection, will more young athletes be taking part in these activities?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) operates a “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme) through the Commission on Youth (COY) and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, advisory bodies of the Government, to sponsor community organisations in organising study tours to the Mainland with a view to enhancing Hong Kong young people’s awareness and understanding of their motherland, fostering exchange with Mainland people and strengthening the youth’s sense of national identity.

The target participants are Hong Kong youths, including young athletes, aged between 12 and 29 who are holders of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card. Some 7 000 youths are subsidised under the Scheme annually. With the increase in allocation in 2008-09, the number of participants, including young athletes, is estimated to be increased to 10 000.

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HAB021

Question Serial No.

0655

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008-09, the Administration will continue to develop and implement a holistic strategy to promote wider participation in sports by people of all age groups. Please advise what are the strategy and plan?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), in consultation with the Sports Commission and its Community Sports Committee and the 18 District Councils (DCs), has developed a set of strategies to promote wider participation in sports by people of all age groups in the direction of the following six key areas -

- (a) formulating systematic and objective indicators to measure the effectiveness of the “Sports for All” policy;
- (b) coordinating and strengthening liaison and collaboration between the major partners involved in promoting community sports;
- (c) staging the Hong Kong Games bi-annually to promote public participation in sports and a sense of belonging to the community;
- (d) intensifying the scope of the School Sports Programme and better utilising the school sports facilities;
- (e) developing district sports activities with local characteristics; and
- (f) introducing suitable sports activities to people of different age groups in order to encourage them to participate in sports suitable to them.

In 2008-09, LCSD will continue to implement the above strategies with the ultimate objective of building up a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB022

Question Serial No.

0656

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the progress of the Hong Kong Sports Institute redevelopment project?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

In June 2007, the first stage funding of \$52.9 million was approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee (FC) for the preparatory works up to the pre-contract stage of the Redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (the Project). In October 2007, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSII) appointed the Architectural Lead Consultant and the Quantity Surveying Consultant to proceed with the preparatory works with an aim to consolidate the detailed design before tendering by the second quarter of 2008. Since late 2007, HKSII has been conducting consultation with the key stakeholders concerning the main works of the Project. Our plan is to seek FC's second stage funding support for the main works of the Project by mid 2008. Subject to FC's funding approval, the main works are expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2008 for completion in the third quarter of 2011.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB023

Question Serial No.

0657

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the estimated expenditure on supporting the development of Cantonese Opera as an important local art form in collaboration with the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee in 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee (COAC) was set up in May 2004 to advise the Government on the promotion, preservation, study and development of Cantonese opera. The Committee initiated the establishment of the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) to support activities and programmes that are intended to promote and develop this art form.

Since the establishment of the CODF in November 2005, more than \$20 million has been raised from the community and other trust funds. In 2008-09, it is estimated that about \$ 6 million will be used to fund the Cantonese opera projects, and the exact amount to be funded will be subject to the actual number and quality of applications received and the new initiatives proposed by the COAC. The projects that have been approved by CODF can be categorised into the following – (a) Cantonese opera performances, (b) training and cultural exchanges, (c) research and publications, and (d) educational and promotional activities.

In 2008-09, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council plans to use about \$7.6 million to support projects related to Cantonese opera whereas the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will set aside round \$15 million to present and sponsor more than 350 sessions of Cantonese opera programmes. The Administration will also provide \$5.4 million to the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in support of its Cantonese opera programmes.

Taking account of the above, the estimated total amount of resources (the Government and the CODF) earmarked for developing Cantonese opera is around \$34 million in 2008-09.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB024

Question Serial No.

0658

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate for the above organisations for 2008-09 is higher than the original estimate for 2007-08, resulting in an increase in the estimated total expenditure. Will the Government inform this Committee of the reasons for such increase?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The original estimates of subvention for the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the major performing arts groups for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 are:

Name of Subvented Organisation	2007-08 Original Estimate (\$ million)	2008-09 Estimate (\$ million)
Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited	121.3	135.4
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	173.4	211.8
Hong Kong Arts Development Council	70.1	83.2
Major Performing Arts Groups	227.3	268.7

The reasons for the increase in subvention for these organisations for 2008-09 are:

Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL)

In comparing 2008-09 estimate (\$135.4 million) with the original estimate for 2007-08 (\$121.3 million) in respect of the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL), the increase by \$14.1 million is mainly attributable to the following:

- (a) in 2007-08, the original provision to HKSIL (i.e. \$121.3 million) has included an additional allocation of \$20 million to enhance the direct financial support to elite athletes. With

phased implementation of the various measures to enhance support to elite athletes from 2007-08 and onwards, the Government will provide an additional \$10 million to HKSIL in 2007-08 (revised estimate) and in 2008-09, covering the following key areas:

- (i) direct financial support to elite athletes (\$2 million);
 - (ii) educational and vocational opportunities for serving scholarship athletes supported by HKSI (\$2 million); and
 - (iii) training and coaching support to elite athletes (\$6 million).
- (b) additional annual recurrent subvention provided from 2007-08 onwards as a result of the 2007 civil service pay rise (\$3.1 million); and
- (c) additional requirement arising from salary adjustment of coaching staff (\$1 million).

Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA)

In 2008-09, we propose to provide additional recurrent funding for the following – (a) the introduction of short-term fundamental and re-skill courses in the School of Entertainment Arts as well as an increase in student intake for the one-year Foundation Programme of the School in the 2008-09 academic year; (b) subvention of operating costs of the Béthanie, the second campus of HKAPA; (c) production of short featured films by the School of Film/TV which will be included in the curricula for the School to enable the students to have better exposure to film production; and (d) new starting salary adjustment for the HKAPA staff.

Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC)

In 2008-09, we propose to provide additional recurrent funding to HKADC to (a) enhance support for small and medium-sized arts groups; (b) strengthen HKADC's co-ordinating role in presenting local arts groups in the Mainland; (c) facilitate the HKADC in conducting more researches in the arts and culture areas; and (d) provide for the monthly rental increase of the HKADC rented office premises.

Major Performing Arts Groups

In 2008-09, we propose to provide additional funding for supporting the major performing arts groups during the transitional years pending the completion of a comprehensive review on a new funding and assessment mechanism for these arts groups which is planned for implementation in 2010-11. The transitional increase is to address the groups' strong and repeated demands for an increase in funding to meet inflationary pressure, to help curb talent drain, to consolidate growth, to build audience and to strengthen their outbound cultural exchange activities.

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- (b) As the Council has just been established, it has not identified at this stage the types of family or problems as targets of the Council other than its priorities as set out above.

- (c) We have no plan to set up additional independent commissions for individual age or sex groups.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB026

Question Serial No.

1407

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the promotion of the development of social enterprise (SE), would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the work (including the progress, timetable and expected effectiveness), the manpower and expenditure involved?
- (b) Will the Administration consider clarifying the definition of SE and providing SEs with more seed money, tax concessions, venues as well as information and channels for marketing?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

- (a) In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Bureau and Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create a total of eight posts and allocate provision of 9.2 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include production of television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest, organisation of promotional activities at the district level and in tertiary institutions to promote public understanding of SEs as well as the following initiatives:
- (i) Pilot Scheme to facilitate SEs in bidding government cleansing contracts – The scheme was introduced early this year, under which 38 government cleansing contracts have been set aside for eligible SEs to bid. These contracts, totalling some \$17 million, cover all 18 districts and will involve more than 300 job opportunities.
- (ii) Social Enterprises Partnership Programme – The Partnership Programme provides a platform to enhance and facilitate partnership among different sectors of the community through a matching forum and the SE Mentorship Scheme. Through the matching forum, interested business organisations can team up with non-government organisations (NGOs) to establish SEs or to partner with SEs. The partnership can be in the form of outsourcing certain operations (e.g. cleansing services) to the SEs; providing concessionary rental of their premises/vacant land for use by the SEs; and allowing SEs access to their clients etc. The Mentorship Scheme provides a channel to link up entrepreneurs/professionals with SEs so that the former could offer voluntary professional and business advisory services to the latter.

- (iii) Dedicated website on SEs - At present, there is a section on SEs in the Home Affairs Bureau's website to provide various information on the subject to the public. To strengthen public awareness and understanding and help promote the development of SEs, the Home Affairs Department will launch a dedicated website on SEs to disseminate SE-related information and materials such as a directory of SEs in Hong Kong; support services available to SEs; SE-related publications and reference materials as well as record of past events and activities on SEs. The setting up of a new website can enhance the publicity of SEs and their products and services and promote their further development in Hong Kong.

In addition, HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the "Programme"), which provides grants for NGOs to run SE projects during their initial operations. The Programme has so far approved more than 50 new SE projects with a total amount of about \$50 million. At present, about \$100 million remains available for application.

- (b) The Administration will continue to listen to the views of SE operators, stakeholders and the community on the existing measures and the need for additional measures to facilitate SE development, having regard to other factors (e.g. the need to avoid unfair competition to the business community, particularly small and medium enterprises).

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Reply Serial No.

HAB027

Question Serial
No.

1785

Head : 53 – GS : Home
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Regarding subventions to youth uniformed groups, what is the number of subvented organisations in 2008-09?
- (b) What kind of youth uniformed groups are subvented? As regards the number of youth members in the subvented groups, what is the amount of subvention per member in 2007-08 and 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

- (a) A total of ten youth uniformed groups will receive subventions from the Home Affairs Bureau in 2008-09.
- (b) Those youth groups which have proven to be a uniformed group providing non-formal education and training to their youth members may receive recurrent subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau. A comparison of the average amount of subvention per youth member in 2007-08 and 2008-09 is shown below –

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
(i) Number of youth members	138 874 [#]	142 750 [#]
(ii) Amount of subvention (in million)	\$39.462	\$41.480
(iii) Average amount of subvention per youth member (ii)/(i)	\$284	\$291

[#] Figures are on calendar year basis

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HAB028

Question Serial No.

1786

Head : 53 – GS : Home
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please give details of the non-formal education and training for young people of youth uniformed groups.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The non-formal education and training for young people in uniformed groups comprises a wide range of activities including seminars, exchange programmes, experiential learning, leadership / teamwork training and community / voluntary work etc. so as to achieve the various objectives in youth development, such as –

- (a) to promote positive values among young people;
- (b) to encourage their participation in voluntary and community work;
- (c) to enhance their understanding of Chinese culture and heritage;
- (d) to broaden their international perspective; and
- (e) to promote leadership and training amongst themselves.

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Question Serial No.

1787

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please give details with regard to the overseeing of the operation of the Centre for Youth Development. Why is there an increase of over \$39 million in the estimated expenditure for 2008-09 when compared with the revised estimate for 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The construction work for the building and some facilities of the Centre for Youth Development (CYD) is expected to be completed in mid 2008. HAB will be responsible for the management and operation of the CYD. We need to prepare for the handover of the building, commission test and fitting out work, and the phased operation of the CYD in 2008-09.

The estimated operational expenses for 2008-09 is expected to be increased by about \$39 million as compared with the revised estimate for 2007-08 mainly due to the need for the arrangement of building handover, commissioning test, fitting out work and operation of the CYD.

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HAB030

Question Serial No.

1788

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What specific measures will be taken to involve the public in the Olympic celebrations and arouse their interest in the Olympic Games. What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Territory-wide carnivals, namely Olympic celebration sites and Torch Relays, will be organised to encourage members of the public to participate in the Olympic celebrations. For example, major celebration will be conducted at Olympic Live Sites at Victoria Park and Sha Tin Park; and the Olympic-themed square at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza, with a view to facilitating public participation during the Olympic Games period between 8 August and 24 August. Members of the public will also be encouraged to join the Olympic Torch Relay as on-lookers at the scene or television audience watching its live broadcast.

Apart from the territory-wide carnivals, other measures are being taken to arouse public interest in the Olympic Games. Community participation programmes in the form of educational, sport, youth, cultural and community involvement activities will continue. Publicity and public relations initiatives, e.g. production and broadcast of announcements in the public interest and promotional videos, are in place and will continue. Olympic-themed decorations will also continue to be mounted at government venues and prominent public locations for the cultivation of the Olympic co-host atmosphere and arouse public awareness of the Olympic Games. Olympic legacy plan will also be devised to promote Olympism after the Olympic Games.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved in December 2007 the creation of a new commitment of \$150 million to fund the aforementioned publicity and promotional programmes. Expenses to be incurred to encourage public participation in the territory-wide carnivals are subsumed within the production costs of Live Sites and Torch Relays as part of the total funding of \$150 million mentioned above, as the Live Sites will be open to the public free of charge and members of the public can feel free to watch the Torch Relays as on-lookers or television audience.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB031

Question Serial No.

1865

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : What is the expenditure for civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme in 2007-08? Of the 152 projects, how many of them are related to human rights, the rule of law and national education respectively, what is the respective amount of sponsorship and what is the percentage of sponsored projects against the number of applications?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply : In 2007-08, a total of sponsorship of about \$4.39 million¹ was provided for 152 civic education projects under the Community Participation Scheme. The details are as follows –

Project Theme	No. of Applications Received	No. of Applications Approved	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
(1) Harmonious Society	196	123 (62.8%)	3,413,222.50
(2) Human Rights Education	8	6 (75%)	163,342
(3) Upholding the Rule of Law and Social Justice	4	2 (50%)	68,620
(4) National Education and Promotion of the Basic Law	33	17 (51.5%)	594,916
(5) A mixture of themes of (1) to (4) above	6	4 (66.7%)	154,300
(6) Others	2	0 (0%)	0
Total:	249	152 (61%)	4,394,400.50

Note 1: A total of 95 projects were funded by charity donations from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries with a sum of sponsorship of 2.66 million.

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Question Serial No.

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Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide a breakdown of the civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme in 2007-08 by amount of sponsorship, sponsored organisation, details of activity and target group.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

A total of sponsorship of about 4.39 million¹ was provided for 152 civic education projects in 2007-08 under the Community Participation Scheme. A list of the sponsored projects is at Appendix I.

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Community Participation Scheme 2007-08
Approved Projects

	Name of Organisation	Project Details	Target Participants	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
1.	浸會愛群社會服務處 青衣長者鄰舍中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 凝聚社區護老心 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 工作坊 ♦ 探訪政府資助安老院 ♦ 探訪私營安老院 ♦ 服務推廣 ♦ 分享會	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ Working population ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$8,025.00
2.	家庭持續進修學院	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 家庭和諧擺滿 FUN <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 親子關係與溝通技巧工作坊 ♦ 影子戲偶工作坊 ♦ 全港家庭運動會 ♦ 結業禮 ♦ 校園分享	♦ Family	\$35,385.00
3.	聯校社會服務計劃	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “與你同在” 義工服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 探訪小西灣庇護工場 ♦ 探訪弱智人士機構	♦ Youngsters ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$5,742.00
4.	香港撒瑪利亞防止自殺會 生命教育中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “關懷身邊人” 活動計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ “關懷身邊人” 工作坊 ♦ 義工培訓 ♦ “關懷日” 探訪 ♦ 展覽及嘉許禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ General public	\$51,110.00

	Name of Organisation	Project Details	Target Participants	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
5.	救世軍 屯門東青少年綜合服務	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “富泰睦鄰關懷”計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練工作坊 ♦ 社區推廣街展 ♦ 關懷探訪 ♦ 日營 ♦ 嘉許禮暨分享會	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$20,507.00
6.	香港浸會大學 學生事務處	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 燃希行動 07' <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 迎新日營 ♦ 認識祖國 ♦ 奇幻魔術 ♦ 創意工藝展潛能 ♦ 綠色戰士 ♦ 世界之窗 ♦ 親子手工齊齊做 ♦ 團團圓圓，和和暖暖 ♦ 齊聚中秋，其樂融融 ♦ 刻中乾坤 ♦ 懷舊金曲 ♦ 嘉許禮及研討會	♦ Students	\$10,738.00
7.	香港中華基督教 青年會 石硤尾會所	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 手牽手的傳說 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練工作坊 ♦ 視障人士服務 ♦ 智障學童服務 ♦ 院舍長者探訪服務 ♦ 長期病患者服務 ♦ 庇護工場人士服務 ♦ 精神病康復者服務 ♦ 嘉年華暨義工頒獎禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Working population ♦ General public	\$49,410.00
8.	香港聖公會福利 協會 太和長者鄰舍中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧安居樂太和 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 探訪及清潔 ♦ 聖誕同樂日	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Women	\$17,810.00

	Name of Organisation	Project Details	Target Participants	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
9.	長洲婦女會有限公司	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “攜手共建和諧家”社區計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 填色比賽 ♦ 最合拍家庭選舉 ♦ 義工訓練工作坊 ♦ 義工親善探訪 ♦ 義工嘉許禮暨頒獎典禮 ♦ 推廣小冊子	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ Family	\$23,134.00
10.	基督教協基會 元朗社會服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧社會續 FUN 樂 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 巡迴展覽 ♦ 義工訓練營 ♦ 義工服務 ♦ 社區調查 ♦ 嘉年華暨展覽會	♦ Children ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$10,882.00
11.	圓玄學院 社會服務部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 老・幼・新光“連” <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 和諧計劃大賞 ♦ 體驗小組 ♦ 同舟訓練計劃 ♦ 探訪復康機構 ♦ 嘉許禮暨分享會	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$14,100.00
12.	仁愛堂 香港台山商會長 耆鄰舍中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “廚藝”共創兩代情 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 廚藝工作坊 ♦ 愛心大行動 ♦ 義工分享會	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students	\$10,050.00
13.	自強協會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 融我睦“輪”：殘障人士、照顧者及社區人士共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 導向工作坊 ♦ 地區家訪 ♦ 地區考察 ♦ 刊物製作	♦ Students ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$23,518.00

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14.	香港基督教女青年會 明儒松柏社區服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “關懷無界限” 共融互助計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工招募及訓練 ♦ 關懷無界限長者大搜尋 ♦ 認識服務資源 ♦ 認識家居安全	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ General public	\$14,410.00
15.	香港基督教女青年會 蝴蝶灣綜合社會服務處	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 一“屯”和諧 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 探訪長者 ♦ 探訪傷殘或弱能人士 ♦ 家居維修服務 ♦ 探訪獨居或綜援長者	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Working population ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$22,540.00
16.	香港基督教女青年會 秀群松柏社區服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “共譜天倫樂” 關愛教育計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 家庭護老教育活動 ♦ “護老做足 100 分” 獎勵計劃 ♦ 健康美食烹飪比賽 ♦ 愛家庭大使訓練 ♦ 愛家庭大使推廣計劃	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ Family	\$17,060.00
17.	香港基督教女青年會 沙田綜合社會服務處	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “攜手齊創和諧社會” 義工服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 小冊子 ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 定期探訪服務 ♦ 長幼戶外參觀 ♦ 漁村長者服務 ♦ 家居清潔服務 ♦ 幼青共融日營樂 ♦ 共融海灘之旅 ♦ 共融聖誕夜 ♦ 與社區接觸 ♦ 弱勢學童託管服務 ♦ 南亞裔共融活動 ♦ 功課輔導 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ Working population ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$73,566.00

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18.	香港基督教女青年會 天水圍綜合社會服務處	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “同心止暴” 家庭關顧計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 日營 ♦ 家長管教工作坊 ♦ 情緒管理成長小組 ♦ 義工友伴探訪	♦ Children ♦ Women ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$15,985.00
19.	匡智會 匡智粉嶺綜合復康中心 — 家庭及社區支援部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “互守望，建和諧” 社區教育計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 暖流行動 — 糉子飄香 ♦ 暖流行動 — 助言起行 ♦ 暖流行動 — 火光傳送 ♦ 暖流行動 — 溫情暖暖 ♦ 暖流行動 — 靚湯送贈 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$18,420.00
20.	匡智會 匡智張玉瓊晨輝學校	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧樂韻頌萬家 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 朋輩計劃 ♦ 音樂工作坊 ♦ 和諧共融展繽紛 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$37,550.00
21.	香港青少年服務處 賽馬會大埔青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “愛不要遲” 社區參與計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 智障人士服務篇 ♦ 長者服務篇 ♦ 短片製作及欣賞 ♦ 社區關注日	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$15,430.00
22.	香港唐氏綜合症協會 卓業中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 藝樂無界限 — 和諧社會由我創 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 和諧社區壁畫創作活動 ♦ 藝術工作坊 ♦ 藝樂共融開放日	♦ Youngsters ♦ Women ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$19,200.00

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23.	香港遊樂場協會 賽馬會北角港運城青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 東區是我家 — 手牽手“社區共融”服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 智障人士融和服務 ♦ 獨居長者融和服務	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$22,325.00
24.	香港耆康老人福利會 發展部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “長幼互助·才藝共展”社會融和計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 探訪獨居長者 ♦ 才藝交流課程 ♦ 探訪長者地區中心及家庭服務中心	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$20,150.00
25.	香港耆康老人福利會 飛躍天地	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “智者不惑”預防老年失智計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 社區失智症講座 ♦ 義工培訓課程 ♦ 關懷探訪	♦ The elderly ♦ General public	\$26,930.00
26.	循道衛理楊震社會服務處 彩虹長者綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧社區，由欣賞開始 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 尋找生命中的拍檔(探訪長者) ♦ 長者家庭欣賞事件選舉 ♦ 鄰里協助弱老購物	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ General public	\$19,720.00
27.	香港中華基督教青年會 康怡會所	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “融樂共融”社區融和運動 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 工作坊 ♦ 智障人士機構服務 ♦ 長者機構服務 ♦ 融樂共融營 ♦ 融樂共融重聚日 ♦ 聖誕感恩分享夜	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family	\$31,032.00

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28.	瑪利諾修院學校中學部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 舞動 — 香港的旋律 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義務工作培訓坊 ♦ 安老院舍服務 ♦ 獨居長者探訪及家居清潔 ♦ 智障兒童服務 ♦ 視障人士共融日 ♦ 護苗成長新一代	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$29,110.00
29.	東華三院賽馬會沙田綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “共譜和諧曲” 社區有情計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 親子義工訓練 ♦ 探訪長者、傷殘及弱能人士 ♦ Teens Focus(短片製作) ♦ 四格漫畫創作比賽 ♦ Teens 行動(家居維修及清潔) ♦ 串串燈光顯關愛 ♦ 義工嘉許禮	♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family	\$54,230.00
30.	聖母書院中學部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 獅子山下的油彩 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 社會和諧講座 ♦ 院舍長者活動 ♦ 智障學童共融天地 ♦ 低收入家庭美術活動 ♦ 獨居長者服務 ♦ 視障人士服務	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$45,850.00
31.	香港痲痺協會富東訓練中心／宿舍	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “同一東通天空下” 二重奏 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 小組教學 ♦ 手工藝製作 ♦ 社區教育活動	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$9,525.00

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32.	香港明愛 明愛南區青少年 外展社會工作隊	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “彗星閃爍” 天使計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 兒童服務 ♦ 露宿者服務 ♦ 長者服務	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$26,658.00
33.	香港明愛 明愛香港仔社區 中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “藍天之下是一家” 種族共融社區推廣計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 文化交流課程 ♦ 異族家庭生活交流體驗	♦ Youngsters ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ General public	\$7,870.00
34.	救世軍 大窩口長者中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “齊創和諧樂社區” 計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 耆青話劇服務團 ♦ 義工服務 ♦ 耆青採訪隊 ♦ 弱能人士探訪及戶外活動 ♦ 溫情行動(家居清潔) ♦ 家家友關懷 ♦ 標語創作比賽 ♦ 和諧相片比賽 ♦ 社區行動日	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$48,500.00
35.	香港唐氏綜合症 協會 白普理家長資源 中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “攜手共建彩虹橋” — 社區共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 濕地公園玩一番 ♦ 彩虹軍團特訓日 ♦ 中秋顯愛心探訪日 ♦ 彩虹軍團關懷愛心探訪日 ♦ 迎月送愛心 ♦ 燃點心裡光 ♦ 攜手齊踏浪	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$12,210.00

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36.	香港婦女勞工協會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 妳我她相聚的一片天 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 研習和訪談 ♦ 小冊子	♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$21,720.00
37.	安徒生會 竹園中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 關懷繫你我 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 守護天使在我家 ♦ 守護天使在社區 ♦ 隔代同堂 ♦ 隔代同聚駕勢堂 ♦ 時事陪審團 ♦ 時事之家 BLOG ♦ 時事號外	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$23,075.00
38.	香港中華基督教青年會 柴灣會所	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 大同社區樂天倫 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 日營 ♦ 民族小廚師 ♦ 快快樂樂學中文 ♦ 快快樂樂學英文 ♦ 多民族小舞台 ♦ 傷健同樂日 ♦ 長幼同樂日 ♦ 宿營 ♦ 社區教育日 ♦ 展覽及問答遊戲	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Working population ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$43,200.00
39.	救世軍 旺角長者綜合服務 — 海嵐長者中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 同心同根建和諧 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工大募集 ♦ 義工訓練班 ♦ 包糉子大行動 ♦ 贈糉子大行動 ♦ 贈糉暖青松 ♦ 天使的禮物	♦ The elderly ♦ People with disabilities	\$23,600.00

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40.	香港紅十字會 青年及義工事務 部西九龍總部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “社區關懷大使隊” 計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 體驗營 ♦ 服務計劃 30 ♦ 嘉年華 ♦ 嘉許禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$48,000.00
41.	香港青暉社	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 扶老攜幼共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練營 ♦ 學童功課輔導 ♦ 探訪活動 ♦ 計劃總結會	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$21,220.00
42.	勞資關係協進會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 跨代共融 “深” 社區 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 社區故事工作坊 ♦ 社區互訪行動 ♦ 社區團年飯局 ♦ 深社區導賞 ♦ 文化劇場嘉年華	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals	\$67,210.00
43.	香港中華基督教 青年會 佐敦會所	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 藝術、和諧、齊分享 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工招募行動 ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 帶領智障人士藝術表演 ♦ 音樂才藝訓練 ♦ 魔術才藝訓練 ♦ 現代舞才藝訓練 ♦ 獨居長者表演活動 ♦ 街頭才藝互傳送	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ General public	\$40,100.00

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44.	保良局何蔭棠中學	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand in Hand Serves the Community 2007-2008 “Show Your Love and Care” Service Program <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 小組聚會及培訓 義工訓練營 長幼歡聚在一堂 愛心探訪 — 兒童之家 洗擦清潔大行動 火樹銀花迎佳節 嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children The elderly Students 	\$42,900.00
45.	香港青少年服務處 賽馬會方樹泉綜合青少年服務中心	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “尊重、包容、齊共融” — 和諧社會共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 共融體驗營 大使訓練 香港追蹤一日遊 文化交流互動小組 文化交流訓練 社區教育 嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters Students Ethnic minorities Disadvantaged groups General public 	\$20,435.50
46.	香港紅十字會 青年及義工事務部新界西總部	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “愛與關懷建社區”服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義工訓練 服務力量齊參與 青年領袖結業篇 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elderly Disadvantaged groups General public 	\$39,300.00
47.	匡智會 滙豐銀行慈善基金匡智鳳德中心	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 創意才藝獻社羣 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 戲劇小組 跳舞小組 教育智障人士製作手工藝 展覽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Women People with disabilities General public 	\$15,234.00

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48.	基督教靈實協會 靈實寶林日間活動中心暨宿舍	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “舞”出色 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 智障人士舞蹈訓練 ♦ 公開表演	♦ Students ♦ People with disabilities	\$22,600.00
49.	樂群社會服務處 慈雲山服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 編出愛心 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 編織愛心冷巾 ♦ 探訪服務	♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$31,750.00
50.	樂群社會服務處 土瓜灣服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 節日送暖行動 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 端午節探訪活動 ♦ 義工分享會暨嘉許禮	♦ The elderly ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$6,540.00
51.	聖雅各福群會 賽馬會青萌柴灣綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “南孩子”計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 遊戲日 ♦ 共融工作坊 ♦ 義工發展計劃 ♦ 廣東話小組	♦ Ethnic minorities	\$33,130.00
52.	香港小童群益會 賽馬會南區青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧生活@南區 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 公民素質培訓營 ♦ 走訪社區 ♦ 專題研習 ♦ 研究及調查 ♦ 親子共融互動日營 ♦ 愉快的學習工作坊 ♦ 社區展示會暨綜合活動表演	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$20,940.00

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53.	東華三院 賽馬會大角咀綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ <和諧始於諒解> — 社區共融推動計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 多媒體藝術工作坊 ♦ 錄像創作行動 ♦ 巡迴校園講座 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$39,750.00
54.	循道衛理中心 西灣河綜合青少年服務	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “和諧社區足行者”訓練計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 和諧足行者訓練 — 宿營 ♦ 和諧足行者訓練 — 日營 ♦ 探訪視障人士 ♦ 探訪聾人 ♦ 探訪無喉者人士 ♦ 探訪安老院 ♦ 社區足行者訓練 ♦ 社區探訪 ♦ 嘉許禮暨綜合表演	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$33,645.00
55.	九龍西區扶輪社 青年服務團	<u>Project name</u> ♦ Miles Services Project 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 活動簡介會 ♦ 國際運動日 ♦ 功課輔導班 ♦ 短片拍攝指導班 ♦ 短片拍攝比賽 ♦ 手工藝製作班 ♦ 展覽嘉年華	♦ Students ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ General public	\$20,040.00
56.	再生會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “稱兄‘導’弟”支援中年男士同建和諧社區計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 日營 ♦ 攝影比賽 ♦ 稱兄導弟支援培訓 ♦ 容我再上路小組 ♦ 關懷外展隊 ♦ 探訪活動	♦ New arrivals ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Working population ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$57,500.00

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57.	職工盟教育基金有限公司 元朗及天水圍	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “Teen 生一家人” — 元朗及天水圍社區和諧活動 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 你我一家人 ♦ 日營 ♦ 長幼一家親 ♦ 活動展覽暨嘉許禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$47,790.00
58.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會家庭支援網絡隊	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “我們都是香港人 We’re HK ‘nese’” 計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 巡迴展覽 ♦ 兒童工作坊 ♦ 婦女工作坊 ♦ 家庭一日遊 ♦ 義工計劃 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ Children ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Family	\$29,420.00
59.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會石硤尾失明者中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 相建家園 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 共融工作坊 ♦ 愛心服務日	♦ Students ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$4,880.00
60.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會長青群康中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 義心人計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 日營 ♦ 義心人計劃實踐篇 ♦ 社區博覽篇	♦ Youngsters ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$21,525.00
61.	鄰舍輔導會 健樂服務	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧生活樂融融 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 和諧大使工作坊 ♦ 和諧生活小冊子 ♦ 學校或機構巡迴教育工作 ♦ 關懷義工組 ♦ 嘉年華暨嘉許禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$39,290.00

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62.	香港聖公會福利協會 香港聖公會沙田青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ <ICU Teen 晴村>社區共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 訓練營 ♦ 識多 D 服務日 ♦ 愛心奉獻服務 ♦ 大同村運動會 ♦ 嘉許禮 ♦ 自我的天空 ♦ 加深家心同樂日	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$31,190.00
63.	香港基督少年軍青少年領袖及義工培訓中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 領出未來 — 青少年領袖訓練及社區服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 領袖訓練 ♦ 長者服務 ♦ 殘障人士服務 ♦ 社區展覽	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ General public	\$59,900.00
64.	香港中華基督教青年會荃灣會所	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “和諧共處、快樂共賞”活動計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 青年領袖工作 ♦ 齊齊做義工工作坊 ♦ 共融社區由你起 ♦ 獨居長者送暖清潔大行動 ♦ 傷健一家親 ♦ 和諧共處地區展覽 ♦ 青年領袖校園分享 ♦ 地區展覽暨閉幕禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$47,658.00
65.	香港婦女發展聯會有限公司 廖湯慧靄綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 共融社區關愛情 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 訓練工作坊 ♦ 共融花燈顯關懷 ♦ 香江特色賞燈樂	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Family ♦	\$21,752.00

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66.	利民會 尚德之家	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 友義傳城關懷計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 關懷義工隊 ♦ 探訪獨居長者、精神病康復者 ♦ 分享會	♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family	\$13,400.00
67.	香港聖公會麥理浩夫人中心 家庭活動及資源中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “家添尊重，實踐關懷”和諧社會公民教育計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 展覽及義工實踐系列 ♦ 家庭日營 ♦ 互助工作坊 ♦ 成長坊 ♦ 義工服務計劃 ♦ 社區教育合作計劃 ♦ 家庭教育分享冊	♦ Family	\$32,891.00
68.	香港傷健協會 社區支援服務	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 愛在“友”晴天 — 鄰舍互助及家庭支援服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練小組 ♦ 社區樂悠悠(殘疾人士篇) ♦ 愛心探訪日 ♦ 親親家庭大合照攝影愛心暨雋語互傳送比賽 ♦ 義工及照顧者嘉許禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ Women ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$53,400.00
69.	聖文德堂文德青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 攜手共創和諧社區 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 青少年義工訓練 ♦ 親子日營 ♦ 長者服務	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ Family	\$8,545.00
70.	基督教香港信義會 學校社會工作組	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “義行集”公民少年訓練計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義行集小組 ♦ 公平公義工作坊 ♦ 長者服務義工體驗	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$8,800.00

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71.	基督教香港信義會 屯門青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “CARE” 小記者之社區連線計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 小記者體驗之旅 ♦ 小記者啓航日 ♦ 訓練營 ♦ 專題研習 ♦ 社區連線實踐行動 ♦ 發布會暨頒獎典禮 ♦ 研習成果展覽 ♦ 研習成果彙編	♦ Children	\$58,005.00
72.	深青社	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 共建和諧社會，由社區開始 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 共建和諧工作坊 ♦ 共建和諧義工團 ♦ 共建和諧嘉年華	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$15,090.00
73.	未來棟樑	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “和諧社會好 理想將軍澳” 跨媒體社區共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 社區考察 ♦ 和諧對話 ♦ 社區探訪 ♦ 訓練日營 ♦ 創作比賽 ♦ 嘉許禮／放映會	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$34,024.00
74.	聖公會奉基小學	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 從前棟樑仍是寶 飲水思源齊敬老 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 探訪長者 ♦ 兒童粵劇獻藝 ♦ 專題研習	♦ The elderly	\$15,900.00

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75.	國際青年文化交流中心(香港)	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “構建和諧共融社會，由我做起！” — 香港學界專題大賽 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 訓練營 ♦ 講座 ♦ 報告會 ♦ 圓桌會議 ♦ 專題大賽	♦ Youngsters	\$37,385.00
76.	香港新移民服務協會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “社區共融創建和諧”計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 訓練小組及日營 ♦ 清潔服務 ♦ 表演暨嘉年華會	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Women	\$20,398.00
77.	香港宣教會 大興白普理老人中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “耆”妙“細”世界 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 耆妙的星空 ♦ 星語心願	♦ Children ♦ The elderly	\$14,180.00
78.	香港聖公會福利協會 九龍城青少年綜合服務中心 — 賽馬會青年幹線	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “活出滋味”和諧社區體驗計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 十三街遊蹤 ♦ 滋味貧富宴日營	♦ Children ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$6,625.00
79.	國民學校	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧天使社區體驗計劃 06-07 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 關愛探訪 ♦ 社區服務 ♦ 嘉許禮	♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$5,000.00
80.	恆康互助社	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 傷健互扶持・共建和諧社會 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 地區關懷 ♦ 嘉年華會暨嘉許禮	♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$60,930.00

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81.	匯知中學	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 期“義”果傳情達意創明“TEEN” — 青少年社會服務學習計劃 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工培訓 ♦ 我手摺我心行動 ♦ 心連心關懷系列 ♦ 上門清潔服務 ♦ 義工嘉許禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$58,530.00
82.	中華基督教禮賢會香港區會 禮賢會彩雲綜合青少年服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧家庭樂社區服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 填色比賽 ♦ 嘉年華 ♦ 親子之旅 ♦ 精靈小義工小組 ♦ 青年義工小組 ♦ 媽媽服務隊 ♦ 共融家長組	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ Women ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$29,284.00
83.	香港青年協會 賽馬會筲箕灣青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 愛很“融” “義” <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 大使招募 ♦ 敬老樂融融 ♦ 愛家庭，愛社區 ♦ 學得很“融” “義” ♦ 童心起義 ♦ 愛嘩鬼派對 ♦ 長幼義人行 ♦ 聖誕義唱 ♦ 熱融聖誕之旅	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$27,617.00
84.	香港青年協會 賽馬會葵芳青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 社區無疆界 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ DV Community(錄像媒體製作) ♦ 長幼無界限 ♦ 義工三重奏 ♦ 你我同歡樂 ♦ 愛心推廣行動	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$43,250.00

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85.	香港青年協會 賽馬會天耀青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧歡笑 “星” <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 工作坊 ♦ 功課輔導班 ♦ 家長公民意識教育 ♦ 雜耍培訓班 ♦ 剪髮訓練班 ♦ 探訪獨居長者 ♦ 陪診服務 ♦ 長者剪髮服務 ♦ 探訪少數族裔兒童 ♦ 探訪新來港人士家庭	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Family	\$26,192.00
86.	香港青年協會 賽馬會建生青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 有心人 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 青少年義工訓練 ♦ 樂融手語班 ♦ 樂融聽障知多 D ♦ 樂融秋月甜蜜蜜 ♦ 樂融秋冬送暖流 ♦ 活動成果展覽	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$34,480.00
87.	香港青年協會 賽馬會農圃道青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “樂無窮·樂容融” — 青年共融學習之旅 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 培訓工作坊 ♦ 多元服務系列 ♦ 嘉年華 ♦ 服務日	♦ Youngsters ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$32,470.00
88.	香港青年協會 獅子會大埔青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 燈火現情真之不一樣的你 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 精神科急救訓練課程 ♦ 探訪精神病康復者 ♦ 心靈溝通工作坊 ♦ 街頭劇訓練工作坊 ♦ 展覽及表演	♦ Youngsters ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$20,100.00

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89.	香港青年協會 杏花邨青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 傷健共融展關懷 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 展覽無界限－音樂表演 ♦ 書畫創作比賽及展覽 ♦ 社區服務滿關懷 ♦ 和諧共融嘉年華	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ People with disabilities	\$30,500.00
90.	香港家庭福利會 順利綜合家庭服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 愛鄰計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 好鄰居選舉及愛心樓宇比賽 ♦ 愛鄰關懷行動 ♦ 屋邨論壇及流動街展 ♦ 愛鄰計劃嘉許禮	♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$22,340.00
91.	香港紅十字會 青年及義工事務部 港島總部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “融義”和諧 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 護老情真 ♦ 食得至醒 ♦ 你我攜手獻關懷 ♦ 在世界中心，呼喚愛 ♦ 連心特工隊 ♦ 識識相關 ♦ 童心童根 ♦ 義工小超人	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$9,740.00
92.	香港工會聯合會 葵青地區服務處 樂Teen派	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 愛心放“義”彩 社區共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工小組領袖提升訓練 ♦ 探訪老人院 ♦ 探訪獨居長者	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ Working population ♦ General public	\$23,967.00

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93.	香港聖公會福利協會 香港聖公會湖景綜合復康服務	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 匯聚愛心耀社羣 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 小學之旅 ♦ 中學之旅 ♦ 義工訓練篇 ♦ 運動齊參與 ♦ 中秋慶團圓 ♦ 清潔大行動 ♦ 友營齊共享 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$27,430.00
94.	生命工場	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “分色分析”行動 — 聲聲之火 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 全港故事演講大賽 ♦ 四格漫畫大賽 ♦ 巡迴和諧學校故事演講 ♦ 漫畫展及工作坊 ♦ 多媒體創意發聲大賽 ♦ 巡迴和諧學校裝置及錄像公映 ♦ 社會事件欣賞指數 ♦ 多媒體展覽	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ General public	\$74,790.00
95.	香港耆康老人福利會 柴灣長者地區中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “大手牽小手”社區關懷計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 社區關懷計劃 ♦ 探訪活動 ♦ 戶外參觀	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women	\$28,300.00
96.	香港紅十字會 青年及義工事務部東九龍總部	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “社區關懷@東九龍”計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 每月探訪活動及遊戲練習 ♦ 社區服務顯關懷 ♦ 遊濕地公園 ♦ 義工分享會暨嘉許禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ General public	\$23,785.00

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97.	香港中華基督教青年會 觀塘會所	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧社區同創造 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工培訓 ♦ 學校教育 ♦ 長者服務 ♦ 推廣日暨嘉許禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$19,140.00
98.	香港扶幼會則仁中心學校	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “共建和諧社會、關懷弱勢社羣” 愛心之星義工獎勵計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 生態環保遊 ♦ 遊戲樂一番 ♦ 復活節醫院探訪 ♦ 中秋節醫院探訪 ♦ 聖誕節醫院探訪 ♦ 聖誕夢成真 ♦ 探訪區內獨居長者 ♦ 義工頒獎典禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$18,300.00
99.	香港小童群益會 青衣青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧社會共同體 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 長幼一家@共同體 ♦ 澳水漁風@共同體 ♦ 少數族裔@共同體 ♦ 同根同心@共同體	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$18,456.00
100.	香港公教婚姻輔導會 恩悅綜合家庭服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “有你友里” — 家庭支援網絡計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 家庭教育講座 ♦ 電話慰問及探訪弱勢家庭 ♦ 愛心廚房篇 ♦ 民間技藝篇 ♦ 友里關懷 ♦ 分享營暨嘉許禮	♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ Family	\$22,650.00

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101.	香港新一代文化協會、香港新一代之友	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 新一代公民大使培育及推廣計劃 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 公民訓練營 ♦ 參觀基本法圖書館 ♦ 模擬選舉論壇 ♦ 拜訪中國外交部駐香港特別行政區特派員公署 ♦ 互動講座 ♦ 參觀立法會及模擬立法會議論事 ♦ 嘉許典禮	♦ Students	\$51,780.00
102.	東華三院黃竹坑服務綜合大樓	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “燃亮自己、照耀他人” 生命關懷大使計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 日營活動 ♦ 尋找人生故事篇 ♦ 義務工作實踐日 ♦ 展覽嘉年華	♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Working population ♦ General public	\$36,300.00
103.	工業福音團契就業支援及培訓中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 補鞋(保諧)家族 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 補鞋媽媽 ♦ 補鞋家族互愛體驗營 ♦ 關心大使 ♦ 大匯演	♦ The elderly ♦ Family	\$28,000.00
104.	香港聖公會福利協會 香港聖公會屯門綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “左鄰右里鄰舍發展 — 共建友愛社區計劃” <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練社區計劃 ♦ 生命教育日營 ♦ 關愛行動 ♦ 嘉年華暨展覽	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ Family	\$46,840.00

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105.	沙田青年協會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 青年議政 — 07 年區議會選舉 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 社區事物大追訪 ♦ 青年議政 — 區議會模擬選舉 ♦ 青年議政 — 區議會模擬會議 ♦ 巡迴展覽 ♦ 社區報導實錄	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Working population ♦ General public	\$36,050.00
106.	五旬節聖潔會 靈光白普理失明人中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 用愛點亮生命 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 探訪院舍	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ People with disabilities	\$13,128.00
107.	中華便利利會 恩慈長者活動中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧社會樂融融 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 探訪長者及弱勢社羣 ♦ 義工嘉許禮	♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$8,900.00
108.	香港痲痺協會 石圍角家長資源中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 鏡影下的天空 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 攝影認識及技巧訓練 ♦ 攝影實習大追蹤 ♦ 展覽	♦ Children ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$19,530.00
109.	香港互勵會 曹舒菊英老人中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 盡獻關懷愛心計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 關懷大使 ♦ 定期上門探訪弱老及獨居長者 ♦ 表演活動	♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals	\$5,000.00
110.	泰人基督徒聯繫有限公司 泰人聯繫服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 港泰民安 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 向泰國人教授中文 ♦ 可愛之家日營 ♦ 探訪福音戒毒中心	♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ Family	\$10,250.00

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111.	香港中華基督教青年會 天平長者鄰舍中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 彩虹的微笑 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 彩虹天使訓練 ♦ 月餅小師傅 ♦ “糴”有你鼓勵 ♦ 共融新天地 ♦ 嘉年華會	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$23,100.00
112.	新界西公民服務連線	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 屯門社區樂共融 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 精神健康講座 ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 關懷長者行動 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ The elderly ♦ Women	\$16,304.00
113.	循理會 屯門青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 青春起義 07 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義力無窮比賽 ♦ 義工領袖訓練	♦ Youngsters	\$85,550.00
114.	扶輪社 香港中文大學崇基扶輪青年服務團	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 扶老攜幼獻關懷 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 聖誕聯歡會 ♦ 強身健體操	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students	\$1,990.00
115.	慈恩學校 德育及公民教育組	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “關愛互動、社區共融”計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 關愛標語設計及展示 ♦ 才藝培訓 ♦ 探訪福利機構 ♦ 才藝表演活動	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family	\$6,580.00

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116.	香港小童群益會 將軍澳青少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 友愛無窮 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 饑饉體驗營 ♦ 義工訓練坊 ♦ 家居清潔及維修服務 ♦ 義工嘉許禮	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$19,340.00
117.	義戲兒女	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 傷健全方位體驗 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 傷健體驗日 ♦ 傷健藝術體驗日 ♦ 活生新人營 ♦ 藝術培訓工作坊 ♦ 服務計劃實踐 ♦ 分享會暨頒獎典禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ People with disabilities	\$57,430.00
118.	香港傷健協會 坪洲長者暨青少年鄰舍中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧共處樂融融系列 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 相片收集比賽 ♦ 書籤創作比賽 ♦ 填色比賽 ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 傷健共融萬勝節派對 ♦ 義工探訪 ♦ 冬日派對 ♦ 嘉年華	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$17,700.00
119.	香港傷健協會 深水埗傷健中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “愛生命、愛自己” 學校推廣計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、傷健共融(其他) <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 生命教育講座	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ People with disabilities	\$20,000.00
120.	九龍社團聯會 青年義工團	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “我有 SAY” — 青年學習服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、推廣公民意識(其他) <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 青年領袖工作坊 ♦ 服務學習課 ♦ 社區互動實習班 ♦ 嘉許禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ General public	\$18,060.00

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121.	香港中華基督教青年會 顯徑會所	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “兒童議員”計劃 07 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 人權教育 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 兒童議員訓練 ♦ 走訪區議員及立法會 ♦ 競選活動 ♦ 選舉投票日 ♦ 兒童論壇培訓日營 ♦ 兒童論壇、發布會及嘉許禮	♦ Children	\$34,672.00
122.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會友安長者中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “無國界的天空”計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、人權教育 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 探訪活動 ♦ 嘉許禮 ♦ 刊物製作 ♦ 展覽會	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ General public	\$28,910.00
123.	青鳥	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “認識社羣·宣揚人權”社區共融計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、人權教育 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 人權工作坊 ♦ 小冊子 ♦ 外展服務 ♦ 人權嘉年華	♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ Working population ♦ General public	\$25,160.00
124.	香港社區組織協會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ Let's all unite for harmony and equality <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、人權教育 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 研討會 ♦ 學校講座 ♦ 探訪少數族裔	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$13,500.00
125.	香港特別行政區傑出學生聯會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 香港青年論壇 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 維護法治精神及社會公義 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 工作坊(一)社會公義與公民責任 ♦ 工作坊(二)法治精神多面睇 ♦ 工作坊(三)社會大剖析 ♦ 香港青年論壇 2007 訓練營	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students	\$43,550.00

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126.	香港青年協進會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “認識祖國、認識香港” 問答比賽 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工訓練 ♦ 問答比賽決賽	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Working population ♦ General public	\$63,800.00
127.	中山大學法律系 香港同學會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 第八屆《基本法》網上問答比賽及推介活動 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 基本法網上問答 ♦ 公開講座	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Working population ♦ General public	\$53,714.00
128.	香港基本法推介 聯席會議	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 《基本法》青年編輯新世代 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 講座及工作坊 ♦ 訓練營 ♦ 結業禮及分享會	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students	\$31,930.00
129.	香港女童軍總會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 國民教育興趣章 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 香港歷史章 ♦ 中國國情章 ♦ 中國文化及禮儀習俗章	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students	\$16,890.00
130.	香港明愛 明愛賽馬會屯門 青少年綜合服務	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 國民教育大使培訓計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 大國崛起短評比賽 ♦ 青年人眼中的中國錄像製作 ♦ 國民教育大使實習計劃 ♦ 嘉許禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ General public	\$27,110.00
131.	香港教育學院 校友會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 全港小學生・關心祖國・齊顯愛國情(第三屆) <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 多媒體光碟製作 ♦ 國民教育座談會 ♦ 頒獎禮 ♦ 網上展示成果	♦ Students	\$17,700.00

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132.	香港基督教青年會 社會服務、外展活動及文娛教育部	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “龍情一族”學校及社區計劃 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義工小組 繪畫比賽山區教育展覽會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students General public 	\$21,810.00
133.	安徒生會 包威信中心	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 時事發聲戰隊 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會、國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 時事探熱針 時事隨意門論壇 四格漫畫比賽 舊曲新詞創作比賽 拉闊時事音樂會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters 	\$17,790.00
134.	鄰舍輔導會 賽馬會大埔北青 少年綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “揚眉文化”義工計劃 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會、國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 揚眉小伙子訓練及小組 揚眉文化交流場 我要揚眉日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters New arrivals Ethnic minorities 	\$36,450.00
135.	香港理工大學 香港專上學院	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “融入香港 與本地文化交流 了解國情及鄉土情 締造共融社會”活動計劃 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會、人權教育、國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 戶外考察 基本法基礎知識班 中國歷史文化班 香港歷史文化班 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters Students New arrivals Ethnic minorities Working population Family General public 	\$64,120.00
136.	聖安當女書院	<u>Project name</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 共建和諧新世代 <u>Project theme</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社會、人權教育、維護法治精神及社會公義、國民教育或推廣基本法、義工服務(其他) <u>Sponsored activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 樂在學習中 公民教育領袖訓練計劃 我的成長路 嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities Family General public 	\$26,580.00

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137.	中華基督教會全完中學	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “服務社區” 領袖先鋒計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、維護法治精神及社會公義、國民教育或推廣基本法、環境保育(其他) <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 清潔沙灘 ♦ 長者探訪及義工訓練 ♦ 小老師計劃 ♦ 鄰舍關懷大使 ♦ 探訪耆英院舍服務 ♦ 耆英節日樂融融 ♦ 旁聽立法會會議	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups	\$20,100.00
138.	防止虐待兒童會有限公司	<u>Project name</u> ♦ Community Inclusion: Positive Parenting for New Arrivals <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、保護兒童(其他) <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ Volunteer Training Programme ♦ Parent-child Interactive Workshops	♦ Children ♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Women ♦ New arrivals ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ Family ♦ General public	\$25,550.00
139.	仁濟醫院王華湘中學	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 和諧有術：常歡笑魔術社區服務計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、關心弱勢社羣(其他) <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 社區服務 ♦ 大匯演暨嘉許禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities	\$8,000.00
140.	香港政策研究所有限公司、思匯政策研究所、新力量網絡	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 【還看明天：回歸十年反思與前瞻】研討會 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、邁向有效管治／促進經濟發展／構建和諧社會／殖民地統治下的正反經驗(其他) <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 研討會	♦ General public	\$37,970.00
141.	香港專業教育學院柴灣分校學生事務處	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 義翅坊：“義”“型”行動 2007 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、人權教育 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 歷奇訓練營 ♦ 實習計劃活動 ♦ 展覽會 ♦ 分享會	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ Disadvantaged groups ♦ People with disabilities ♦ General public	\$20,060.00

	Name of Organisation	Project Details	Target Participants	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
142.	香港耆康老人福利會 荃葵青區長者綜合服務	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “銀髮精英創未來”計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 人權教育 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 時事探射燈 ♦ 社區探射燈 ♦ 長者論壇 ♦ 長者眼中十大風雲人物選舉 ♦ 公民日暨長者眼中十大風雲人物展覽	♦ The elderly ♦ Women ♦ Ethnic minorities ♦ General public	\$41,040.00
143.	香港中華基督教青年會 華愛之家	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 《認識祖國・認識香港》 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 參觀活動 ♦ 工作坊	♦ Youngsters ♦ People with disabilities ♦ Family	\$8,000.00
144.	循道衛理中心 火鳳凰 — 社區支援服務計劃	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “合法公民” — 維護法治及社會公義推廣計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 維護法治精神及社會公義 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 違規行為治療小組 ♦ 人生劇院 ♦ 公義劇場	♦ Youngsters ♦ General public	\$25,070.00
145.	新青年論壇	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 第二屆 DV 頭青年社會觀察行動 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、人權教育、維護法治精神及社會公義、國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 培訓課程 ♦ 社會觀察行動 ♦ 首影禮暨畢業典禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students	\$43,500.00
146.	香港專業教育學院 沙田、葵涌及觀塘分校學生事務處	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 手“基”傳接觸創意大賽 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 工作坊 ♦ 頒獎禮暨作品展覽	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ General public	\$30,956.00

	Name of Organisation	Project Details	Target Participants	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
147.	深水埗居民聯會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “回歸祖國十周年” 國民教育推廣活動 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 書籤設計比賽 ♦ 徵文比賽 ♦ 巡迴展覽 ♦ 社區遊戲 ♦ 閉幕典禮	♦ General public	\$18,550.00
148.	九龍塘基督教中華宣道會陳元喜小學上午校	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 長幼共融樂天倫 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 和諧社會、國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 義工培訓 ♦ 慶中秋迎國慶全方位學習周 ♦ 暖暖心意卡大行動 ♦ 愛心聖誕送暖流	♦ Children ♦ The elderly ♦ Students ♦ General public	\$44,776.00
149.	香港青年動力協會	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “今昔家國，息息相關” — 國民教育計劃 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 香港歷史遊蹤—導賞員培訓班 ♦ 歷史問答遊戲比賽 ♦ 攝影比賽	♦ General public	\$50,728.00
150.	學友社 公民視域	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 第十六屆全港中學生十大新聞選舉 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 十大新聞選舉 ♦ 新聞評述比賽 ♦ 徵文比賽 ♦ 專題研習活動 ♦ 頒獎典禮	♦ Students	\$90,770.00
151.	香港青年協會 賽馬會坪石青年空間	<u>Project name</u> ♦ “中國子民・香港人” <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 國民教育大使招募 ♦ 大使訓練 ♦ 街頭展覽 ♦ 學校巡迴講座 ♦ 問答比賽	♦ Youngsters ♦ Students ♦ General public	\$42,942.00

	Name of Organisation	Project Details	Target Participants	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
152.	基督教香港崇真會社會服務有限公司 沙田綜合服務中心	<u>Project name</u> ♦ 龍飛鳳舞 <u>Project theme</u> ♦ 國民教育或推廣基本法 <u>Sponsored activity</u> ♦ 國民教育大使工作坊 ♦ 舞出我天地 ♦ 家鄉服裝巡禮	♦ Youngsters ♦ Women	\$21,000.00

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Reply Serial No.

HAB033

Question Serial No.

1250

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under this Programme, the estimate for 2008-09 is \$36.4 million (62.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. The increased provision will be used for strengthening humanware and software in the arts and culture sector and for creating three posts. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) In the estimated expenditure, how much will be used for strengthening humanware and software in the arts and culture sector and for creating the three posts respectively? What are the details of the expenditure involved? Which is the area that has greatest increase in estimated expenditure?
- 2) Will the increased provision be sufficient to meet the needs of the future development of the arts and culture in Hong Kong? What are the criteria adopted by the Administration for determining the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

- 1) The proposed increase in resources for strengthening humanware and software in the arts and culture sector is reflected under both Programme Area 5: Culture, and Programme Area 6: Subvention. The largest increases include an increase of \$12.55 million to the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, an increase of \$11.5 million for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and around \$38 million for the major performing arts groups. We have also made provision for a one-off funding for conducting a manpower mapping study on the arts and cultural sector, as well as \$4.3 million for creation of three directorate posts, namely one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B, one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and one Chief Treasury Accountant for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Office.
- 2) The proposed increase in provision is to meet the imminent needs of the sector as well as to support the growth and development of the local arts community in the short term. We will review the requirements on a regular basis and seek additional resources, if justified, according to the established mechanism so as to make sure that the development of humanware and software in the arts and culture is commensurate with the vision of the WKCD project.

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Date _____ 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB034

Question Serial No.

1177

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that during 2008-09, the Administration will explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities. However, there is already a shortage of columbarium facilities in the urban area at present. To solve the problem, would the Administration make adjustments and spare no effort to identify new sites for development of columbarium facilities instead of only exploring the feasibility?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP) is in the process of identifying suitable sites for development of new columbarium facilities with relevant bureaux/departments. BMCP will map out the implementation plan for development of new columbarium facilities as and when suitable sites have been identified.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB035

Question Serial No.

0228

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has stated that the Human Rights Education Working Group under the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) will be disbanded in order to streamline the structure of the CPCE. What is the estimated expenditure of the CPCE in 2007-08 and 2008-09? What are the specific work plans of the CPCE in 2008-09? Are there human rights education and publicity work? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The estimated expenditure of the CPCE for the year 2007-08 is \$7,485,000. In 2008-09, the estimated total expenditure is \$20,315,000, for implementing a series of activities and programmes to promote civic education outside schools, including national education, the Basic Law, the rule of law and social justice, human rights education and other topics relating to civic education. The CPCE will map out in due course the detailed work plan in various areas.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB036

Question Serial No.

1032

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There are marked increases in the expenditure and estimated expenditure for the Programme “District, Community, and Public Relations” from 2006-07 to 2008-09. What indicators do the Administration use for measuring the effectiveness?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The main item contributing to the marked increases in the financial provision for the Programme “District, Community, and Public Relations” is the expenditure earmarked for promotion of Olympism in 2007-08 and 2008-09. The Finance Committee approved in December 2007 the creation of a new commitment of \$150 million for promotion of Olympism to tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the staging of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events.

Through the publicity and promotional programmes, the Administration will involve the public in the Olympic celebrations, arouse their interest in the Olympic Movement, and more deeply engender the Olympic and Paralympic Spirits within the community, thereby helping build up a more harmonious and integrated society. The Administration will also capitalise on Hong Kong's position as an Olympic co-host city to further raise our international profile, promote our credentials as Asia's world city, and strengthen our status as a tourism and events city.

The social and economic benefits to be brought about by the promotion of Olympism in Hong Kong will be long-term and mostly intangible by nature. Although the effectiveness of the promotional programmes cannot be readily measured against any quantifiable indicators, the Administration considers that a stronger sense of national pride among the public and better social morale will in general serve as good references.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB037

Question Serial No.

1033

Head : 53 – GS: Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The estimated expenditure for “District, Community, and Public Relations” for 2008-09 increases by 131.6% as compared with that for 2007-08. Please give details of the projects that account for the increase.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The increase is mainly due to the increased provision for the promotion of Olympism (\$86.2M).

Territory-wide carnivals, namely Olympic celebration sites and Torch Relays, will be organised to encourage members of the public to participate in the Olympic celebrations. For example, major celebration will be conducted at Olympic Live Sites at Victoria Park and Sha Tin Park; and the Olympic-themed square at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza, with a view to facilitating public participation during the Olympic games period between 8 and 24 August. Members of the public will also be encouraged to join the Olympic Torch Relay as on-lookers at the scene or television audience watching its live broadcast.

Apart from the territory-wide carnivals, other measures are being taken to arouse public interest in the Olympic Games. Community participation programmes in the form of educational, sport, youth, cultural and community involvement activities will continue. Publicity and public relations initiatives, e.g. production and broadcast of Announcements in the Public Interest and promotional videos, are in place and will continue. Olympic-themed decorations will also continue to be mounted at government venues and prominent public locations for the cultivation of the Olympic co-host atmosphere and arouse public awareness of the Olympic Games. Olympic legacy plan will also be devised to promote Olympism after the Olympic Games.

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Date _____ 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB038

Question Serial No.

1058

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the opinion surveys conducted, eight in 2006-07 and two in 2007-08, please provide details, including the topics, the organisations conducting the surveys and the expenditure involved. Please also advise whether the findings were made public.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

Details of the surveys conducted in 2006-07 and 2007-08 are listed below:

Survey Title	Expenditure (HK\$)	Contractor	Release of findings to public
2006-07 ¹ :			
Survey on Public Attitudes towards Television Announcements in the Public Interests on "Our Home Our Country"	99,800	MVA Hong Kong Ltd.	Yes
Thematic Household Survey on Enforcement of Order for Payment of Alimony	63,200	AC Nielsen (through Census & Statistics Department)	Yes
Study on Civic Awareness	384,000	Centre for Civil Society and Governance & Policy 21, HKU	Yes
Opinion Survey on East Asian Games	40,000	Mercado Solutions Associates Ltd.	No ²

¹ One survey, commissioned by the Committee on Promotion of Civic Education, was terminated before commencement as decided by the Committee at its meeting in December 2007.

² These were small scale surveys on specific issues for internal reference.

Survey Title	Expenditure (HK\$)	Contractor	Release of findings to public
Opinion Survey on the Revised Package of West Kowloon Cultural District Project	40,000	Mercado Solutions Associates Ltd.	No ²
Opinion Survey on Development of Nga Tsin Wai Village	40,000	Mercado Solutions Associates Ltd.	No ²
Opinion Survey on Central Star Ferry Pier and Clock Tower	3,800	Via contractor of Central Policy Unit	No ²
2007-08:			
Survey on Public Attitudes towards the Television Announcements in Public Interest series on "Our Home Our Country"	684,700	Centre for Communication Research, CUHK	Yes
Longitudinal Study on Civic Engagement and Social Networks of Youth in Hong Kong	920,000	Policy 21, HKU	Yes

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Reply Serial No.

HAB039

Question Serial No.

1059

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide details of the two opinion surveys to be conducted in 2008-09, including the topics, the organisations to conduct the surveys and the expenditure involved. Please also advise whether the findings will be made public.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

Based on the actual number of surveys conducted in 2007, we aim to conduct for planning purpose two surveys in 2008-09. Details including estimated expenditure have yet to be drawn up.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB041

Question Serial No.

1643

Head : 53 – GS: Home Affair Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate for 2008-09 increases substantially by 97.6% over the revised estimate for 2007-08. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The increase of the 2008-09 Estimates as compared with the 2007-08 Revised Estimate is mainly due to (i) \$39 million for the preparation of the commissioning of and operation of some facilities in the Centre for Youth Development; (ii) \$15 million for youth development activities/national education for youth; (iii) \$12.8 million for promotion of civic/national education outside schools; (iv) \$5 million for the Family Council related programmes; and (v) \$8.7 million for 12 additional posts.

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Date _____ 14 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB042

Question Serial No.

1644

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What specific measures will be taken to promote the development of social enterprise in 2008-09? What are the estimated resources?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply:

In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Bureau and Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create a total of eight posts and allocate a provision of 9.2 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include production of television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest, organisation of promotional activities at the district level and in tertiary institutions to promote public understanding of SEs as well as the following initiatives:

- (i) Pilot Scheme to facilitate SEs in bidding government cleansing contracts – The scheme was introduced early this year, under which 38 government cleansing contracts have been set aside for eligible SEs to bid. These contracts, totalling some \$17 million, cover all 18 districts and will involve more than 300 job opportunities.
- (ii) Social Enterprises Partnership Programme – The Partnership Programme provides a platform to enhance and facilitate partnership among different sectors of the community through a matching forum and the SE Mentorship Scheme. Through the matching forum, interested business organisations can team up with non-government organisations (NGOs) to establish SEs or to partner with SEs. The partnership can be in the form of outsourcing certain operations (e.g. cleansing services) to the SEs; providing concessionary rental of their premises/vacant land for use by the SEs; and allowing SEs access to their clients etc. The Mentorship Scheme provides a channel to link up entrepreneurs/professionals with SEs so that the former could offer voluntary professional and business advisory services to the latter.
- (iii) Dedicated website on SEs - At present, there is a section on SEs in the Home Affairs Bureau's website to provide various information on the subject to the public. To strengthen public awareness and understanding and help promote the development of SEs, the Home Affairs Department will launch a dedicated website on SEs to disseminate SE-related information and materials such as a directory of SEs in Hong Kong; support services available to SEs; SE-related publications and reference materials as well as record of past events and activities on SEs. The setting up of a new website can enhance the publicity of SEs and their products and services and promote their further development in Hong Kong.

In addition, HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the “Programme”), which provides grants for NGOs to run SE projects during their initial operations. The Programme has so far approved more than 50 new SE projects with a total amount of about \$50 million. At present, about \$100 million remains available for application.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB043

Question Serial No.

1645

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What specific measures will be taken to promote civic education outside schools in 2008-09?
What are the estimated resources?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

In 2008-09, in addition to implementing a series of activities and programmes to promote civic education outside schools, including national education, the Basic Law, the rule of law and social justice, human rights education and other topics relating to civic education, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) will focus its work on promotion of Olympism to tie in with the staging of the Olympic and Paralympic games in the Mainland, particularly the Equestrian Events in Hong Kong. The estimated total expenditure is \$20,315,000. The CPCE will map out in due course the detailed work plan in various areas.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB044

Question Serial No.

1646

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

During 2008-09, the Administration will continue to enhance understanding of Chinese culture and heritage among young people through study tours to the Mainland. Apart from that, will other programmes be launched? If yes, what are the estimated resources? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) plans to launch a new funding scheme in 2008-09 entitled “Youth National Education Funding Scheme” (the Scheme) in conjunction with the Commission on Youth (COY), an advisory body to Government on youth matters. The Scheme aims to promote national education in a more in-depth manner amongst the youth by sponsoring community bodies in organising large-scale or a series of national education promotion activities. An allocation of \$5 million has been earmarked for the Scheme. COY has agreed in principle to the launching of this new Scheme and will work with HAB on the detailed arrangements.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB045

Question Serial No.

1647

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the estimated resources intended for the promotion of Olympism in 2008-09? How will the Administration continue with the promotion of Olympism after the Beijing Olympic Games? What are the specific plans?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved in December 2007 the creation of a new commitment of \$150 million for the Administration to undertake a series of publicity and promotional programmes for the promotion of Olympism. Out of this \$150 million, \$118.1 million has been earmarked in 2008-09 for allocation to the government bureaux/departments and agencies concerned for implementation of the promotional programmes. In addition, the Administration will meet the additional workload arising from the promotion of Olympism through internal redeployment of its manpower and financial resources.

The Administration will continue to co-operate with the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and other relevant bodies in promoting Olympism after the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The Administration will also devise an Olympic legacy plan which leaves a permanent structure commemorating the Equestrian Events and promoting Olympism for our future generations. In this connection, a permanent exhibition is planned for the display of important relics on and relating to the Equestrian Events and Olympics.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB046

Question Serial No.

1648

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

During 2008-09, the Administration will explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the management body of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbaria. Please advise this Committee on the present progress and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP) is in the process of identifying suitable sites for developing new columbarium facilities with relevant bureaux/departments. BMCP is a financially independent body and does not receive any subvention from the Government. The BMCP will absorb the expenditure involved in identifying suitable sites for columbarium development from within its own resources.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB047

Question Serial No.

1649

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of the Administration in coordinating measures to enhance cultural co-operation with the Pearl River Delta region, will the Administration inform this Committee of the resources to be spent on this and the specific measures?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will host the 10th Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) Cooperation meeting under the framework of the GPRD Cooperation Forum first established in 2002 to strengthen collaboration and exchanges with Guangdong and Macau. HAB and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will also follow up on collaboration initiatives discussed and agreed at the 9th meeting in the following areas:

- Development and exchange of performing arts talents and programme presentation
- Exchange of cultural information and collaboration in inter-region ticketing service
- Development of museum network and excavation, conservation and promotion of heritage
- Digital libraries network
- Promotion of Cantonese opera
- Study on the development of cultural and creative industries and related manpower training

The estimated total expenditure on these measures in 2008-09 is around \$5.9 million.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB048

Question Serial No.

1650

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008-09, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council will continue to nurture small and medium-sized arts groups. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the estimated expenditure involved and the ways to enhance support for them?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

In 2008-09, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) will continue to nurture the small and medium sized arts groups through various grant schemes as follows:

One-year Grant and Project Grant

One-year grant, ranging between \$200,000 and \$800,000 per successful application, is to provide administration and programme support to a selected number of arts practitioners and arts organisations to nurture their professional development. Through continuous and increased support, the HKADC also hopes to provide enhanced support to those small and medium sized arts groups with proven track record so that they may have the chance to become major arts organisations in Hong Kong.

Project grant, ranging between \$2,000 and \$300,000 per successful application, is to support arts practitioners and arts organisations on a wide range of activities including performances, exhibitions, publications, education programmes, creation, critical reviews and archival work.

New Emerging Artists Grant

This is a new scheme introduced in 2007-08. Distributed in the usual range between \$10,000 and \$30,000 per successful application, it aims to fund opportunities for emerging artists to present and create artistic works and gain valuable professional experience that will enable them to further their career.

Multi-project Grant

This is a new scheme introduced in 2007-08. Distributed in the usual range between \$70,000 and \$500,000 per successful application, it aims to support, through the provision of more stable funding for more than one project, the small and medium sized arts organisations with proven record of high artistic standard and ability to organise a series of independent arts projects (two or more projects) with high artistic value.

The estimated expenditure on the above grant schemes in 2008-09 is around \$53.5 million of which :

\$40 million is for One-year Grant and Project Grant, \$1.5 million is for New Emerging Artists Grant and \$12 million is for Multi-project Grant. Funding for the first three types of grant will be from HKADC's recurrent budget for 2008-09. Multi-project Grant will be partly funded by HKADC's recurrent budget for 2008-09 and partly funded by the Arts and Sport Development Fund administered by the Home Affairs Bureau.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB049

Question Serial No.

1964

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme : (7) Subvention: Duty Lawyer Service and Legal Aid Services Council

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

At present, nine District Offices are providing free legal advice service to the public under the Legal Advice Scheme. Would the Administration inform this Committee whether the service will be extended to all the 18 District Offices in the territory? If yes, what are the estimated expenditure, timetable and work plan? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

There is no plan to extend the service of the Legal Advice Scheme (the Scheme) under the Duty Lawyer Service (DLS) to all 18 District Offices. The existing nine District Offices where DLS service is provided spread across the whole of Hong Kong including the Islands. They are able to cope with the demand as reflected in the caseload of the Scheme which has remained rather stable over the years (around 6 400 cases annually in the past three years). In addition, the Scheme provides assistance to similar legal advice services operated independently by three voluntary organisations to serve members of the public. They complement the services provided at the District Offices.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB050

Question Serial No.

1497

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary announced that \$120 million will be earmarked for transforming the Yaumatei Theatre into Cantonese opera centre. Please inform this Committee:

- a) of the respective roles of Yaumatei Cantonese opera centre and the proposed Cantonese opera centre in West Kowloon District;
- b) in light of the specific nature of this art form, whether the Administration will consider injecting additional resources to nurture talents at their early age;
- c) of the programmes or activities to be held to encourage public appreciation of Cantonese opera with a view to broadening audience base.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

a) Different Roles of the Yaumatei Xiqu Activity Centre and the Xiqu Centre in the “West Kowloon Cultural District”

With the increase in the number of graduates from the Cantonese opera training courses of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA), the Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong (COA) and other Cantonese opera organisations, and the funding support of the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) to nurture new talents through performance projects, there is a need to provide venues with suitable capacity to offer performing and practicing opportunities to budding artists. The Xiqu Activity Centre to be converted from the Yaumatei Theatre and Red Brick Building, comprising a small theatre with about 300 seats and several small practicing rooms or activity rooms, will mainly serve as a cradle to groom budding artists of Cantonese opera. The conversion works, which is an adaptive reuse of historical buildings, is scheduled to commence in 2009 and complete in 2011.

The Xiqu Centre to be constructed in the “West Kowloon Cultural District” would be a purpose-built venue of international standard comprising two theatres, a tea-house, practicing rooms, exhibition halls and other ancillary facilities. The large theatre (1 200 to 1 400 seats) to be housed in the Xiqu Centre would mainly stage performances of professional troupes of Cantonese opera and other Xiqu genres from Hong Kong and all over the world. The small-medium sized theatre (about 400 seats) would stage both experimental theatre works and performances of new talents from the Xiqu sector. The Xiqu Centre is planned to be built in 2014 or 2015.

b) Injecting additional resources to nurture talents at their early age

The Administration will continue to provide the necessary resources to nurture new talents of Cantonese opera. Starting from 2007-08, the Administration has provided an annual subvention of \$5.4 million to the HKAPA to support its full-time and part-time evening Cantonese opera programmes in subjects including performance, music accompaniment, creative work and research. The HKAPA offers full-time diploma and advanced diploma programmes in Cantonese opera for students attaining the level of Form Five or above.

Since 1996, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) has provided funding to support COA's part-time evening training courses in Cantonese opera performance and other short courses. The HKADC has also offered a new grant in 2007-08 to nurture the "Hong Kong Youth Cantonese Opera Troupe" (YCOT), the members of which mainly include graduates of the COA. In 2007-08, COA and YCOT received a total subsidy of about \$1.5 million, which is \$ 0.3 million more than 2006-07, through the HKADC's One-Year Grant Scheme and funding support from the CODF and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). In 2008-09, the HKADC plans to use \$1.1 million to launch the Budding Artists Grant Scheme and the Script-Writing and Performance Scheme for Young Playwrights to nurture budding artists of Cantonese opera.

The CODF has provided funding support of about \$6 million to sponsor over 110 productions to nurture new talents, and about \$1 million to sponsor children and youth training programmes and performances since its establishment in November 2005. In addition, the CODF approved a grant of \$3 million to subsidise the setting up of the "Hong Kong Young Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe" for a period of three years starting from 2008. LCSD also plans to support the new troupe's performances in 2008-09. The troupe has recruited ten young performers as resident artists who are mainly graduates of HKAPA.

c) The programmes or activities to be held to encourage public appreciation of Cantonese opera with a view to broaden audience base

The LCSD, CODF and HKADC will continue to organise or subsidise arts education, community promotion and other audience building projects, to promote public appreciation of Cantonese opera. They include mainly the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme, the School Culture Day Scheme, the Pilot Scheme for Senior Secondary School Students, the Cantonese Opera Day, the District Cantonese Opera Parade, the 18-District Singing Competition and the Xiqu Education in Schools Scheme. The 2007 Cantonese Opera Day alone attracted about 35 000 audience and the LCSD is planning to present more than 350 performances in 2008-09.

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HAB051

Question Serial No.

1498

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy
for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major
Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to indicators of Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), the success rate of application for project/devolved/emerging artist grant in 2007-08 was about 40%. Please explain this relatively low success rate. Will the Government intensify its support for new and budding artists as well as small and medium-sized groups, such as relaxing the criteria for the abovementioned grant and increasing amount of grant, for the betterment of local arts culture development?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The relatively low success rate for project/devolved/emerging artist grants in 2007-08 was mainly due to resource constraint. In 2007-08, \$22 million was allocated for these various grant schemes by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). Competition for funding support was keen. Only those applications which scored very well in the assessment process were supported.

To ensure that there is a progression and succession ladder for the budding artists and arts groups as well as for the small and medium sized groups, we propose to provide additional recurrent funding of \$12.5 million to the HKADC in 2008-09 to enhance its support for budding artists and small and medium sized arts groups.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB052

Question Serial No.

2033

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme :(3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the provision for 2008-09 is 131.6% higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08, mainly due to the increased provision for the promotion of Olympism. Would the Administration provide details of the work plans involved and a breakdown of the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

A total of \$118.1 million has been earmarked in 2008-09 for allocation to the government bureaux/departments and agencies concerned for implementation of programmes to promote Olympism. This largely contributes to the increased provision. Details and breakdown of the expenditure for these programmes are as follows –

	\$ million
(a) Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays	21.0
(b) Olympic and Paralympic Live Sites, Olympic celebration site at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza	35.0
(c) Community participation programmes in the form of cultural, educational, sport and youth activities	15.4
(d) Local and overseas publicity/public relations programmes	12.3
(e) City dress-up initiatives for cultivating the Olympic co-host city atmosphere	17.9
(f) Projects in commemoration of the Equestrian Events and for promotion of Olympic legacy	8.0
(g) Contingency	8.5
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Reply Serial No.

HAB053

Question Serial No.

0846

Head : 53 – GS: Home Affair Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated that the substantial increase in the provision for 2008-09 is mainly due to the increased provisions for the promotion of civic/national education, youth development and social harmony, and creation of 12 posts for undertaking related work. Please provide in detail the breakdown of the provision, the reasons for implementing these projects, as well as the ranks, duties and reasons for creation of the 12 new posts.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply : The increased provision is mainly due to (i) \$39M for the preparation of the commissioning of and operation of some facilities in the Centre for Youth Development (CYD); (ii) \$15M for youth development activities/national education for youth; (iii) 12.8M for promotion of civic/national education outside schools; (iv) \$5M for the Family Council related programmes; and (v) \$8.7M for 12 additional posts as follows :

- one Senior Executive Officer for promotion of civic/national education and youth development
- one Senior Executive Officer and one Executive Officer I for management and operation of the CYD
- one Administrative Officer and one Senior Executive Officer to support further development of social enterprises in Hong Kong
- one Chief Executive Officer, one Senior Executive Officer and one Executive Officer I (offset by deletion of one Executive Officer II) for strengthening the organisation structure of the Administration Section
- one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, one Personal Secretary I, one Chief Executive Officer, one Senior Executive Officer and one Assistant Clerical Officer to support the Family Council

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Reply Serial No.

HAB054

Question Serial No.

1754

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Bureau will strengthen the development of software and humanware in the arts and culture. Please explain in detail the work plans and provide a breakdown of the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is planning to put in place the following short and longer-term measures from 2008-09 onwards to enhance the development of cultural software and humanware in Hong Kong:

- a. To provide additional funding of around \$38 million to the 9 major professional performing arts groups to enable them to consolidate growth, build audience and strengthen their outbound cultural exchange activities during the transitional period before a new funding and assessment mechanism is put in place in 2010-11 following a review which will start later this year. (This is under Programme Area 6: Subvention.)
- b. To allocate additional funding of around \$11.5 million to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council to increase the number of one-year grantees, to provide additional funding support for the existing small and medium sized groups receiving one-year grants and to provide more funding support for a few outstanding one-year grantees. (This is under Programme Area 6: Subvention.)
- c. To increase funding support of \$12.55 million for the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts to operate a Re-skill Programme, a Fundamental Programme as well as to expand the foundation year of its full-time Programme in the School of Theatre and Entertainment Arts to train manpower at the basic skill level for entry into the industry. (This is under Programme Area 6: Subvention.)

- d. To provide new funding to conduct a research study on general arts education to take stock of the provision of general arts education inside schools and outside schools with a view to benchmarking the provision against international best practices so as to help set out a strategy commensurate with the vision to develop Hong Kong into a creative and cultural metropolis. The HAB is also studying measures to build audience base for local arts groups both locally and across the border.
- e. To provide new funding for (i) conducting a research to develop a common set of assessment criteria and a new funding mechanism for the major performing arts groups; (ii) conducting a manpower study in the arts and cultural sector in 2008 for the purpose of understanding and assessing the manpower situation for arts-related professionals, practitioners, intermediaries, related personnel in the run-up to the commissioning of the West Kowloon Cultural District and having regard to its vision.
- f. To provide new resources of \$25 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to support the development of local performing arts through various measures this year. Financial support will be provided by the LCSD to the small and medium arts groups taking part in the Venue Partnership Scheme to develop venue-based audience building programmes. The Department will also strengthen overall programming support to young and budding artists, small and medium arts groups by presenting their productions at both LCSD and non-LCSD venues. More programmes by these artists and arts groups will be presented at the less-utilized venues in the New Territories for nurturing both the artists and the audiences in the community. (This is under Head 95 Programme Area 4: Performing Arts.)
- g. To provide additional funding of around \$6 million to the museums of the LCSD with a view to promoting the programmes of the museums, to enhance community interests and participation and to attract local and visiting patrons through adopting a more creative and entrepreneurial marketing approach. (This is under Head 95 Programme Area 3: Heritage and Museums.)

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Reply Serial No.

HAB055

Question Serial No.

1755

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under this programme, the provision for 2008-09 is 131.6% higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to the promotion of Olympism. Please give details of the projects and the breakdown of the expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The increase in the provision for 2008-09 is largely due to the promotion of Olympism. Out of the \$150 million approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in December 2007 for the Administration to promote Olympism, \$118.1 million has been earmarked in 2008-09 for allocation to the government bureaux/departments and agencies concerned for implementation of the programmes. Details and breakdown of the expenditure for these programmes are as follows-

	\$ million
(a) Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays	21.0
(b) Olympic and Paralympic Live Sites, Olympic celebration site at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza	35.0
(c) Community participation programmes in the form of cultural, educational, sport and youth activities	15.4
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HAB056

Question Serial No.

1756

Head : 53 – GS: Home Affair Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The revised estimate for 2007-08 under this Programme is about \$75 million while the original estimate is only about \$58 million. Please give reasons for the substantial increase.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The increase is mainly due to the expenditure for the promotion of Olympism which was not budgeted for in the Original Estimate. The provision was sought from Legislative Council in-year in 2007-08.

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HAB057

Question Serial No.

1310

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the three posts created under Programme 5, what are their respective ranks and duties?
And what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

The three posts planned for creation under Programme 5 include one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (AOSGB), one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and one Chief Treasury Accountant. They form the directorate structure of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Office, to be headed by the AOSGB. The role and functions of the WKCD Office are to co-ordinate efforts for the establishment of the WKCD Authority, including preparing the enabling legislation, arranging office accommodation, recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer and other senior staff members of the Authority, providing temporary secretariat support for the WKCD Authority pending recruitment of staff. The WKCD Office will also be responsible for conducting preliminary tasks during the initial stage of the establishment of the WKCD Authority, such as study briefs for preparing a development plan for the WKCD and financial management. In addition, the WKCD Office would also be responsible for handling all interface issues between the Government and the WKCD Authority during the initial years of the operation of the WKCD Authority, particularly interface issues between the WKCD project and other infrastructural projects being planned or implemented in West Kowloon. The estimated annual expenditure on these three posts is about \$4.3 million.

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HAB058

Question Serial No.

1311

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The launch of the West Kowloon Cultural District project will bring about training and internship opportunities for local artists and arts administrators. Please advise how the Administration will provide such training opportunities to them. Will the Administration strengthen cooperation with overseas and Mainland institutions? If yes, please give details.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

The substantial increase in arts and cultural facilities as well as cultural and entertainment programmes to be provided in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) would give rise to an upsurge in demand for manpower resources in many areas in arts and culture. The successful realisation of the vision and objectives of WKCD hinges on timely implementation of complementary measures to strengthen the development of cultural software, of which the enhancement of manpower training in arts and culture is an integral part.

In anticipation of the growing demand for arts practitioners including artists and arts administrators from now until the coming on stream of the WKCD project, the Administration is planning a series of new initiatives to help nurture the necessary manpower requirement. As the first of such initiatives, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council has just launched an invitation for scholarship application to support arts students or artists to go on overseas study programme or internship programme. In October this year, the Home Affairs Bureau will be supporting the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in the staging of the Symposium on Arts Administration by the UK Clore Leadership Programme in Hong Kong for arts administrators. We shall continue to explore further collaboration opportunities with both Mainland and overseas arts organisations. The Home Affairs Bureau is also planning to commission a manpower mapping study later this year to ascertain the demand and supply for manpower in different arts related disciplines and to plan for the necessary training programmes to address any shortfall so identified.

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Question Serial No.

1312

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the Administration has initiated the promotion of social enterprise. What will the Administration do to attract the participation of more commercial organisations so as to promote the further development of social enterprise? Please give details of the financial provision involved in 2008-09 and the specific work plan.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Bureau and the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create a total of eight posts and allocate a provision of \$ 9.2 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include production of television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest, organisation of promotional activities at the district level and in tertiary institutions to promote public understanding of SEs as well as the following initiatives:

- (i) Pilot Scheme to facilitate SEs in bidding government cleansing contracts – The scheme was introduced early this year, under which 38 government cleansing contracts have been set aside for eligible SEs to bid. These contracts, totalling some \$17 million, cover all 18 districts and will involve more than 300 job opportunities.
- (ii) Social Enterprises Partnership Programme – The Partnership Programme provides a platform to enhance and facilitate partnership among different sectors of the community through a matching forum and the SE Mentorship Scheme. Through the matching forum, interested business organisations can team up with non-government organisations (NGOs) to establish SEs or to partner with SEs. The partnership can be in the form of outsourcing certain operations (e.g. cleansing services) to the SEs; providing concessionary rental of their premises/vacant land for use by the SEs; and allowing SEs access to their clients etc. The Mentorship Scheme provides a channel to link up entrepreneurs/professionals with SEs so that the former could offer voluntary professional and business advisory services to the latter.
- (iii) Dedicated website on SEs - At present, there is a section on SEs in the Home Affairs Bureau's website to provide various information on the subject to the public. To

strengthen public awareness and understanding and help promote the development of SEs, the Home Affairs Department will launch a dedicated website on SEs to disseminate SE-related information and materials such as a directory of SEs in Hong Kong; support services available to SEs; SE-related publications and reference materials as well as record of past events and activities on SEs. The setting up of a new website can enhance the publicity of SEs and their products and services and promote their further development in Hong Kong.

In addition, HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the “Programme), which provides grants for NGOs to run SE projects during their initial operations. The Programme has so far approved more than 50 new SE projects with a total amount of about \$50 million. At present, about \$100 million remains available for application.

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HAB060

Question Serial No.

1313

Head : 53 – GS: Home Affair Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that 12 posts will be created for undertaking the work in relation to the promotion of civic/national education, youth development and social harmony in 2008-09. Please provide information on the distribution and specific duties of these posts. How much resources will be required for carrying out the work? Will any targets on effectiveness be set?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

The distribution and specific duties of the 12 posts are appended below –

- one Senior Executive Officer for promotion of civic/national education and youth development
- one Senior Executive Officer and one Executive Officer I for management and operation of the Centre for Youth Development (CYD)
- one Administrative Officer and one Senior Executive Officer to support further development of social enterprises in Hong Kong
- one Chief Executive Officer, one Senior Executive Officer and one Executive Officer I (offset by deletion of an Executive Officer II) for strengthening the organisation structure of the Administration Section
- one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, one Personal Secretary I, one Chief Executive Officer, one Senior Executive Officer and one Assistant Clerical Officer to provide support for the Family Council

To undertake the work in relation to the promotion of civic/national education, youth development and social harmony in 2008-09, additional resources would be allocated for (i) the preparation of the commissioning of and operation of some facilities in the CYD (\$39M); (ii) youth development activities/national education for youth (\$15M); (iii) promotion of civic/national education outside schools (\$12.8M); (iv) Family Council related programmes (\$5M); and (v) 12 additional posts as listed above (\$8.7M).

We have not set quantitative targets as they are not the most effective parameters to assess the effectiveness of use of resources in undertaking the above work. Instead, we will continue to count on the advice from relevant advisory bodies in this regard.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs CARRIE YAU

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 18 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB061

Question Serial No.

1395

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure in 2008-09 for the creation of one position of Under Secretary?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure in 2008-09 for the creation of one position of Political Assistant?

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

- (a) The estimated expenditure for the creation of the post of Under Secretary in 2008-09 is \$2.68m.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for the creation of the post of Political Assistant in 2008-09 is \$1.97m.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs CARRIE YAU

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 20 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB062

Question Serial No.

1141

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many cases has the Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit handled in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit handled about 20,000 enquiries and processed about 6,300 applications for various services for estate beneficiaries.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB063

Question Serial No.

2665

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008, the Government will organise a number of territory-wide activities including celebrations for the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the community celebration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay. Please inform this Committee of the details and estimated expenditure of all territory-wide activities and how will the Government evaluate the effectiveness of these activities.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The details and estimated expenditure of the territory-wide activities to be organised by Home Affairs Department are as follows:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure (\$)</u>
1. “Hong Kong 18 Districts Paint Together for Olympics with Visa” will be held across the territory from 12 to 30 April 2008. A giant wall painting will be created in Tsim Sha Tsui and 18 Districts will each have a smaller-scale wall painting.	N/A (Note 1)
2. “Community Celebration of Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong” will be held at Sha Tin Racecourse on 2 May 2008. A total of 15 000 spectators from different sectors of the community will be invited to cheer for the torchbearers at Sha Tin Racecourse. The celebration will also feature large-scale singing and dance performances.	2,500,000 (Note 2)

Note 1: All expenditure will be covered by sponsorship.

Note 2: Net of sponsorship

We will evaluate the effectiveness of these activities having regard to the number of participants and community feedback.

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB064

Question Serial No.

0315

Head : 63 - Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Local Environment Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The actual expenditure of Rural Public Works in 2007 is significantly higher than that of 2006. The estimated provision for 2008 further increases. Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the reason why there is an increase in expenditure of these works continuously;
2. the breakdown of the projects completed in 2006 and 2007 by geographical division of the rural areas in the New Territories; and
3. the number and types of projects which will be completed in 2008.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

1. The objective of the Rural Public Works (RPW) Programme is to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories (NT) in response to local demand. Projects under this programme include construction of footpaths, drainage systems, sitting-out areas and rainshelters, etc. To further upgrade and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the NT, we will continue with the Programme with increased funding. The expenditure under the Programme has increased from \$104.6 million in 2006 to \$115.4 million in 2007. For 2008, we plan to complete 130 RPW projects with total expenditure estimated at \$125 million.

2. The breakdown by districts of the RPW projects completed in 2006 and 2007 are as follows:

2006

[illegible]

* These are projects under the term contracts that cover a number of NT districts.

2007

[illegible]

3. The number and types of projects expected to be completed in 2008 are as follows:

Types of projects	No. of projects
Access road / vehicular bridge	22
Footpath / footbridge / country trail	40
Drainage system / stream embankment	26
Rainshelter / sitting-out area / pavilion	19
Beautification works	6
Others (e.g. provision of village notice boards)	17
Total :	130

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB065

Question Serial No.

1216

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (1) What is the provision earmarked by the Home Affairs Department in the 2008-09 financial year for promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs) and nurturing more social entrepreneurs?
- (2) What is the provision earmarked for the above work in 2007-08? Please provide details of the number of SE funding applications approved and rejected as well as the respective amount involved.
- (3) When will the Administration review the work on the promotion of SEs?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (1) In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create six posts and allocate a provision of \$6.6 million to promote and support the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include production of television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest; organisation of promotional activities at district level to promote public understanding of SEs; implementation of a pilot scheme to facilitate SEs in bidding government cleansing contracts (the pilot scheme), launching of a dedicated website on SEs to disseminate SE-related information and materials with a view to enhancing the publicity of SEs and their products and services, as well as the launching of the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme. In addition, HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme ("the Programme") and provide grants for non-governmental organisations to run SE projects during their initial operations. The estimated provision for the Programme in 2008-09 is \$28.5 million, which mainly comprises the cash flow requirement of the projects approved in previous years and new successful applications in the year. The funding level for new projects can go up in case there are worthwhile projects. It also covers the expenses of the Programme Secretariat.
- (2) Since the launch of the Programme in June 2006, we have so far approved more than 50 new SE projects with a total amount of about \$50 million. Another 80 applications, which sought a total grant of some \$148 million, were not approved largely due to concerns on their business viability and sustainability as advised by the Advisory

Committee on the Programme comprising by non-officials. The estimated cash flow requirement in 2007-08 for the approved projects is \$22.5 million. It also covers the expenses of the Programme Secretariat.

- (3) The Administration will continue to listen to the views of SE operators, stakeholders and the community on the existing measures and suggestions for facilitating SE development. We will also review the effectiveness of the pilot scheme and other support measures in due course.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB066

Question Serial No.

1494

Head : 63 - Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that additional resources will be provided for the District Councils (DCs) in the 18 districts in 2008-09 to organise community involvement projects after taking into account the experience of implementing a pilot scheme in 2007 to enhance the roles of DCs. Would the Administration please advise :

- a. How will the additional resources be allocated to the DCs in the 18 districts?
- b. How much resources and additional manpower will be allocated to each district?
- c. What activities and projects will be organised by each district and what are the district characteristics to be shown?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

- a. Starting from financial year 2008-09, the annual provision for DCs to carry out community involvement projects will be increased to \$300 million. In allocating the funds to 18 DCs, the Administration has taken into account factors like population, socio-economic factors, land area and the past pattern of fund utilisation. The allocation of funds to the 18 DCs is set out below :

<u>District Councils</u>	<u>Allocation (\$)</u>
Central & Western	13,050,000
Eastern	19,250,000
Southern	12,250,000
Wan Chai	10,000,000
Kwun Tong	21,750,000
Kowloon City	13,400,000
Sham Shui Po	17,700,000
Wong Tai Sin	18,550,000
Yau Tsim Mong	16,450,000

<u>District Councils</u>	<u>Allocation (\$)</u>
Islands	12,900,000
North	15,850,000
Kwai Tsing	19,950,000
Sai Kung	14,900,000
Sha Tin	20,850,000
Tai Po	14,600,000
Tsuen Wan	13,500,000
Tuen Mun	20,400,000
Yuen Long	21,750,000
HQs Reserve	2,900,000

- b. Each of the four District Offices participating in the pilot scheme was provided with three additional staff, viz. one Liaison Officer I, one Executive Officer II and one Assistant Clerical Officer, on commencement of the pilot scheme in January 2007. Each of the remaining 14 District Offices has been provided with the same level of additional staffing resources in January 2008 to fully implement measures to enhance district administration. Another six posts of Liaison Officer II will be created in 2008-09 for districts with a larger population.
- c. The types of activities and projects to be organised by each district in 2008-09 will be determined by individual DCs having regard to district needs and local characteristics. These include cultural, sports, recreational, civic education and other community building programmes.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 27 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB067

Question Serial No.

0873

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 was enacted in April 2007 to improve the regulation of the incorporation of owners and the operation of owners' corporations. Please advise the Committee of the names of the educational and publicity programmes launched for the newly amended Ordinance and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

After passage of the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 (the Amendment Ordinance), we have launched a series of educational and publicity activities including TV programme, radio programme, Announcement of Public Interest and Building Management Quiz. We have also produced a series of building management booklets, including "An Introduction to Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2007", "Frequently Asked Questions on Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance", "A Guide on Building Management Ordinance (Cap.344)", "Building Management Ordinance (Cap.344) How to Form an Owners' Corporation", "Building Management Ordinance (Cap.344) A Guide on Clean & Effective Financial Management", "Building Management Ordinance (Cap.344) Code of Practice on Procurement of Supplies, Goods & Services and Code of Practice on Building Management & Maintenance".

We have conducted about 130 briefings for owners' corporations, professional bodies and property management organisations. We have briefed 18 District Councils on the Amendment Ordinance.

The expenditure for the above educational and publicity programmes is around \$3.8 million in 2007-08.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB068

Question Serial No.

0874

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide details of the work and expenditure involved in supporting the formation and servicing of owners' corporations.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

It has been the Government's policy to encourage and assist owners to form owners' corporations (OCs) to achieve effective building management.

To encourage private building owners to form OCs and promote effective building management, District Office staff will continue to visit private buildings to introduce to owners good practice of managing their buildings; to give advice to owners on the procedures of OC formation; to attend owners' meetings; to organise training courses and workshops to members of the management committee; to organise educational and publicity activities; to answer enquiries and complaints; and to help resolve disputes between owners, OCs and management companies.

In 2007-08, a total of \$45.8 million was spent to support the formation and servicing of OCs, including about \$42 million on staffing expenditure and \$3.8 million on educational and publicity activities.

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Date _____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB069

Question Serial No.

0875

Head : 63 - Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Home Affairs Department's work on the co-ordination of building management matters, please advise on the existing establishment and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

Around 110 Liaison Officers in the Home Affairs Department are engaged in building management duties. The expenditure involved was around \$42 million in 2007-08.

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB070

Question Serial No.

0876

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please advise the number of requests for assistance to form owners' corporations, mutual aid committees and owners' committees in 2007.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

We encourage owners to form Owners' Corporations (OCs) to effectively manage their buildings. As OCs need to be formed in accordance with the legislative procedures as prescribed under the Building Management Ordinance, requests to the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for assistance primarily come from owners purporting to form OCs. In 2007, we received 738 enquiries relating to the formation of OCs.

As regards Mutual Aid Committees and Owners' Committees, there are no legislative requirements governing their formation. Hence, the number of requests to HAD for assistance in their formation is minimal.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB071

Question Serial No.

2043

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the measures taken by the Home Affairs Department to facilitate the promotion of district attractions, please give a breakdown by district of the expenditure incurred in 2007-08 and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department has been working in collaboration with District Councils (DCs) on initiatives to promote district attractions. A breakdown by district of the expenditure incurred in 2007-08 is as follows-

<u>District</u>	<u>Expenditure (\$M)</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Expenditure (\$M)</u>
Central and Western	0.77	Southern	1.29
Eastern	0.06	Tai Po	0.83
Islands	1.05	Tsuen Wan	0.26
Kowloon City	0.43	Tuen Mun	0.21
Kwai Tsing	0.13	North	0.14
Kwun Tong	0.86	Wan Chai	0.03
Sai Kung	1.12	Wong Tai Sin	0.08
Sha Tin	4.50	Yau Tsim Mong	1.94
Sham Shui Po	0.21	Yuen Long	0.39

In 2008-09, we will continue to work with DCs to promote district attractions. The expenditure to be incurred will depend on the initiatives formulated and the funding approved by DCs during the course of the year.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB072

Question Serial No.

2139

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Ever since the Community Used Clothes Recycling Bank Scheme was launched by the Home Affairs Department in October 2006, how many applications for placing and operating community used clothes recycling banks at off-street sites from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been received? What is the amount of clothes collected? How many locations in each district are available for application by NGOs for placing such recycling banks? What is the amount of provision earmarked for the Scheme in 2008-09 and what is the relevant figure for 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Community Used Clothes Recycling Bank Scheme makes available designated locations for interested non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to apply for operation of the recycling banks on a quarterly basis. Since the launch of the Scheme in October 2006, the number of applications received in each quarter ranged from 110 to 170 for operation of some 90 recycling banks across the territory. The number of recycling banks by districts is as follows:

District	No. of banks for NGOs to apply (as at March 2008)
Central & Western	6
Eastern	5
Kowloon City	2
Kwun Tong	4
Sham Shui Po	4
Southern	8
Wan Chai	5
Wong Tai Sin	2
Yau Tsim Mong	7
Islands	3
Kwai Tsing	6
North	6
Sai Kung	3
Sha Tin	6
Tai Po	4
Tsuen Wan	5
Tuen Mun	7
Yuen Long	11

As the recycling banks are operated by NGOs, we do not have statistics on the total amount of used clothes collected through the Scheme.

In 2007-08, we spent some \$69,000 to procure 23 new recycling banks under the Scheme. In 2008-09, we have reserved \$30,000 for procuring additional recycling banks in the year.

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB073

Question Serial No.

0109

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that funds are reserved for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Follow-ups taken by HAD on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that funds are reserved for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Whether studies expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year will be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

(1) The projects for which funds are reserved for conducting studies in 2007-08 are –

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Follow-ups taken by HAD on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
University of Hong Kong	To evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot scheme implemented in four selected districts (i.e. Wan Chai, Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung and Tuen Mun) to try out the various new arrangements for involving all District Councils (DCs) in the management of district facilities from 1 January 2008 onwards.	800,000	Completed	The Administration has taken into account the observations and recommendations of the evaluation study in the preparation work for the commencement of the current term of DCs. We have also organised sharing sessions for DC members and HAD staff from time to time on the experience of the implementation of the pilot scheme.	The major observations of the evaluation study on the effectiveness of the pilot scheme were reported to the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs at its meeting on 14 December 2007. The HKU research team briefed DC members on the major findings of the evaluation study in mid March 2008. A Guidebook on Best Practice of the pilot districts was made available to DC members for reference.
University of Hong Kong	To stock take the development of social enterprises (SEs) in Hong Kong and explore the institutional and community support required for fostering their development.	300,000	Expected to be completed in April 2008.	The Government will take into account the findings of the study in the formulation of appropriate measures to promote the development of SEs in Hong Kong.	We will release the major findings of the study through appropriate channels.
DLS Management Ltd.	To survey overseas practices on the regulatory framework of property management companies and the property management industry landscape in Hong Kong.	595,000	In progress	The government will take into account the findings of the study in considering the need for the regulation of property management companies in Hong Kong, and if so, the regulatory framework.	We will brief the relevant LegCo Panel on the key findings in due course.

(2) Funds are reserved for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09 –

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Whether studies expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year will be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Consultant has not yet been identified.	To study the need for and possible options of regulating property management companies in Hong Kong	To be confirmed upon appointing of the consultant	Under planning	We will consider the appropriate arrangement in due course.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB074

Question Serial No.

1212

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicator “visits to buildings with owners’ corporations/mutual aid committees/owners’ committees/residents’ organisations” under this Programme, the actual number of visits in 2007 is 8.7% fewer than that in 2006. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the following :

- (a) What are the reasons for fewer visits to residents’ organisations in 2007?
- (b) Would the Administration consider increasing the number of visits to the level of 2006? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) District Office (DO) staff conducted more visits in 2006 because of the need to consult resident organisations on the Building Management (Amendment) Bill 2005. The number of visits returned to the normal level in 2007, during which DO staff maintained routine contacts with residents’ organisations to render advice on effective building management.
- (b) The estimated number of visits in 2008 would be similar to that in 2007, as DO staff will maintain routine contacts with residents’ organisations to render advice on effective building management. In case we identify special needs or certain resident organisations need special assistance, DO staff would step up their liaison work with the organisations concerned to render timely assistance.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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HAB075

Question Serial No.

1213

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008-09” under this Programme, it is stated that the Administration will arrange public consultation on district and territory-wide issues. In this connection, please advise the Committee on the following:

- (a) What are the work plan, estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- (b) Would the Administration consider increasing the number and proportion of seminars held in public places, taking the initiative to meet with groups holding different views, and optimising the use of the Internet, such as posting banners on websites with high hit rates to call on the public to air their views?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Home Affairs Department will continue to assist policy bureaux and departments to organise public consultation, including consultation with District Councils, on district and territory-wide issues. The number and format of these public consultation sessions depend on the needs of the bureaux and departments concerned. We will also encourage them to reach out to the public through various channels including the Internet in conducting public consultation on their subjects in future.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB076

Question Serial No.

1214

Head : 63–Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008-09” under this Programme, it is stated that an annual Summit on the District Administration Scheme will be organised in May this year. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the duration, contents, expected results, estimated expenditure and required manpower of the Summit?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The first Summit on District Administration to be chaired by the Chief Executive will be held on 10 May this year. The Summit will serve as a platform for exchanging views between the senior echelon of the Government and District Council members on a wide range of livelihood issues of interest to the community.

The Summit will take the form of a half-day seminar. We have earmarked an amount of about \$900,000, primarily for meeting the charges for venue, technical support services and related expenses. The manpower costs for planning and organising the event will be absorbed by the Home Affairs Department.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB077

Question Serial No.

1215

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008-09” under this Programme, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following :

- (a) What are the number of projects approved so far under the ESR Programme as well as their details and amount of fund approved?
- (b) Apart from the provision of seed funds, are there any further measures to support the development of social enterprises (SEs)? Would the Administration consider providing SEs with marketing information or assistance in promoting their products and services?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) Since the launch of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (“the Programme”) in June 2006, we have so far approved more than 50 new SE projects with a total amount of about \$50 million. These projects cover a wide range of businesses, including retail, beauty, massage parlor, cafe, restaurant, recycling, tourism, eco-tourism, artistic performance, household cleaning and related services, renovation, elderly services, organic farming, etc.
- (b) Apart from providing seed money to support the initial operations of SEs, we will implement various initiatives to facilitate and support the further development of SEs in Hong Kong as follows:
 - (i) Pilot Scheme to facilitate SEs in bidding government cleansing contracts – The scheme was introduced early this year, under which 38 government cleansing contracts have been set aside for eligible SEs to bid. These contracts, totalling some \$17 million, cover all 18 districts and will make available more than 300 job opportunities for SEs.
 - (ii) Social Enterprises Partnership Programme - The Partnership Programme provides a platform to enhance and facilitate partnership among different sectors of the

community through a matching forum and the SE Mentorship Scheme. Through the matching forum, interested business organisations can team up with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to establish SEs or to partner with SEs. The partnership can be in the form of outsourcing certain operations (e.g. cleansing services) to the SEs; providing concessionary rental of their premises, vacant land for use by the SEs; and allowing SEs access to their clients etc. The Mentorship Scheme provides a channel to link up entrepreneurs, professionals with SEs for the former to offer voluntary professional and business advisory services to the latter.

In addition, we will produce television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest, organise promotional activities at district level and set up a dedicated SE website to strengthen public awareness on and understanding of SEs. In particular, the dedicated SE website, which will contain a directory of SEs in Hong Kong, will enhance the publicity of SEs and their products and services, and help promote their further development.

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Date _____ 25 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB078

Question Serial No.

1382

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the enhancement of publicity on social enterprises and implementation of support measures to promote public understanding and development of social enterprises, would the Administration please inform the Committee of the following :

- (1) What are the details of the work, estimated expenditure, manpower and expected effectiveness?
- (2) Is there any mechanism to gauge the views of the staff of social enterprises? Will the Administration consider setting up an exchange platform to better understand their needs?
- (3) Will there be any coordination with the Social Welfare Department on these publicity and promotion work?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

(1) In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create six posts and allocate a provision of \$6.6 million to promote and support the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include organisation of promotional activities at district level, production of television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest as well as the following initiatives:

- (i) Pilot Scheme to facilitate SEs in bidding government cleansing contracts – The scheme was introduced early this year, under which 38 government cleansing contracts have been set aside for eligible SEs to bid. These contracts, totalling some \$17 million, cover all 18 districts and will make available more than 300 job opportunities for SEs.
- (ii) Social Enterprises Partnership Programme - The Partnership Programme provides a platform to enhance and facilitate partnership among different sectors of the community through a matching forum and the SE Mentorship Scheme. Through the matching forum, interested business organisations can team up with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to establish SEs or to partner with SEs. The partnership can be in the form of outsourcing certain operations (e.g. cleansing services) to the SEs; providing concessionary rental of their

premises/vacant land for use by the SEs; and allowing SEs access to their clients, etc. The Mentorship Scheme provides a channel to link up entrepreneurs/professionals with SEs for the former to offer voluntary professional and business advisory services to the latter.

- (iii) Dedicated website on SEs – At present, there is a section on SEs in the Home Affairs Bureau’s website to provide various information on the subject to the public. To strengthen public awareness and understanding and help promote the development of SEs, HAD will launch a dedicated website on SEs to disseminate SE-related information and materials such as a directory of SEs in Hong Kong; support services available to SEs; SE-related publications and reference materials as well as record of past events and activities on SEs. The setting up of a new website can enhance the publicity of SEs and their products and services and promote their further development in Hong Kong.

In addition, HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (“the Programme”), which provides grants for NGOs to run SE projects during their initial operations. The Programme has so far approved more than 50 new SE projects with a total amount of about \$50 million. At present, about \$100 million remains available for application.

We expect that the above initiatives will help enhance the competitiveness of the SEs, assist them in achieving sustainability and strengthen the self-reliance of the disadvantaged groups employed by the SEs.

- (2) We have put in place a mechanism to gauge the views of the staff of SEs which receive funding support from the Programme. The SE is required to ask each employee to fill in a staff survey questionnaire at regular intervals. The purpose of the staff survey is to measure the qualitative gains for each socially disadvantaged employee in the SE to enhance our understanding of their needs. We will continue to use existing channels to gauge the views of SE staff.
- (3) We do, and will continue to, collaborate with the relevant government bureaux and departments, including the Social Welfare Department, in further promoting the development of SEs.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB079

Question Serial No.

1383

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the expenditure on District Minor Works projects, please advise the Committee on the following :

- (a) What is the provision for each District Council?
- (b) As districts need considerable lead time in project identification, planning and preparation, will the Administration consider providing additional support to expedite such works?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) Of the \$300 million provision under the District Minor Works (DMW) block vote, about \$51,869,000 is intended to be earmarked for meeting expenses of previously committed Urban Minor Works (UMW) and DMW projects and unforeseeable cashflow requirements (e.g. emergency repairs) during the year. The remainder is intended to be used to fund new projects initiated/endorsed by the 18 District Councils as follows:

District	New Allocation under DMW Programme*
Central & Western	\$9,063,000
Eastern	\$13,219,000
Kowloon City	\$11,758,000
Kwun Tong	\$15,744,000
Sham Shui Po	\$14,559,000
Southern	\$10,588,000
Wan Chai	\$8,257,000
Wong Tai Sin	\$14,449,000
Yau Tsim Mong	\$12,185,000
Islands	\$14,395,000
Kwai Tsing	\$15,520,000
North	\$15,266,000
Sai Kung	\$14,928,000
Sha Tin	\$15,717,000
Tai Po	\$14,891,000
Tsuen Wan	\$11,824,000
Tuen Mun	\$16,256,000
Yuen Long	\$19,512,000

* The above proposed allocations are subject to the approval by relevant delegated authorities on a project-by-project basis. These figures may also be subject to minor adjustments when the exact cashflow requirements of committed UMW and DMW projects are finalised by the end of financial year 2007-08.

- (b) A new term consultancy approach is adopted to help District Councils implement DMW projects. Compared with the previous approach of appointing consultants on a project basis, the new approach saves time and administrative overhead in tendering and consultants selection. Term consultants are also more flexible in deploying staff resources to deal with the possible increase in the number of projects as and when endorsed by the District Councils for implementation. We believe these arrangements could help expedite the implementation of the works projects.

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HAB080

Question Serial No.

1384

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Singleton Hostel Programme, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the location, rent and vacancy rate of existing singleton hostels at present?
- (b) Whether the Administration has examined the reasons some singletons declined the offer of hostel places as well as their needs. Would the Administration consider relaxing the rules for hostel residents, waiving or lowering rent, providing hostels in urban and easily accessible areas and discussing with the Housing Authority the enhancing of singleton's accessibility to public housing?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Under the Singleton Hostel Programme (SHP), accommodation is mainly provided by Sunrise House in Sham Shui Po in Kowloon and High Street House in Sai Ying Pun on the Hong Kong Island. The two hostels are operated and managed by two non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the Salvation Army and Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council, respectively. The monthly service charge is between \$1,000 and \$1,260 per person for Sunrise House and between \$700 and \$1,100 for High Street House. The two hostels provide a total of 580 places for lodgers and the present average occupancy rate is 80%.

Both hostels are located in easily accessible urban areas. The rent is determined by the respective NGOs operating on a self-financing basis. For those who cannot afford the rent, the HAD may refer them to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for consideration. As such, the policy objective of the SHP has been achieved. As regards those who have general housing needs, they may lodge applications with the Housing Department or SWD under the existing mechanism.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB081

Question Serial No.

1385

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the assessments of the likely reactions of the community to the major infrastructural projects and development proposals and the implications on the community, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) What are the details of the work as well as the manpower and expenditure involved?
- (b) How to make reasonable assessments and to ensure that different opinions from the community will be respected and adopted?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) assists relevant bureaux and departments in the planning and development of the territory and the related public consultations. Assessments of the likely reactions of the community are based on views collected from local residents by the District Offices (DOs) through meetings and consultations. Views are also collected through meetings with District Councils (DCs), Rural Committees (RCs) and Area Committees (ACs). The DOs maintain close liaison with different sectors of the community and ensure that community feedback from their respective districts are reflected to the relevant bureaux or departments. Where the planning proposals are territory-wide, HAD Headquarters will coordinate views from different districts and reflect them to the bureaux or departments concerned. We have not set aside dedicated staff establishment for this area of work. Staff of HAD HQ and DOs, mainly Liaison Officers and Executive Officers, undertake the work as part of their normal duties. The financial provision for this programme in 2008-09 is \$17.5 million, which is calculated based on the estimated percentage of time involved in the work by the staff concerned in collection of public feedback on all government policy/proposals/projects.
- (b) For major infrastructural projects and development proposals, HAD provides assessments of their likely implications on the community for the reference of relevant bureaux and departments. Assessments of local views are based on District Officers' knowledge of the districts and views collected from local residents. For major infrastructural and development projects, consultations such as special meetings with DCs, RCs and ACs are arranged as appropriate. DOs also assist relevant departments to hold forums to explain project details to residents if necessary. HAD representatives also sit on relevant boards and committees relating to the planning of development proposals. The aforesaid arrangements help to ensure that local views and sentiments are taken into account by relevant bureaux and departments when planning major infrastructural and development projects.

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HAB082

Question Serial No.

1880

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the subventions to New Territories organisations, what is the total number of subvented organisations in 2007-08? What are the eligibility criteria for recipient organisations?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Since the 1960's, subventions have been granted to New Territories (NT) organisations including Heung Yee Kuk and Rural Committees. In the 1970's, the Government began to grant subvention to Tsuen Wan Federation of Societies and Yuen Long Federation of Societies (the latter subsequently ceased operation in 2001 and no subvention has been given since then). Since 1983, Village Offices started to receive government subvention. Government subvention aims to assist these organisations in meeting the general operating expenses such as government rates and rent, staff salary, utilities charges and travelling expenses. In 2007-08, some 200 New Territories organisations received subventions.

Under the existing policy, only the above NT organisations are given government subvention.

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HAB083

Question Serial No.

1881

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please inform this Committee whether any application for subventions from New Territories organisations has been rejected over the past three years. What is the number of rejected applications each year? What are the reasons for rejection?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In the past three years, no applications for subvention from New Territories organisations were rejected.

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HAB084

Question Serial No.

1882

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How will the subventions to New Territories organisations for 2008-09 be used? How will the Administration monitor the use of the subventions?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Government subvention to New Territories (NT) organisations aims to assist them in meeting the general operating expenses such as government rates and rent, staff salary, utilities charges and travelling expenses. In 2008-09, the NT organisations will continue to receive government subvention for the same purpose.

NT organisations have to submit a certified monthly income and expenditure statement to support their claims for subvention. They will be required to submit vouchers to support their claims for verification where necessary. Furthermore, the accounts of these organisations are subject to inspection by government officials.

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HAB085

Question Serial No.

0480

Head : 63 - Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimates under this Programme for 2008-09 is about \$168 million (31.6%) higher than the revised estimates for 2007-08. The Administration stated that the additional provision is for implementation of community involvement projects upon full roll-out of the 2006 District Council Review recommendations and support measures to promote the further development of social enterprises. Please provide the amount of provision as well as the description of these projects and support measures.

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

Of the additional provision of about \$168 million under Programme 2, a total of \$154.9 million are set aside for implementing community involvement projects and measures to promote the further development of social enterprises, as detailed below –

\$ million

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| (a) | additional provision for implementation of community involvement projects upon full roll-out of 2006 District Council Review Recommendations involving all 18 District Councils, including the organisation of cultural, sports, recreational and civic education programme to achieve a wide spectrum of social objectives in the districts | 143.5 |
| (b) | additional provision of \$5.4 million (provision of \$1.8 million salary cost for the creation of six posts and operating expenses of \$6.6 million for 2008-09 minus \$3 million included in the revised estimate for 2007-08) to support measures for promoting the further development of social enterprises (SEs). The measures include the implementation of the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme, organisation of promotional activities at district level, production of TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest, and setting up a dedicated SE website | 5.4 |
| (c) | additional cashflow requirement of \$6 million for the | 6.0 |

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Programme to provide seed money to new SE projects

154.9

The remaining additional provision of \$13.3 million is accounted below –

		\$ million
(a)	salary provision for staff filling existing vacancies, salary increments for existing staff and increases in operating expenses	28.0
(b)	additional requirement for the upgrading of plant and equipment in community halls/centres	4.1
(c)	reduced provision following completion of celebration activities for the 10 th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	-15.0
(d)	reduced provision for employment of temporary staff	-3.8
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Reply Serial No.

HAB086

Question Serial No.

1175

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programmed : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate for 2008-09 increases by 24% when compared to the original estimate for 2007-08. Apart from providing additional resources for District Councils in the 18 districts to organise community involvement projects and organising a number of territory-wide activities related to the Olympic Games, in what other areas of work will the increased amount be used? What is the estimated expenditure for the promotion of district attractions? Is an increase of provision by a mere 24% sufficient to meet the needs?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

Apart from implementation of community involvement projects, the increased funding is mainly used for supporting measures to promote the further development of social enterprises and the upgrading of plant and equipment in community halls/centres.

As regards the promotion of district attractions, the Department will continue to work in collaboration with District Councils (DCs) in 2008-09. The expenditure to be incurred will depend on the initiatives formulated and the funding approved by the respective DCs during the course of the year.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB087

Question Serial No.

2226

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the respective financial provision allocated to each of the 18 District Councils in 2007 and 2008?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The funds allocated to each of the 18 District Councils in 2007-08 and 2008-09 for implementation of community involvement projects and minor works projects are set out below -

	District Council	Allocation for 2007-08 (for Community Involvement Projects and Minor Environmental Improvement Projects)	Allocation for 2008-09 (for Community Involvement Projects and District Minor Works Projects)#
		(\$)	(\$)
1.	Central & Western	7,550,000	22,113,000
2.	Eastern	11,600,000	32,469,000
3.	Kowloon City	8,150,000	25,158,000
4.	Kwun Tong	11,800,000	37,494,000
5.	Sham Shui Po	8,900,000	32,259,000
6.	Southern	6,550,000	22,838,000
7.	Wan Chai*	5,850,000	18,257,000
8.	Wong Tai Sin*	9,900,000	32,999,000
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	9,800,000	28,635,000
10.	Islands	6,450,000	27,295,000
11.	Kwai Tsing	13,650,000	35,470,000
12.	North	7,950,000	31,116,000
13.	Sai Kung*	8,500,000	29,828,000
14.	Sha Tin	13,650,000	36,567,000
15.	Tai Po	8,250,000	29,491,000

	District Council	Allocation for 2007-08 (for Community Involvement Projects and Minor Environmental Improvement Projects)	Allocation for 2008-09 (for Community Involvement Projects and District Minor Works Projects)
		(\$)	(\$)
16.	Tsuen Wan	9,600,000	25,324,000
17.	Tuen Mun*	11,850,000	36,656,000
18.	Yuen Long	11,700,000	41,262,000

* Each of the four pilot DCs was allocated an additional \$8,000,000 [\$3,000,000 for community involvement activities and \$5,000,000 for district minor works (DMW) in 2007-08 for implementation of a pilot scheme].

(i) Of the \$300 million provided for the organisation of community involvement projects in 2008-09, \$2,900,000 is reserved at HAD HQs as contingency fund.

(ii) Of the \$300 million provision under the DMW block vote for 2008-09, about \$51,869,000 has been earmarked for meeting expenses of previously committed Urban Minor Works (UMW) and DMW projects and unforeseeable cashflow requirements (e.g. emergency repairs) during the year. The remainder will be used to fund new projects initiated/endorsed by the 18 District Councils and the allocation to the 18 districts is shown in the above table. However, these figures may be subject to minor adjustments when the exact cashflow requirements of committed UMW and DMW projects are finalised by the end of financial year 2007-08.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB088

Question Serial No.

2227

Head : 63–Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Financial Secretary has stated in his 2008-09 Budget Speech that additional manpower resources will be provided for District Officers to support more effective community participation in district administration. In this regard, please give details of the additional manpower, specific work and additional expenditure involved in 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In 2008-09, six additional posts of Liaison Officer II will be created to strengthen the support for district work. The additional staff will help maintain close liaison with district personalities, non-government organisations and district organisations. They will also assist in disseminating information on government policies and implementing community involvement projects in districts. The staff expenditure involved is around \$1,818,000 in 2008-09.

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HAB089

Question Serial No.

0205

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will continue to take measures to facilitate the promotion of district attractions in 2008-09. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What is the expenditure involved in 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively?
- (2) What are the details of these measures and whether any assessment has been made on their effectiveness?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department has been working in collaboration with District Councils (DCs) on initiatives to promote district attractions. Through their promotion efforts, about 60 initiatives were implemented in 2007. Most of the initiatives were generally well received by the public. Examples of these initiatives include the Hong Kong Computer and Communication Festival 2007 (which attracted about 350 000 visits), Wan Chai Book Festivals (which attracted a total of about 500 000 visits), the Sheung Wan Promenade (daily sales volume of individual retailers estimated at \$2,000) and the FARM Youth Culture and the Entrepreneurship Corner (daily sales volume of individual retailers estimated at \$2,000). Apart from the economic benefits, these initiatives also uplift the community spirit and strengthen social cohesion. Some initiatives also brought business opportunities to shops in the nearby areas. About \$14.2 million was spent in 2007-08 to support the initiatives. In 2008-09, we will continue to work with DCs to promote district attractions. The expenditure to be incurred will depend on the initiatives formulated and the funding approved by DCs during the course of the year.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB090

Question Serial No.

1024

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is anticipated that the number of participants in district campaign activities in 2008 will be 1.3 million lower than that in 2007. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

District campaign activities are organised by Home Affairs Department and its District Offices in collaboration with District Councils, local organisations and government departments as appropriate.

In 2008, a number of large-scale territory-wide events such as the community celebration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay and Olympic Live Sites will be organised. We anticipate that a considerable number of residents will participate in these events and hence the number of participants in district activities will not be the same as that in last year. Nevertheless, these large-scale territory-wide events will also promote cohesion and social harmony in the community.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB091

Question Serial No.

1025

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There is a year-on-year decrease in the number of district activities organised by the District Fight Crime Committees from 2006 to 2008. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

District Fight Crime Committee (DFCC) activities are organised by Home Affairs Department and its District Offices and DFCCs in collaboration with District Councils, local organisations and government departments as appropriate.

In 2006 and 2007, the 18 DFCCs organised a total of 417 and 405 activities respectively. These were higher than their original estimate of 350 and 380 respectively. When planning their activities, DFCCs would take into account relevant factors such as the latest crime situation in the districts. In 2008, we estimate that 380 district activities would be organised by DFCCs, i.e. same as the estimated number of 2007.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB092

Question Serial No.

1026

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated expenditure for promotional activities on building management for 2008-09 decreases significantly by \$1.375 million, or more than one third, as compared with the revised expenditure for 2007-08. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The estimated expenditure for promotional activities on building management for 2008-09, at around \$2.4 million, is lower than the relevant revised expenditure for 2007-08 at around \$3.8 million, because of the extensive publicity activities relating to the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 that were taken in 2007-08. To widely publicise the amendments made to the Building Management Ordinance, we launched a series of educational and publicity activities including TV programme, radio programme, Announcement of Public Interest, building management quiz, publications and briefings in 2007-08 but the scale of such publicity work could be downsized in 2008-09.

While the estimated expenditure for 2008-09 is reduced as compared to 2007-08 for the above reason, it represents an increase of about \$1.1 million as compared to the actual expenditure of around \$1.3 million for 2006-07. The increased provision will be used for launching a series of programmes to promote integrity in respect of building management and maintenance, encourage the procurement of third party risks insurance, and promote effective building management.

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Date _____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB093

Question Serial No.

2079

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create six new posts to strengthen the support for district work. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) the breakdown of the six new posts by rank, function and district;
- (b) the breakdown of the number of staff filling vacancies in 2007-08 by rank, division/unit and district as well as the total expenditure involved; and
- (c) the breakdown of the permanent establishment of HAD in 2007-08 by rank.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) In 2008-09, the HAD will create six Liaison Officer II posts with one each for Eastern, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing, Sha Tin, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long District Offices. The additional staff will help maintain close liaison with district personalities, non-government organisations and district organisations. They will also assist in disseminating information on government policies and implementing community involvement projects in districts.
- (b) A breakdown of the number of vacancies filled or to be filled in 2007-08 by rank and district is set out in **Annex I**. The annual salary for these 58 staff is \$18.6 million.
- (c) The breakdown of the estimated permanent establishment of HAD as at 31 March 2008 is at **Annex II**.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

Annex I of Reply to Question Serial No.2079

Vacancies filled / to be filled in 2007-08

Rank District Office	EO II	LOI	LOII	CO	ACO	MD	WMII	Total
Central & Western	2	1	1					4
Eastern	1							1
Islands			1		1			2
Kowloon City	1		1					2
Kwai Tsing	2		1					3
Kwun Tong	1		1	1				3
North	4					1		5
Sai Kung	4		1					5
Sham Shui Po	2		1				1	4
Sha Tin	1		1					2
Southern	1		1				1	3
Tai Po	3		1					4
Tsuen Wan	2	2	1					5
Tuen Mun	4		1					5
Wong Tai Sin	2		1					3
Yau Tsim Mong	1		1					2
Yuen Long	4		1					5
	35	3	15	1	1	1	2	58

Legend

EOII = Executive Officer II

LOI = Liaison Officer I

LOII = Liaison Officer II

CO = Clerical Officer

ACO = Assistant Clerical Officer

MD = Motor Driver

WMII = Workman II

Annex II of Reply to Question Serial No.2079

Establishment of Home Affairs Department

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Administrative Officer Staff Grade A	1
Administrative Officer Staff Grade B	2
Administrative Officer Staff Grade C	22
Senior Administrative Officer	9
Administrative Officer	14
Principal Liaison Officer	1
Chief Liaison Officer	4
Senior Liaison Officer	34
Liaison Officer I	144
Liaison Officer II	259
Senior Principal Executive Officer	1
Chief Executive Officer	6
Senior Executive Officer	51
Executive Officer I	52
Executive Officer II	128
Chief Engineer	1
Senior Engineer	2
Engineer/Assistant Engineer	2
Senior Architect	1
Architect	2
Chief Technical Officer	1
Senior Technical Officer	1
Technical Officer/Technical Officer Trainee	2
Senior Inspector of Works	10
Inspector of Works	16
Assistant Inspector of Works	43
Works Supervisor I	36
Works Supervisor I(Electrical)	1
Works Supervisor II	30
Chief Building Surveyor	1
Senior Building Surveyor	2
Building Surveyor/Assistant Building Surveyor	7
Structural Engineer/Assistant Structural Engineer	1
Technical Officer (Structural)/Technical Officer Trainee (Structural)	1
Senior Survey Officer	4
Survey Officer/Survey Officer Trainee	11
Divisional Officer	1
Assistant Divisional Officer	1
Senior Station Officer/Station Officer	9

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Chief Official Languages Officer	1
Senior Official Languages Officer	4
Official Languages Officer I	23
Official Languages Officer II	5
Senior Calligraphist	1
Calligraphist	35
Senior Clerical Officer	8
Clerical Officer	86
Assistant Clerical Officer	274
Clerical Assistant	247
Office Assistant	30
Confidential Assistant	3
Senior Personal Secretary	1
Personal Secretary I	25
Personal Secretary II	29
Supervisor of Typing Services	1
Senior Typist	1
Typist	12
Supplies Officer	1
Assistant Supplies Officer	1
Supplies Supervisor I	3
Supplies Supervisor II	6
Supplies Assistant	2
Supplies Attendant	1
Systems Manager	1
Analyst/Programmer I	2
Statistical Officer II/Student Statistical Officer	2
Motor Driver	32
Workman I	1
Workman II	68
Property Attendant	1
Telephone Operator	2

Total :	<u>1 823</u>
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Reply Serial No.

HAB094

Question Serial No.

1965

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Home Affairs Department provide additional resources to enhance support to owners' corporations in building management? If yes, what is the estimated increase in expenditure and what are the specific plans? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2008-09, we will enhance our support to owners' corporations in effective building management by launching the following major initiatives :

- (a) a large-scale campaign, in conjunction with the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Hong Kong Housing Society, to promote integrity in respect of building management and maintenance. The campaign features TV shows, dissemination of toolkits, district activities, etc; and
- (b) publicity activities to promote the Building Management (Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation.

These new initiatives will incur estimated additional expenditure of about \$1.1 million.

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB095

Question Serial No.

1966

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The number of “visits to buildings with owners’ corporations/mutual aid committees/owners’ committees/residents’ organisations” by the Home Affairs Department in 2007 is reduced by 4 147 as compared with that in 2006. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

District Office (DO) staff conducted more visits in 2006 because of the need to consult resident organisations on the Building Management (Amendment) Bill 2005. The number of visits returned to the normal level in 2007, during which DO staff maintained routine contacts with residents’ organisations to render advice on effective building management.

DO staff will continue to maintain routine contacts with residents’ organisations, to render advice on effective building management. In case we identify special needs or certain resident organisations need special assistance, DO staff would step up their liaison work with the organisations concerned to render timely assistance.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB096

Question Serial No.

1967

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many buildings without any form of management previously formed owners' corporation, mutual aid committee or owners' committee in 2007? How many buildings without any form of management are expected to form owners' corporation, mutual aid committee or owners' committee in 2008? What are the estimated expenditure and specific work plans?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2007, Home Affairs Department (HAD) assisted in the formation of over 270 Owners' Corporations/Mutual Aid Committees/Owners' Committees in private buildings. Most of them did not have any form of management previously. In 2008, we plan to assist in the formation of over 300 Owners' Corporations/Mutual Aid Committees/Owners' Committees.

It has been HAD's policy to encourage owners to form residents organisations to manage their buildings with a view to promoting effective building management. In 2007, we improved the legal framework relating to the formation of Owners' Corporations through the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2007. We plan to launch a series of educational and publicity activities to promote effective building management including the formation of residents organisations in 2008-09. The estimated expenditure is around \$2.4 million.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB097

Question Serial No.

1968

Head : 63–Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008-09, will the Home Affairs Department launch a study or a public consultation on the setting up of independent District Council Secretariats? If yes, what are the estimated expenditure, timetable and action plans? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department has no plan to launch a public consultation on the setting up of independent District Council Secretariats in 2008-09. The DC Secretariats have been providing effective and efficient executive support for District Councils to discharge their functions under the District Councils Ordinance.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB098

Question Serial No.

1969

Head : 63 - Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the servicing of the District Councils and their committees by the Home Affairs Department, please state the amount of expenditure and the expenditure items involved in 2007-08 as well as the estimated expenditure and the expenditure items involved in 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department supports the servicing of the District Councils and their committees through the provision of 286 civil service posts in 18 District Offices. The amount of expenditure incurred in 2007-08 is \$100.4 million, including \$91.3 million salary cost for staff and \$9.1million operating cost. The estimated expenditure in 2008-09 is \$102.3 million, including \$1.9 million salary increment for staff.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB099

Question Serial No.

2091

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Part of the provision under this Programme is for the support of community involvement projects of District Councils (DCs). How would the Administration monitor the fund allocation process of DCs and evaluate whether the projects under application would achieve the objective of promoting community involvement?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department has promulgated guidelines to ensure that the funds for community involvement projects are allocated by DCs in an open, fair and transparent manner. The guidelines set out general requirements including the ambit of funds, application and vetting criteria, processing procedures and other administrative and financial arrangements on procurement procedures.

On endorsement by the DCs, the Director of Home Affairs (DHA) or a government officer authorised by DHA will approve funding application of the project if he/she is satisfied that the project falls within the ambit and scope of funds. DC members are required to comply with the requirements on declaration of interest which will be recorded in the minutes of the DC meeting.

We have also put in place the following mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the implementation of community involvement projects funded by the DCs –

- (a) the grantee is required to submit a report including information on the number of participants, venue and nature of the project;
- (b) DC members will monitor the funded projects (e.g. conducting visits or attending activities on a random basis), examine the progress of the projects and evaluate whether the objectives of the projects are met; and

- (c) DCs will publicise the funded programmes and activities through various means (e.g. DC websites, DC notice boards and district newspapers) to facilitate public monitoring and evaluation. Participants are also invited to provide feedback on the performance and effectiveness of the projects.

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB100

Question Serial No.

2092

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration advise the actual amount of provision for the support of community involvement projects as well as the fund allocation criteria of District Councils?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

In 2008-09, the amount of provision for the support of community involvement (CI) projects will be \$300 million.

The criteria for allocating funds for CI projects may vary among District Councils (DCs) to reflect their respective district characteristics. In general, the following broad criteria are commonly adopted by DCs –

- (a) whether a project will directly benefit the local community with priority accorded to projects with district characteristics and joint projects in collaboration with different sectors to achieve a worthwhile social objective;
- (b) whether the proposed implementation schedule is realistic and practicable;
- (c) whether the project is cost-effective in maximising the number of beneficiaries with a prudent budget; and
- (d) whether the applicant organisation is capable of delivering successful projects in the past.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB101

Question Serial No.

0944

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The provision under Programme (2) Community Building for 2008-09 not only represents a 31.6% increase over the revised estimate for 2007-08, but is also much higher than the actual expenditure in 2006-07. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The provision of \$701.1 million under Programme (2) for 2008-09 is \$168.2 million or 31.6% higher than the revised estimate of \$532.9 million for 2007-08. This is mainly due to –

	(\$) million
(a) additional provision for implementation of community involvement projects upon full roll-out of 2006 District Council (DC) Review recommendations	143.5
(b) salary provision for staff filling existing vacancies, salary increments for existing staff and increases in operating expenses	28.0
(c) additional cashflow requirement for the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme	6.0
(d) additional provision to support measures for promoting the further development of social enterprises including the creation of six posts	5.4
(e) additional requirement for the upgrading of plant and equipment in community halls/centres	4.1
(f) reduced provision following completion of celebration activities for the 10 th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR	- 15.0
(g) reduced provision for employment of temporary staff	- 3.8
Total	<u>168.2</u>

The provision of \$701.1 million under Programme (2) for 2008-09 is \$207.0 million or 41.9% higher than the actual expenditure of \$494.1 million for 2006-07. This is mainly due to –

	(\$) million
(a) additional provision for implementation of community involvement projects upon full roll-out of 2006 DC Review recommendations	159.9
(b) additional provision for the salary adjustment in 2007-08, staff filling existing vacancies and new posts created in 2007-08, salary increments for existing staff and increases in operating expenses	37.6
(c) additional cashflow requirement for the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme	20.9
(d) support measures to promote the further development of social enterprises including the creation of six posts	8.4
(e) reduced requirement for employment of temporary staff	- 10.7
(f) reduced provision for Village Representative Elections	- 8.2
(g) reduced requirement for the upgrading of plant and equipment in community halls/centres	- 0.9
Total	207.0

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Date 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB102

Question Serial No.

0945

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The provision under Programme (1) District Administration for 2008-09 not only represents a 10.1% increase over the revised estimate for 2007-08, but is also much higher than the actual expenditure in 2006-07. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The provision of \$618.4 million under Programme (1) for 2008-09 is \$56.6 million or 10.1% higher than the revised estimate of \$561.8 million for 2007-08. This is mainly due to –

(\$) million

(a) increased provision for District Council (DC) Members'	
(i) honorarium and allowances	29.2
(ii) Setting-up and Winding-up Allowances	7.0
 (b) salary provision for staff filling existing vacancies and new posts to strengthen the support for district work, and salary increments for existing staff	19.1
 (c) increased operating expenses	1.3
Total	56.6

The provision of \$618.4 million under Programme (1) for 2008-09 is \$121.0 million or 24.3% higher than the actual expenditure of \$497.4 million for 2006-07. This is mainly due to –

	(\$) million
(a) increased provision for honorarium and allowances payable to DC Members	48.9
(b) salary provision for the salary adjustment in 2007-08, staff filling existing vacancies and new posts to strengthen the support for district work, and salary increments for existing staff	39.2
(c) provision for the Setting-up and Winding-up Allowances for DC Members	29.2
(d) increased operating expenses	3.7
Total	121.0

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 20 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB103

Question Serial No.

0946

Head: 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is noted that the Home Affairs Department will increase the provision for recurrent expenditure for implementing support measures to promote the further development of social enterprises. Please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create six posts and allocate a provision of \$6.6 million to promote and support the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include organisation of promotional activities at district level, production of television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest as well as the following initiatives:

- (1) Pilot Scheme to facilitate SEs in bidding government cleansing contracts – The scheme was introduced early this year, under which 38 government cleansing contracts have been set aside for SEs to bid. These contracts, totalling some \$17 million, cover all 18 districts and will make available more than 300 job opportunities for SEs.
- (2) Social Enterprises Partnership Programme - The Partnership Programme provides a platform to enhance and facilitate partnership among different sectors of the community through a matching forum and the SE Mentorship Scheme. Through the matching forum, interested business organisations can team up with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to establish SEs or to partner with SEs. The partnership can be in the form of outsourcing certain operations (e.g. cleansing services) to the SEs; providing concessionary rental of their premises/vacant land for use by the SEs; and allowing SEs access to their clients etc. The Mentorship Scheme provides a channel to link up entrepreneurs/professionals with SEs for the former to offer voluntary professional and business advisory services to the latter.
- (3) Dedicated website on SEs - At present, there is a section on SEs in the Home Affairs Bureau's website to provide various information on the subject to the public. To strengthen public awareness and understanding and help promote the development of SEs, HAD will launch a dedicated website on SEs to disseminate SE-related information and materials such as a directory of SEs in Hong Kong; support services available to SEs; SE-related publications and reference materials as well as record of past events and activities on SEs. The setting up of a new website can enhance the publicity of SEs and their products and services and promote their further development in Hong Kong.

In addition, HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (“the Programme”), which provides grants for NGOs to run SE projects during their initial operations. The Programme has so far approved more than 50 new SE projects with a total amount of about \$50 million. At present, about \$100 million remains available for application.

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Name in block letters	_____ Mrs PAMELA TAN
Post Title	_____ Director of Home Affairs
Date	_____ 20 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB104

Question Serial No.

0836

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the establishment ceiling of 2008-09, there is an increase of 21 non-directorate posts. Please inform this Committee of the reasons for the increase, the duties of these posts and the financial implications.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

In 2008-09, the Home Affairs Department will create additional 21 non-directorate posts, under Programmes (1), (2) and (3) of Policy Area 19 - District and Community Relations, with a total annual salary provision of \$8.8 million. Details are as follows -

(a) Programme (1) District Administration

A total of six posts will be created to strengthen community networking. The additional staff will help maintain close liaison with district personalities, non-government organisations and district organisations. They will also assist in disseminating information on government policies and implementing community involvement projects in districts. The annual salary provision for these posts is \$1.8 million.

(b) Programme (2) Community Building

A total of six posts will be created to support measures to promote the further development of social enterprises. The additional staff will liaise with relevant departments, non-government organisations and other stakeholders, provide support for social enterprises at territory-wide and district levels and assist in other promotion and publicity-related work. The annual salary provision for these posts is \$3.6 million.

(c) Programme (3) Local Environmental Improvements

A total of nine posts will be created to ensure smooth and effective implementation of district minor works projects to be initiated by the 18 District Councils using the provision under the newly created block vote under the Capital Works Reserve Fund for “District Minor Works”. The additional staff will be responsible for enhancing the support provided by HAD in planning, implementing and maintaining district minor works projects. The annual salary provision for these posts is \$3.4 million.

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Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 20 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB105

Question Serial No.

2007

Head : 63 - Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the key performance measures on licensing, the number of hotel and guesthouse licences issued/renewed will be increased by 149 (26%) to 705 in 2008-09. What is the time required to process each application? How much resources will be allocated?

Asked by : Hon. Howard YOUNG

Reply :

The processing time for hotel and guesthouse licence renewal application is around 50 days on average. The processing of renewal applications is part of the normal duty of the Office of the Licensing Authority and the workload involved will be absorbed by existing resources.

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Name in block letters _____ PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 25 March 2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB106

Question Serial No.

0110

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question: Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimates (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project for which funds will be reserved for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

(1) Financial provision allocated for studies in 2007-08

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
————— NIL —————					

(2) Financial provision reserved for studies in 2008-09

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
————— NIL —————				

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs Betty FUNG

Post Title Director of Information Services

Date 25.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB107

Question Serial No.

2456

Head: 74 - Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The increase in provision under this programme is partly due to the stepping up of the promotional activities of Brand Hong Kong. Will the Administration inform this Committee the plans of such activities, the estimates of expenditure involved and the assessment of the effectiveness of these plans?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

One of the initiatives in the 2007-08 Policy Address is to formulate strategies to revitalise Brand Hong Kong (BrandHK) and step up publicity efforts to highlight Hong Kong as Asia's world city. To take this forward, the Information Services Department will review the implementation of the BrandHK programme and come up with a revised marketing strategy as appropriate. As a first step, we will gauge the views of the local and overseas communities on BrandHK through, for example, online forums, focus groups and consultation sessions. We will also organise activities aiming at raising the awareness of BrandHK. For 2008-09, we have set aside about \$3 million for conducting the review and implementing the related activities. The effectiveness of these activities will be assessed against an increase in the awareness of Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities both locally and overseas.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs Betty FUNG

Post Title _____ Director of Information Services

Date _____ 25.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB108

Question Serial No.

2457

Head: 74 - Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

There are other government departments and statutory organisations which, like the Information Services Department, are charged with the responsibility of promoting Hong Kong. Will the provision of resources by the Information Services Department in this respect overlap with those by other departments; if not, what is the division of labour in promotion work among various departments?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

The Information Services Department is the manager of Brand Hong Kong (BrandHK), a communication platform developed to promote Hong Kong as Asia's world city. Through publicising Hong Kong's strengths and promoting the city's image via the BrandHK platform, we reinforce the work of other Government departments and organisations that are engaged in the promotion of different sectors such as trade, business, tourism and investment as well as in attracting talent. BrandHK provides a common platform for all while the individual agencies focus on their respective sphere of promotion work. There is no duplication of efforts among the agencies concerned.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs Betty FUNG

Post Title _____ Director of Information Services

Date _____ 25.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION****HAB109**Head: 94 Legal Aid DepartmentSubhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0111

Programme:Controlling Officer: Director of Legal AidDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question: Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide details in the following format:

- (1) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2007-08:

Name of Consultant (if available)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made (if any)	Whether study reports completed are publicized; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.

- (2) Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if available)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Whether study reports scheduled for completion in 2008-09 will be publicised; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, AudreyReply:

(1) Nil.

(2) Nil.

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Name in block letters Benjamin CHEUNGPost Title Director of Legal AidDate 26.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB110

Question Serial No.

0477

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling
Officer : Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Legal Aid Department plans to create 13 non-directorate posts by 31 March 2009. Please provide details of the posts to be created and the expenditure involved. Does the creation of posts involve the provision of new services?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply : The 13 non-directorate posts to be created in 2008-09 are as follows:

1. one Senior Legal Aid Counsel (SLAC);
2. three Legal Aid Counsel (LAC);
3. four Law Clerk (LC); and
4. five Clerical Assistant (CA).

Of the 13 new posts, eight of which, namely those of the SLAC, LAC and LC posts, are created for the Official Solicitor's Office (OSO) whereas the five CA posts are for the Legal Aid Department (LAD).

The creation of the aforementioned posts in the OSO is necessitated by the need to cope with the growing number and increasing complexity of cases taken up by the OSO in the past few years. The CA posts will be created in the LAD to cope with the operational need of the LAD. The annual expenditure arising from the creation of the 13 posts is about \$4.9 million for 2008-09. The creation of the posts does not involve the provision of new services.

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Name in block letters Benjamin CHEUNG

Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 26.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION****HAB111**

Question Serial No.

1878

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Sbhead (No. & title) :Programme : (1) Processing of Legal Aid ApplicationsControlling Officer : Director of Legal AidDirector of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

- Question :
- (a) In the past two years, how many applications received by the Legal Aid Department were related to claims for damages for negligence arising from injury at work or work-related injury? Please provide a breakdown of the applications which have been accepted and refused?
- (b) For applications refused, please provide a breakdown of the refusals by reasons.
- (c) For applications refused on merits, how many applicants of such cases appealed to the Registrar of the High Court and how many of them were allowed?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shekReply : (a) and (b)

The number of legal aid applications received in respect of negligence claims arising from injury at work or work-related injury, the number of applications accepted and refused; and the reasons for the refusals, are as follows:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Applications received	1 713	1 515
Applications accepted	1 072	816
Refusal	486	469
- on Means	155	121
- on Merits	312	331
- on Means and Merits	19	17

(c)

The number of appeals on merits and their outcome are as follows:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Appeal on Merits	71	87
- Allowed	0	1
- Dismissed	53	61
- Adjourned ^{Note 1}	1	12
- Withdrawn ^{Note 2}	16	10
- Pending hearing	1	3

Note 1: Legal aid was granted to one case in 2007 following adjournment

Note 2: Legal aid was granted to one case in 2006 and three in 2007 following withdrawal

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Post Title

Date

Benjamin CHEUNG

Director of Legal Aid

26.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB112

Question Serial No.

1782

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Sbhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question: Please provide the following information for 2005, 2006 and 2007:

- (a) For cases involving a breach of the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance or an inconsistency with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Director may grant legal aid to an applicant even if his/her financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit. Please give the number of such cases and the amount of money involved.
- (b) With respect to criminal cases, the Director may grant legal aid to an applicant even if his/her financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit. Please give the number of such cases and the amount of money involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply: The information requested for in (a) and (b) is as follows:

(a)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
(i) No. of certificates granted	1	Nil	1
(ii) Amount of legal aid costs involved	Nil*	Nil	Nil [#]

* No costs were incurred in the case as the applicant did not accept the offer after having had his means re-determined following the grant of legal aid

[#] Litigation is still ongoing

(b)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
(i) No. of certificates granted	25	14	15
(ii) No. of cases in (b)(i) concluded with accounts finalised	12	6	3
(iii) Amount of legal aid costs involved for cases in (b)(ii)	\$0.83 million	\$0.78 million	\$0.29 million

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Reply Serial No.

HAB113

Question Serial No.

1783

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications
 (3) Support Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : There was a marked decrease in the number of enquiries received, applications received, applications processed and legal aid certificates granted for civil legal aid cases in 2007 when compared with those in 2006. Please provide information for the following for the past three years:

- a. is there a downward trend for these cases? If yes, have the reasons for the decrease been investigated?
- b. with regard to the educational activities held in promoting the public's knowledge of legal aid services, please give an account of the expenditure for each category of activities and the total amount involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply : a. Statistics for the past three years in respect of the number of enquiries received, applications received, applications processed and legal aid certificates granted for civil legal aid cases are as follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Enquiries received	42 397	44 276	38 859
Applications received	16 964	17 422	15 598
Applications processed	16 618	17 157	15 752
Legal aid certificates granted	8 741	9 356	7 937

Figures shown above do not indicate that there is a downward trend for these four items.

- b. The Department promotes public awareness and understanding of legal aid services by:
- (i) giving talks to non-government organisations, educational institutes, student organisations and miscellaneous groups such as members of District Council and their assistants and school teachers/principals;
 - (ii) participating in events such as the Law Week organised by the Law Society and Seminar on Legal Aid held by the Legal Aid Services Council;
 - (iii) publishing information leaflets, newsletters, annual reports and posters about the services of the Department for general distribution and display at the district offices, premises of non-government organisations, public hospitals, police stations, and our own office premises; and
 - (iv) maintaining and regularly updating the Department's website to provide comprehensive coverage of legal aid services in Hong Kong.

The Department does not keep a separate account of the expenditure for different categories of public education and promotional activities above. The total amount of expenditure for the past three financial years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount involved</u> <u>(\$'000)</u>
2005-06	479
2006-07	382
2007-08 (up to 29 February 2008)	441

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Reply Serial No.

HAB114

Question Serial No.

2272

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Director of Legal Aid
Officer :

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In 2007, how many legal aid applications were related to insolvency matters? How many of the applicants did not pass the means test?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply : In 2007, there were 372 legal aid applications relating to insolvency matters. Seven applicants did not pass the means test.

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

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Reply Serial No.

HAB115

Question Serial No.

1097

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Director of Legal Aid
Officer :

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : How many non-Chinese speaking persons were legally aided in 2007-08
and what was the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : The Department did not keep data on the number of non-Chinese speaking
persons who were legally aided in 2007-08 and therefore is not able to
provide breakdown of the expenditure involved in this regard.

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

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Reply Serial No.

HAB116

Question Serial No.

1098

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Director of Legal Aid
Officer :

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : How many times did the Department provide interpretation services to non-Chinese speaking legal aid applicants in 2007-08 and what was the total amount of expenditure involved? What is the estimated expenditure for such services for 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : The Department did not keep data on the number of interpretation services for non-Chinese speaking legal aid applicants in 2007-08 and therefore is not able to provide breakdown of the expenditure involved or give an estimate of the expenditure for 2008-09.

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

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Reply Serial No.

HAB117

Question Serial No.

1121

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling
Officer : Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The number of legal aid certificates (7 937) granted in respect of civil cases in 2007 was significantly reduced by 15% when compared with 2006 (9 356). It is also 1 543 less than its original estimate for 2007 (9 480). What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply : The original estimate of legal aid certificates for 2007 was prepared in late 2006 having regard to past patterns and experience. As it turned out, the actual number of applications received in 2007 was lower than expected. This accounts for the difference when comparing the number of certificates granted in 2007 with that in 2006, and with the original estimate for 2007.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB118

Question Serial No.

1122

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Director of Legal Aid
Officer :

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The revised estimate on litigation services for 2007-08 is 8.4% less than its original estimate. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply : The difference of \$51.1 million (8.4%) is mainly due to the lower-than-anticipated expenditure on legal aid cases (\$50.8 million). Litigation costs of legally aided cases can be affected by many factors which include the nature, complexity and length of cases concerned and the willingness of the parties to settle.

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

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Reply Serial No.

HAB119

Question Serial No.

1954

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The number of civil cases assigned to private practitioners and monitored by the Legal Aid Department in 2007 is 1 315 (18%) less than that in 2006. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply : The number of civil cases assigned to private legal practitioners in 2007 has dropped due to a decrease in the number of legal aid applications received and a corresponding decrease in the number of legal aid certificates granted in 2007 as compared with those in 2006.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB120

Question Serial No.

1955

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Director of Legal Aid
Officer :

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Provision for 2008-09 under Programme (2) is \$78.3 million higher when compared with 2007-08. What is the increased amount of provision for legal aid costs?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply : The increased amount of provision for legal aid costs for 2008-09 is \$74.7 million.

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 26.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION****HAB121**

Question Serial No.

1957

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :Programme :Controlling Officer : Director of Legal AidDirector of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Please provide (a) the number of people with and without legal qualification employed under each Programme and the expenditure involved; (b) the number of years of experience officers with legal qualification mentioned above possess; and (c) a comparison of the statistics for (a) and (b) with those for the past two years in table form.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply : (a) The number of (1) officers with legal qualification and (2) officers without legal qualification employed under each programme of the Legal Aid Department and the expenditure involved are as follows:

(1)

	Projected number of officers with legal qualification (as at 1.4.2008)	Projected average annual salary for 2008-09 (\$ million)
Programme 1	18	17.7
Programme 2	32	30.8
Programme 3	7	7.0
Programme 4	5	4.8
Total	62	60.3

(2)

	Projected number of officers without legal qualification (as at 1.4.2008)	Projected average annual salary for 2008-09 (\$ million)
Programme 1	113	34.0
Programme 2	286	83.3
Programme 3	48	15.7
Programme 4	9	2.7
Total	456	135.7

In addition, seven directorate officers at Assistant Director level and above who are legally qualified have responsibilities across the four programmes. The total projected average annual salary for 2008-09 is \$11.2 million.

(b) As at 1.4.2008, the number of years of experience of the officers with legal qualification mentioned above ranges from 10 years to 28 years

(c) (1) A comparison of the statistics for (a) with those for the past two years are appended below.

(i) Officers with legal qualification

	Number of officers with legal qualification (as at 1.4.2006)	Average annual salary for 2006-07 (\$ million)	Number of officers with legal qualification (as at 1.4.2007)	Average annual salary for 2007-08 (\$ million)	Projected number of officers with legal qualification (as at 1.4.2008)	Projected average annual salary for 2008-09 (\$ million)
Programme 1	19	16.8	18	17.7	18	17.7
Programme 2	33	30.9	32	30.8	32	30.8
Programme 3	7	6.7	7	7.0	7	7.0
Programme 4	5	4.6	5	4.8	5	4.8
Total	64	59.0	62	60.3	62	60.3

(ii) Officers without legal qualification

	Number of officers without legal qualification (as at 1.4.2006)	Average annual salary for 2006-07 (\$ million)	Number of officers without legal qualification (as at 1.4.2007)	Average annual salary for 2007-08 (\$ million)	Projected number of officers without legal qualification (as at 1.4.2008)	Projected average annual salary for 2008-09 (\$ million)
Programme 1	112	32.4	113	34.0	113	34.0
Programme 2	300	83.9	286	83.3	286	83.3
Programme 3	48	15.3	48	15.7	48	15.7
Programme 4	2	0.7	9	2.7	9	2.7
Total	462	132.3	456	135.7	456	135.7

For the seven directorate officers at Assistant Director level and above who are legally qualified and have responsibilities across the four programmes, the total average annual salary is \$10.7 million and \$11.2 million for 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively, while the projected average annual salary is \$11.2 million for 2008-09.

(2) A comparison of statistics for (b) with those for the past two years is appended below.

	Number of officers with legal qualification (as at 1.4.2006)	Years of experience	Number of officers with legal qualification (as at 1.4.2007)	Years of experience	Projected number of officers with legal qualification (as at 1.4.2008)	Years of experience
Programme 1	19	8-22 years	18	9-23 years	18	10-24 years
Programme 2	33	8-22 years	32	9-23 years	32	10-24 years
Programme 3	7	10-22 years	7	11-23 years	7	12-24 years
Programme 4	5	11-26 years	5	12-16 years	5	13-17 years
Total	64	-	62	-	62	-

For the seven directorate officers at Assistant Director level and above who are legally qualified and have responsibilities across the four programmes, their

years of experience are 19-26 years (as at 1.4.2006), 20-27 years (as at 1.4.2007) and 20-28 years (as at 1.4.2008).

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Post Title _____ Director of Legal Aid

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Reply Serial No.

HAB122

Question Serial No.

1958

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer : Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In 2007, how many legal aid applications relating to judicial review were received by the Legal Aid Department? Among these applications, how many were refused and what were the reasons? Please compare in table form the numbers of such applications received and the numbers of refusal in the past five years.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply : The number of legal aid applications relating to judicial review received by the Department together with the number and the reasons for the refusal in the past five years are as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Applications received	146	125	180	174	234
Refusal on means	11	12	7	8	11
Refusal on merits	118	92	116	103	125

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 26.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB123

Question Serial No.

0899

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Official Solicitor's Office

Controlling Officer : Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : What are the eight posts to be created in the Official Solicitor's Office?
And what is the existing vacancy to be filled?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The eight posts to be created in the Official Solicitor's Office (OSO) are as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>No. of posts to be created</u>
Senior Legal Aid Counsel	1
Legal Aid Counsel	3
Law Clerk	4

These posts will be created to deal with the growing number and increasing complexity of cases taken up by the OSO in the past few years. The existing vacancy to be filled in the OSO is the post of an Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel.

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Name in block letters Benjamin CHEUNG

Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 26.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB124

Question Serial No.

0900

Head : 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Official Solicitor's Office

Controlling Director of Legal Aid
Officer :

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning a study on improving the overall operation of the Official Solicitor's Office to meet the changes and needs of the community? If not, what are the reasons? If yes, what is the amount of money involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : No financial provision has been allocated for commissioning such a study. According to the Official Solicitor Ordinance (Cap.416), the duties and functions of the Official Solicitor are to represent the interest of persons under a disability of age or mental capacity in legal proceedings and to manage the financial affairs of such persons.

The Official Solicitor's Office regularly reviews its established work system and will propose changes as and where necessary.

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Name in block letters Benjamin CHEUNG

Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 26.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB125

Question Serial No.

2279

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government has indicated that it would join hands with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, relevant government departments and the community in 2008 to organise the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays, set up two official Live Sites in Hong Kong to create a strong Olympic atmosphere, and encourage community involvement in Olympic related events in Hong Kong. What are the respective expenditures of these items? And how will the Government evaluate the effectiveness of these activities?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved in December 2007 the creation of a new commitment of \$150 million for the Administration to undertake publicity and promotional programmes to tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events. Of this amount, \$22 million and \$30 million have been earmarked for the staging of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays and the setting up of official Live Sites in Hong Kong during the Olympic and Paralympic Games periods respectively. The organisation of these activities is to create a strong Olympic atmosphere in the community and to enable members of the public to share the joy and spirit of the Olympics. Apart from the events themselves, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will organise a series of publicity activities as well as outreaching/educational/community involvement programmes for the community. Other than arranging to dress up the city, the LCSD will also arrange to live broadcast the Torch Relay on 2 May 2008 and selected competition events during the periods of the Games at the Live Sites. All these efforts are to ensure that a wide spectrum of the community can participate in the events in one way or another. It would be difficult to quantify the effectiveness of these activities but all members of the public will be able to benefit from them through participating in the activities in person or simply watching the events on TV at home. The LCSD also believes that the events will raise Hong Kong's status as a sports event capital and cultivate an even stronger sporting culture in the community.

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Name in block letters THOMAS CHOW

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB126

Question Serial No.

2280

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government has indicated that it would continue to support the East Asian Games Planning Committee to plan and prepare for the organisation of the 2009 East Asian Games, to assist in the co-ordination of logistics and protocol arrangement for the Games and to continue monitoring the upgrading projects of those sports venues for the Games. What is the estimated expenditure to be incurred under the plan in 2008-09? What was the expenditure in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

Improvement works for the East Asian Games are being carried out at 13 selected venues as public works items. The anticipated expenditure in 2007-08 and the estimated expenditure in 2008-09 are \$79.3 million and \$463 million respectively.

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Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB127

Question Serial No.

2281

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under this Programme, there will be a net increase of 231 posts in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Will the Government inform this Committee of the titles, salaries, duties and terms of appointment of these posts?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The net increase of 231 posts under the Programme "Recreation and Sports" cover the Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Transport Services Officer, Personal Secretary, Supplies Supervisor, Clerk of Works and Artisan grades. These posts will be filled by officers on civil service terms for providing leisure, general and technical support services in the Department.

The estimated salary provision for the 231 posts is \$40.2 million per annum.

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Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB128

Question Serial No.

0313

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the Administration's renovation programme for seven libraries – To Kwa Wan Public Library, Fa Yuen Street Public Library, Lockhart Road Public Library, Shui Wo Street Public Library, Shatin Public Library, Ngau Tau Kok Public Library started in 2007 and Quarry Bay Public Library to start in 2008, please inform this Committee:

1. of the timetable for completion of these projects;
2. of the expenses involved in the renovation programme; and
3. whether there will be measures to minimise the impact on users in the districts concerned during the renovation period.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

1. The purpose of the renovation project is to enhance the facilities of the libraries which have been in operation for over ten years. The works include upgrading of the ventilation and fire service installations, replacement of damaged and worn out fittings, upgrading of computer facilities and, where space allows, the setting up of Computer Information Centre for use by the public. The tentative timetable for completion of the renovation works is set out below:

Library	Tentative Completion Date
To Kwa Wan Public Library	April 2008
Fa Yuen Street Public Library	April 2008
Shui Wo Street Public Library	April 2008
Lockhart Road Public Library	April 2008
Ngau Tau Kok Public Library	August 2008
Quarry Bay Public Library	October 2008
Shatin Public Library	December 2008

2. The total estimated cost of the renovation works is \$146.4 million. The works are funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund: \$140 million under Subhead 3049RE Renovation of Libraries – phase 2 works; and the remaining \$6.4 million under 3004GX Refurbishment Block Vote.
3. To minimise inconvenience to users, the libraries concerned are/will be making special arrangements to phase the renovation works in such a way as will allow them to continue to provide users with core library services including lending services, renewal and reservation of library materials, newspapers and periodicals, on-line search of the library catalogue and internet service throughout the renovation period. All practicable measures, such as setting up of hoardings to protect users from dust and noise, and scheduling more disruptive works after the library opening hours are/will be taken by the contractors. Library users are informed of the renovation works through press releases, information leaflets and notices issued or posted at the libraries by the Department.

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HAB129

Question Serial No.

1132

Head : 95 – Leisure and
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Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Has the Administration drawn up beautification projects for the tourist attractions in the New Territories West?

Asked by : Hon. CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, Selina

Reply :

For Yuen Long District, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has implemented improvement and beautification works to the amenity facilities in Shui Mei Village Playground (where the “Tree House” is located), the lookout at Lok Ma Chau Garden, the roundabout at Lau Fau Shan and the roadside planters outside Wetland Park. On Lantau Island, the Department has planted flowering shrubs along North Lantau Highway to beautify the expressway to the airport; extensive greenery, colourful and fragrant flowers have been added in Tat Tung Road Garden to beautify the area around Tung Chung Cable Car Terminal; and extensive flowering shrubs and groundcovers have been planted on vacant government land leading to Hong Kong Shaolin Wushu Culture Centre in Tai O. In Tuen Mun, a new footpath is being constructed to link up five beaches, namely, Golden Beach, Cafeteria New Beach, Cafeteria Old Beach, Kadoorie Beach and Castle Peak Beach. Features like park lighting, rain shelters, seating and sculptures will be added. The project is expected to be completed by October 2008.

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HAB130

Question Serial No.

0626

Head : 95 – Leisure and
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Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As regards the planning of museum services, what new museum services has the Government planned for 2008-09? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Hong Kong Space Museum will open its Sai Kung iObservatory at the Lady MacLehose Holiday Village to the public in October 2008. The capital cost of the project is \$7.3 million, which is funded by the Capital Works Reserve Fund and Quality Education Fund. Moreover, a new permanent exhibition gallery at the Hong Kong Science Museum, the Jockey Club Environmental Conservation Gallery, is under active planning and planned for opening in early 2009. The set-up of the gallery is funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust at \$15 million and will present various environmental conservation issues.

Apart from the regular programme of thematic exhibitions, talks, seminars and workshops, a number of new initiatives will be put in place in 2008-09 to further enhance the museum services provided to schools, in particular on the learning area of art and culture. For example, the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in partnership with the Education Bureau will produce a teaching booklet "How to Appreciate Chinese Culture in the Context of Art" for school teachers. The Hong Kong Museum of Art will launch a special programme on Chinese ink painting to facilitate teachers in ink-painting teaching at school. The Hong Kong Heritage Museum will revamp its website and enhance its online services by launching a new animated programme on Hong Kong's arts, culture and history. The Hong Kong Museum of History will conduct outreach talks at schools, engage tertiary institutions and performing groups to design and produce creative educational kits and performances relating to museum exhibitions for schools. The expenditure for these new educational services is estimated at \$0.9 million.

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Question Serial No.

0627

Head : 95 – Leisure and
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Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

To tie in with the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events to be held in Hong Kong, the Government plans to present “The Ancient Greeks and the Olympic Games” exhibition in the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the “Horses in Chinese Culture” exhibition in the Hong Kong Museum of History, the “Sports Arena” and the “Sports and Health Exhibition – New Concepts and New Technology in a Modern Society” in the Hong Kong Science Museum and “The Story of the Horse” exhibiton in the Hong Kong Museum of Art. Regarding the above exhibitions, what measures will the Government take to encourage attendance by the public and young people?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Government will launch wide publicity through various channels to promote these exhibitions, including newsletters, the Internet, pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, digital media and advertisements. A variety of publicity programmes and special educational activities will also be organised to raise the interest of the public, in particular the youth, such as the conduct of lectures and guided tours, setting up of education corners, distribution of children learning kits, and organisation of school group visits. A “Children’s Olympic Games” will be organised in conjunction with “The Ancient Greeks and the Olympic Games” exhibition. Moreover, Hong Kong athletes will be invited to take part in the activities of “The Ancient Greeks and the Olympic Games” and “Horses in Chinese Culture” to help promote these events. Roving exhibitions to publicise these events will be staged at various shopping malls while outreach activities will be organised at youth centres. In addition to these, the Auxiliary Medical Service will be invited to conduct an outdoor demonstration on first aid and the use of first aid equipment for the "Sports and Health Exhibition - New Concepts and New Technology in a Modern Society". Science Day Camps on sports science for the youth will be organised in conjunction with the "Sports Arena" exhibition. The Science Museum has also liaised with the National Geographic Channel to provide documentaries relating to sports science and athlete training for broadcasting at the museum.

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HAB132

Question Serial No.

0986

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, apart from the expenditure for staging the annual International Dragon Boat Races, what were and will be the respective expenditure for the development of training and promotion of dragon boat sport? Please provide the detailed breakdown of relevant expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is supportive of the sport of dragon boat in Hong Kong. The Department provides subvention to the national sports association of the sport, Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association (HKDBA), to stage competitions and organise training courses and development programmes. The breakdown of the relevant programme expenditure for the four years (excluding the expenditure of the annual International Dragon Boat Races) is as follows-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (\$'000)</u>
2005-06	492
2006-07	498
2007-08	633
2008-09	705

Apart from providing subvention to the HKDBA, the Department also provides venue and logistical support to other local sports organisations in staging dragon boat activities at the community level. The Department will continue to support the promotion of dragon boat activities as well as other sports with the aim of achieving a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong.

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Question Serial No.

0987

Head : 95 – Leisure and
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Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has opened six venues under its management since 2007 for booking by the public to hold wedding ceremonies. How much resources have been allocated by the LCSD for this purpose? How many wedding ceremonies have been held in each of these venues? Has the Department reviewed the effectiveness of this scheme? If yes, what are the results of the review? Is there any plan to improve the supporting facilities of the above venues? If not, when will the review be conducted?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department makes available areas within its six existing leisure venues since March 2007 to members of the public for holding wedding ceremonies. These areas are open to all members of the public when they are not booked for wedding ceremonies or other special events. The resources for providing administrative support for the wedding ceremonies are absorbed from within the Department's existing provision. A total of 71 wedding ceremonies had been held at the wedding venues of the Department up to 11 March 2008. The feedback from the users is generally positive. The Department has reviewed the operation of the scheme and, taking into account the feedback from the users, the Department is planning to improve some of the venues by purchasing additional furniture and decorations.

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Question Serial No.

0988

Head : 95 – Leisure and
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Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government has indicated that a free admission scheme for leisure facilities would be launched in mid-2008. What are the details? How many people are expected to be attracted to using these facilities?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In support of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and to promote sports among the public, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will make available some of its sports and recreational facilities for free use by individual members of the public from 1 July to 30 September 2008. These facilities will include all facilities provided in sports centres, squash courts, tennis courts, bowling greens, golfing facilities, holiday camps, water sports centres and public swimming pools. All bookings for free use of leisure facilities (except public swimming pools) will be processed in a similar manner as with the existing booking arrangement. For free admission to public swimming pools, no prior booking is required. Members of the public will be admitted through turnstiles subject to the maximum capacity of individual pools.

It is anticipated that more than 100 000 people will be attracted to use the facilities each day during the 3-month period.

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HAB135

Question Serial No.

2141

Head : 95 – Leisure and
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Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

To tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, the Government has indicated that it would plant more flowering plants at key locations to enhance the cityscape. What are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

To tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, the Department will plant about 580 000 flowering shrubs and seasonal flowers at various key locations to dress up the city. Species will mainly include Allamanda cathartica (軟枝黃蟬), Ixora stricta (細葉龍船花), Pachystachys lutea (黃鴨咀花), Pentas lanceolata (五星花), Catharanthus roseus (長春海棠), Crossandra infundibuliformis (烏尾花), Celosia argentea var. Plumosa (鳳尾球), Impatiens, New Guinea hybrid (新磯內亞鳳仙) and Salvia farinacea (藍絲線). A total of \$5 million has been budgeted for implementing the beautification work.

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HAB136

Question Serial No.

0112

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

(1) Projects for which funds have been earmarked for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$ million)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Study of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong: with reference to listed items of Guangdong	0.466	Completed	The study report has put forward recommendations on the compilation of an inventory of Hong Kong's intangible heritage items, including the need to carry out a territory-wide survey of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage. The Administration is studying the recommendations.	The report will be released through the Internet webpage of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Consultancy Study on Sport for All (Part I) – Literature Review	0.397	Completed	The consultant will follow up with the survey company on the conduction of Part II – the Household Survey.	Public announcement on the findings of the Consultancy Study for Parts I and II will be arranged in the form of a press conference in late December 2008.

(2) Projects for which funds have been earmarked for conducting consultancy studies in 2008-09:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure* (\$ million)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Not yet available	Territory-wide survey of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong		Under planning	The study is expected to be completed after 2009-10.

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure* (\$ million)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Not yet available	Consultancy Study on Sport for All (Part II) - Household Survey on Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activity		The survey will be conducted in April and September 2008	Public announcement on the findings of the Consultancy Study for Parts I and II will be arranged in the form of a press conference in late December 2008.
Not yet available	Omnibus Survey on Selected Service Areas (2008) (Telephone survey)		Under planning	The report containing survey findings on customer satisfaction of LCSD services is mainly for internal reference and will help LCSD to consider appropriate improvements to its services.

* We have reserved a sum of \$4 million for the planned projects.

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HAB137

Question Serial No.

1217

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will plant more flowering plants at key locations to enhance the cityscape during the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games period. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the main species of flowering plants to be chosen and the expenditure involved in this item of work?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

During the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games period, the Department will plant about 580 000 flowering shrubs and seasonal flowers at various key locations to dress up the city. Species will mainly include Allamanda cathartica (軟枝黃蟬), Ixora stricta (細葉龍船花), Pachystachys lutea (黃鴨咀花), Pentas lanceolata (五星花), Catharanthus roseus (長春海棠), Crossandra infundibuliformis (烏尾花), Celosia argentea var. Plumosa (鳳尾球), Impatiens, New Guinea hybrid (新磯內亞鳳仙) and Salvia farinacea (藍絲線). A total of \$5 million has been budgeted for implementing the beautification work.

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HAB138

Question Serial No.

1218

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the mobile library services provided by the Department, will the Administration inform this Committee of the current manpower involved in mobile libraries and the related expenditure; and whether it has any long-term plans to set up small libraries to replace mobile libraries progressively so as to provide the public with appropriate and convenient lending services?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Department operates ten mobile library vans which serve a total of 88 service points. These library vans are manned by 39 staff. The recurrent expenditure for the mobile library services for 2008-09 is around \$10.5 million. The Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines provide that there should be at least one district library in each district and this standard has been achieved. To supplement the services of these district libraries, small libraries are also provided and mobile library vans are used to further supplement the services by reaching out to members of the public in less populated areas. The Department will continue to operate the mobile library vans but will review the overall provision of library services in the light of changing community needs.

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HAB139

Question Serial No.

1229

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “continue to expand the School Sports Programme....” Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of this promotional Programme and whether any assessments have been conducted on the participating schools and their students? If yes, what are the findings (for instance, whether the extent of efforts that these schools has put into the promotion of the Programme and the sports awareness of their students have been enhanced)? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The School Sports Programme (SSP) has been launched since 2001. It is a joint effort of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Education Bureau and is organised with the support of national sports associations. The target groups of the SSP are students of primary, secondary and special schools. The SSP activities are organised to tie in with the daily schedule of schools. They mainly take place within school premises so that students can participate in sports activities in a familiar environment and during their leisure time. They aim to provide students with sports training and to encourage them to participate regularly in sporting activities.

Since the launch of the SSP in 2001, seven subsidiary programmes have been developed: Sports Education Programme, Easy Sport Programme, Sport Captain Programme, Outreach Coaching Programme, Joint Schools Sports Training Programme, Badges Award Scheme and sportACT Award Scheme. At present, the SSP covers 32 different sports to meet the various needs of schools and students. The number of schools participating in the SSP has increased from 574 (in 2001) to 1 006 (in 2007), accounting for about 80% of the total number of schools in Hong Kong. The frequency of students participating in the various activities of the SSP has also increased from 234 000 (in 2001) to 541 000 (in 2007). The growth of the SSP over the years, both in terms of the number of activities and sports, as well as the participation rates of schools and students, demonstrate that the SSP is well received by schools, students and their parents. The ultimate target is to increase the school participation rate to over 90% by 2010.

A survey was conducted in 2006 to collect feedback from schools and the reasons for not joining the SSP. Some schools have revealed that they have appointed their own coaches to organise sports activities for their students; others consider that the timing of the outreach coaches provided by the SSP do not match with their schedules; and a few indicated that they have limited resources to join the SSP. In response to the results of the survey, the Department has further enhanced the SSP operations to facilitate schools' participation and developed more subsidiary schemes and free activities to suit the different needs of schools.

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HAB140

Question Serial No.

1230

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in last year's Policy Address, various leisure facilities managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will be made available for public use free of charge from July to September this year. Will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (1) of the types of leisure facilities which will be made available for public use free of charge; the types of facilities which will not and the reasons for that? What will be the form of free admission to these facilities and how can congestion be avoided?
- (2) the estimated decrease in the fees to be received for each facility due to the free admission; and
- (3) whether the Administration will consider making the leisure facilities available for public use free of charge regularly on a particular day every month or every week to encourage the public to do more exercise?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (1) The Free Admission Scheme (the Scheme) is designed for the benefit of individual members of the public. All the facilities in sports centres (including basketball courts, badminton courts, volleyball courts, etc.), squash courts, tennis courts, bowling greens, golfing facilities, holiday camps, water sports centres and public swimming pools will be covered and open for free use by individual users from 1 July to 30 September this year. Sports grounds which are not for individual users will not be covered by the Scheme. For turf pitches, as they are in extremely high demand and are more for organised use, they will not be covered by the Scheme. All bookings for free use of leisure facilities (except public swimming pools) will be processed in a similar manner as with the existing booking arrangement. For free admission to public swimming pools, no prior booking is required. When a pool reaches its maximum capacity, admission will be suspended. Members of the public queuing for admission will be informed of their queuing position so that they can decide whether to continue to wait for entry.
- (2) The estimated revenue foregone due to the Scheme is about \$60 million and \$40 million for swimming pools and land-based facilities respectively.

- (3) The Administration will consider implementing such free use scheme to tie in with special occasions like the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's 10th Anniversary in 2007 and the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.

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Question Serial No.

1231

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Over 42 000 runners participated in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon this year, reflecting the growing enthusiasm among members of the public for distance running. In this connection, will the Administration advise whether the Government has conducted any studies in the past on the marathon events held in all parts of the world (e.g. Japan) to find out if the events have helped in enhancing the sports awareness of the local people, building up the city image and promoting tourism, etc, and the form of support provided by their governments regarding marathon events? If yes, what are the results of these studies? If no, will the Government conduct similar studies and, with the growing popularity of marathon events nowadays, implement relevant supporting measures to boost the promotion of “Sport for All” and “Healthy Exercise for All” Campaign and build up a healthy city image?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

We realise that marathon has been gaining increasing popularity among members of the public. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has all along been providing venue and funding support to the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association and other relevant sports organisations through the “Sports Subvention Scheme” for promoting and organising distance running activities. Moreover, the Government has also been offering logistical and other support for the organisation of the annual Hong Kong Marathon. We will continue our efforts on those fronts with an aim to promote a stronger sporting culture within the community.

The Government has not conducted any study on marathon events in the past. Nevertheless, in order to assess the effectiveness of the “Sport for All” policy, the LCSD is conducting a detailed study on the “Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activity”. Data on the extent and frequency of Hong Kong people’s participation in physical activities will be collected and analysed to facilitate an objective assessment of the effectiveness of the work done for promoting community sports and to serve as reference for setting future objectives. The study will be completed by late December 2008.

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HAB142

Question Serial No.

1232

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “Providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public” as mentioned in the Aim, will the Administration provide: (a) the locations of all the jogging tracks presently managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, including those provided in parks and other outdoor venues, and their respective lengths; and (b) the respective percentages of the number and total length of jogging tracks which are surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials out of all the jogging tracks, as it has been reported that the impact caused to knee joints by jogging will be alleviated if joggers jog on those tracks surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials; and whether the Government will take this opportunity to consider surfacing all jogging tracks with vibration-absorbing materials in phases, given its stronger financial position now?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) At present, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides jogging tracks in 67 parks. Details are in the Annex with those paved with vibration-absorbing materials marked with an asterisk.
- (b) About one-quarter of the number and length of the jogging tracks is paved with vibration-absorbing materials. Other than using the materials for new jogging tracks to be built, LCSD will repave the others not yet paved with the materials by phases.

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Date _____ 25 March 2008

Leisure and Cultural Services Department Jogging Tracks

Venues	Length of tracks (m)
Aldrich Bay Playground	100
Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir Playground	120
Belcher Bay Park	392
Bowen Road Fitness Trail	3 000
Butterfly Beach Park *	200
Carpenter Road Park	430
Central Kwai Chung Park	144
Che Kung Miu Road Playground	200
Cherry Street Park	187
Choi Hung Road Playground	410
Cloud View Road Service Reservoir Playground	250
Cornwall Street Park *	258
Dragon Park	300
Fan Leng Lau Road Playground	320
Fanling Recreation Ground	200
Happy Valley Recreation Ground *	1 059
Harlech Road Fitness Trail	246
Hin Tin Playground	100
Ho Man Tin Park	263
Hong Ning Road Park	318
Hutchison Park *	600
Jordan Valley Playground	321
Junction Road Park	265
Kowloon Park	500
Kowloon Tsai Park *	550
Kwun Tong High Level Service Reservoir Garden	350
Laguna Park *	430
Lai Chi Kok Park *	600
Lam Tin Park	1 200
Lok Kwan Street Park	296
Luen Hing Street Sitting-out Area	60
Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground	220
Ma On Shan Park	130

Venues	Length of tracks (m)
Ma Tin Road 5-a-side Football Pitch *	275
Magazine Gap Service Reservoir Playground	116
Mt. Austin Playground	220
Mui Shue Hang Playground	1 164
North District Park	700
Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	3 150
Po Hong Park	250
Po On Road Playground *	150
Po Tsui Park	540
Quarry Bay Park	640
Sai Yee Street Garden *	74
Shek Kip Mei Park *	1 700
Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground	400
Shum Wan Road Sitting-out Area	140
Shun Lee Tsuen Park *	200
Siu Sai Wan Road Garden	270
Tai Po Waterfront Park	1 107
Tai Wo Hau Road South Playground	372
Tin Shui Wai Park	800
To Yuen Street Playground	200
Tokwawan Recreation Ground	412
Tsing Tin Playground	200
Tsing Yi Promenade * (two jogging tracks – only one of them (300m) paved with vibration-absorbing materials)	800
Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	1 600
Tsz Wan Shan Estate Service Reservoir Playground	440
Victoria Park *	625
Wai Ming Street Garden *	350
Wong Chuk Hang Service Reservoir Rest Garden	180
Wong Nai Chung Reservoir Park Fitness Trail	100
Wu Shan Riverside Park *	600
Yau Ma Tei Service Reservoir Rest Garden *	252
Yuen Chau Tsai Park	194
Yuen Long Park	870
Yuk Kwai Shan Service Reservoir Sitting-out Area	120
Total 67 venues	33 230

Remark:

- * Tracks in the venues paved with vibration-absorbing materials with a total length of about 8 223 metres.

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HAB143

Question Serial No.

1233

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding "...to prepare for the 2nd Hong Kong Games in 2009" as mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention, will the Administration inform this Committee whether a review has been conducted on the 1st Hong Kong Games, including its format, competition events and the effectiveness of promoting "Sport for All", etc? If yes, what are the results? Will the Administration consider increasing the number of competition events so as to provide the public with more opportunities for participation? If no review has been conducted, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Organising Committee of the 1st Hong Kong Games has conducted a review upon the completion of the Games last year. In the light of the views and feedback collected from various sectors of the community, the Organising Committee has concluded that the 1st Hong Kong Games, as the first ever territory-wide multi-sports games held in Hong Kong, has been a success. It has achieved the aims to amplify the community's sense of belonging, foster harmony and promote a stronger sporting culture in the community. The participation of athletes by their respective districts is considered appropriate. The Organising Committee considers that more competition events of other popular sports should be explored for incorporation into the 2nd Hong Kong Games.

The 2nd Hong Kong Games is tentatively scheduled to be held around May 2009. In order to allow for sufficient lead time to prepare for the Games, an Organising Committee of the 2nd Hong Kong Games, comprising representatives from the sports sector, the 18 District Councils and the relevant government departments, has just been set up. The Organising Committee will discuss and decide on the various aspects of the 2nd Hong Kong Games, including the number of sports events to be included, the competition format, the eligibility requirements and selection mechanism for athletes as well as other community involvement activities to further promote the Games.

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HAB144

Question Serial No.

1234

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “Providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public” as mentioned in the Aim, there are views from the public that artificial turf pitches of the latest generation (i.e. simulated turf pitches) are safer and better than the older ones, including the lesser impact caused to users’ knee joints. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the percentage the artificial turf pitches of the latest generation account for out of the total number of the artificial turf pitches; and whether the Government will take this opportunity to consider making related renovations to all the older artificial turf pitches, given its stronger financial position now?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The latest generation of artificial turf pitches is the third generation. Among the 27 existing artificial turf pitches which the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages, 11 of them are of the third generation, representing 41% in total. LCSD plans to replace older artificial turf pitches by the latest generation in phases when they are due for replacement. At the moment, three pitches (viz. Morse Park No. 3, Shun Lee Tsuen Park and Quarry Bay Park Pitch No. 1) have been scheduled for such replacement in 2009.

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HAB145

Question Serial No.

1235

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public” as mentioned under the Aim, will the Administration inform this Committee whether baby-care rooms are provided in facilities managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to tie in with the breastfeeding policy promoted by government so as to provide women who choose breastfeeding with a separate and safe place to feed their babies? If yes, what percentage do these facilities account for out of all the facilities? Does the Administration have any plan to increase the percentage? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

At present, the Department's leisure venues do not have designated rooms for breastfeeding purpose. However, in view of the growing awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding and the anticipated gradual increase in demand for the provision of more breastfeeding places in public areas, the Department will provide breastfeeding rooms wherever feasible when existing leisure facilities are renovated or upgraded. The Department plans to provide nine breastfeeding rooms in its existing leisure venues in the coming two years. Moreover, breastfeeding rooms are now a standard provision for all the Department's new major leisure projects.

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Question Serial No.

1236

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public” as mentioned under the Aim, will the Administration inform this Committee whether the design of the toilets managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has taken into account the need to suit children’s use, such as providing pedestal toilets of a smaller size and installing urinal bowls and washing basins at a suitable height, etc? If yes, what percentage do these facilities account for out of all the toilet facilities? Does the Administration have any plan to increase the percentage? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

At present, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides 76 low pedestal water closets, 243 low urinal bowls and 387 low wash-hand basins for children’s use at its leisure venues. The LCSD has included the provision of toilet facilities suitable for children’s use such as those mentioned above as standard items for new leisure facilities under planning in order to meet the needs of children. Moreover, when renovation or upgrading works are carried out to existing toilet facilities at leisure venues, the LCSD will provide toilet facilities suitable for children’s use whenever technically feasible.

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Question Serial No.

1237

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to “providing subvention to national sports associations...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration provide this Committee with a list of the national sports associations/sports organisations that are given additional provision in 2008-09 and the reasons for increasing their provision?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The total amount of subvention to be provided to national sports associations and sports organisations in 2008-09 is about \$155 million. This is about the same level as in 2007-08.

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HAB148

Question Serial No.

1238

Head : 95 – Leisure and
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Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding “In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), a series of major sports programmes were staged in 2007 and attracted wide participation and” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the percentage of activities for public’s direct participation (not as spectators, e.g. the distance race, etc) account for out of the total number of recreational and sports activities organised for the celebration and the number of people who have directly participated in the activities? As the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR is over, will the Government continue to organise these recreational and sports activities for the public’s direct participation?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organised a total of eight major sports programmes in collaboration with the relevant national sports associations (NSAs) from April to September 2007. These programmes were the 1st Hong Kong Games, the 2007 International Dragon Boat Races, the HKSAR 10th Anniversary Reunification Cup (Soccer), the 1st Hong Kong DanceSport Festival cum International DanceSport Extravaganza, the Euro-Asia Snooker Master Challenge 2007, the Gymnastics Elites Extravaganza, the 2007 FIVB World Grand Prix – Hong Kong, and the Mega Tai Chi Show. Most of these major sports programmes, such as the football and gymnastics events, were spectator events in which the public could only participate as spectators. For activities like the Hong Kong Games and the DanceSport Extravaganza, members of the public could participate either as spectators or could actually take part in the competitions. Hence, both the spectators and those who actually took part in the competitions were direct participants of the celebration programmes. The total count of participants of the eight major sports programmes was 261 560.

The LCSD will continue to collaborate with relevant NSAs in organising established annual/regular programmes, such as the Hong Kong DanceSport Festival, the International Dragon Boat Races, the FIVB World Grand Prix and the Hong Kong Games, for public's participation.

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Question Serial No.

1239

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding “enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities” as mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention, will the Administration inform this Committee of the relevant strategies and measures to enhance utilisation? Will the Administration consider lowering the hire charges for facilities during non-peak hours as a way to attract more people to use the facilities and enhance utilisation?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To promote utilisation of sports facilities particularly during non-peak hours, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to encourage schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations to use specific sports facilities free of charge during those hours (i.e. from opening time to 5 p.m. on weekdays from September to June next year) under the Free Use Scheme. LCSD will continue to encourage different organisations such as local community groups to use the sports facilities and work in partnership with sports organisations to promote the use of the facilities. LCSD will consider any proposal that will help to enhance the utilisation of its leisure facilities.

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Question Serial No.

1240

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “join hands with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China... to organise the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays...” Will the Administration inform this Committee of the expenditure involved in this activity and the manpower arrangement; and whether any commercial sponsorship has been solicited to reduce the expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a total amount of \$150 million for the promotion of Olympism to tie in with the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the staging of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events in Hong Kong. Of that amount, \$22 million is earmarked for organising activities related to the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays (the Torch Relays) in Hong Kong in May and September 2008 respectively. The budget will cover the costs of live television broadcasting and production; publicity and advertising; ceremonies, celebrations and events operation; and outreach programmes. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is rendering full support towards the preparation of the events within its existing manpower provision, and temporary staff and volunteers will be engaged to assist in the actual operation of the Torch Relays.

The Beijing Organising Committee for the Games of XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG) has strict requirements for the Olympic Torch Relay hosting cities in the area of sponsorship solicitation. Only the three designated Worldwide Partners for the Torch Relay can be featured in the publicity materials and activities of the Olympic Torch Relay. The Organising Committee of the Torch Relay is actively liaising with the three Worldwide Partners on their contributions to enrich the content of the events.

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HAB151

Question Serial No.

1241

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008-09, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “strengthen the channel for booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through the provision of automated self-service kiosks”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the plan; whether such kiosks will be widely installed in places where people visit frequently; and whether the related expenditure and manpower will be reduced accordingly?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To provide an alternative means for members of the public to book sports facilities and enrol in sports programmes of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, 47 self-service kiosks have been in operation at selected venues of the Department since March 2008. These kiosks allow members of the public to make bookings or apply for enrollment by inserting their Smart Identity Cards or inputting their personal particulars, and making payment with their Octopus cards. The Department will review the operation of these kiosks and examine whether, other than providing members of the public with one more means to book our facilities or enrol in our sports programmes, efficiency gains can be made.

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HAB152

Question Serial No.

1242

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “encourage community sports clubs to increase their membership and organise sports development programmes at the community level”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the rationale behind it; the strategies and methods to be adopted to increase their membership; the activities organised by these sports clubs to promote sport at the community level in the past; and whether the Administration has assessed the effectiveness of these activities?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department encourages national sports associations (NSAs) to set up community sports clubs (CSCs) under its CSC Project to promote sports at the community level. These CSCs are run by people with common interest in specific sports who come together to organise sports programmes for the community to foster regular social contact and encourage life-long participation in sports.

The CSC Project has been implemented since 2001. The number of CSCs has increased from 84 in 2001-02 to about 330 in 2007-08. After a period of rapid expansion, the number of CSCs that can be formed each year is near saturation. Having reviewed the situation, the Department has shifted the emphasis from increasing the number of clubs formed each year to encouraging NSAs to increase their membership size and the number of programmes they organise. If NSAs can increase their membership and organise more programmes for more participants, the effectiveness of the CSC Project will be enhanced. To achieve the new objective, the Department will encourage CSCs to organise different levels of sports development programmes to attract different participants. The Department will also organise more management development programmes for official bearers of CSCs to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the management of clubs. More inter-club sports competitions will be held and annual prize presentation ceremony will be organised to sustain and enhance the interest of participants, in addition to giving due recognition to active CSCs.

The number of NSAs joining the CSC Project has increased from 15 in 2001-02 to 28 in 2007-08. The number of CSC members has also increased from 8 400 in 2001-02 to about 32 000 in 2007-08. Moreover, the number of sports development programmes organised by CSCs has increased from 94 for 4 091 participants in 2001-02 to 1 800 for 40 000 participants in 2007-08. All these indicate that the CSC Project has been well received by the community and has contributed to promoting sports at the community level.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB153

Question Serial No.

0911

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the number of lost library materials in 2007-08 and their total cost, as well as the number of items that readers have failed to return and the total replacement cost charged.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

In 2007-08, about 17 600 items of library materials were reported lost by readers and their cost was about \$1.18 million. In the same financial year, about 10 360 items of library materials were not returned by readers and the cost we charged on the readers was about \$0.9 million.

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Question Serial No.

0912

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information on the mobile library services in 2008-09:

- (a) the scope of services;
- (b) the districts or routes covered; and
- (c) the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

- (a) The Department operates ten mobile library vans. They offer the public with a range of basic library services including lending, renewal and reservation of library materials and library card application.
- (b) The mobile library vans serve the 88 service points listed at Annex.
- (c) The recurrent expenditure of the mobile library services for 2008-09 is about \$10.5 million.

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Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

**Public Mobile Library Vans
Service Points**

<u>District</u>	<u>Service Point</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching Estate	Adjacent to Ching Wai House, Cheung Ching Estate
	Cheung On Estate	Adjacent to On Yun House, Cheung On Estate
	Cho Yiu Chuen	Adjacent to Cho Yiu Chuen Commercial Complex
	Kwai Shing West Estate	Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Shing Swimming Pool Carpark
	Lai Yiu Estate	Adjacent to Fu Yiu House, Lai Yiu Estate
	Shek Lei Estate	Adjacent to Shek On House, Shek Lei (I) Estate
	Tai Wo Hau Estate	Adjacent to Fu Pik House, Tai Wo Hau Estate
	Kwai Chung Estate	Adjacent to Yuk Kwai House, Kwai Chung Estate
	Cheung Wang Estate	Adjacent to Wang Ngai House, Cheung Wang Estate
Tsuen Wan	Bayview Garden	Adjacent to Block 5 of Bayview Garden
	Lei Muk Shue Estate	Adjacent to Chung Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate
	Riviera Gardens	Adjacent to Hoi Sing Mansion, Riviera Gardens
	Sham Tseng	Sham Tseng Market Carpark
	Tsuen King Circuit	Tsuen King Circuit Playground
	Cheung Shan Estate	Adjacent to Sau Shan House, Cheung Shan Estate
Sha Tin	Chevalier Garden	Carpark adjacent to Chevalier Garden Shopping Mall
	Hin Keng Estate	Adjacent to Hin Yeung House, Hin Keng Estate
	Kam Ying Court	Open space adjacent to Kam Yee House, Kam Ying Court
	Kam Tai Court	Adjacent to Kam Kei House, Kam Tai Court
	Lee On Estate	Adjacent to Lee Wah House, Lee On Estate
	Kwong Yuen Estate	Adjacent to Kwong Yuen Community Hall, Kwong Yuen Estate
	Mei Lam Estate	Adjacent to Mei Tao House, Mei Lam Estate.
	Pok Hong Estate	Adjacent to Pok Hong Community Hall, Pok Hong Estate
	Saddle Ridge Garden	Carpark adjacent to Saddle Ridge Garden Management Office
	Sun Chui Estate	Adjacent to Sun Kit House, Sun Chui Estate
	Sui Wo Court	Sports ground adjacent to Fung Yat House, Sui Wo Court
	Yiu On Estate	Adjacent to Yiu Ping House, Yiu On Estate
Tai Po	Fu Heng Estate	Adjacent to Heng Tsui House, Fu Heng Estate
	Fu Shin Estate	Adjacent to Shin Mei House, Fu Shin Estate
	Kwong Fuk Estate	Adjacent to Kwong Yau House, Kwong Fuk Estate
	Tai Wo Estate	Adjacent to Tai Wo Shopping Arcade, Oi Wo House, Tai Wo Estate

<u>District</u>	<u>Service Point</u>	<u>Location</u>
	Tai Yuen Estate	Adjacent to Tai Man House, Tai Yuen Estate
	On Ho Lane	Adjacent to Eightland Gardens, On Ho Lane
	Shuen Wan	Open Space of the Joint Village Office for Villages in Shuen Wan
Sai Kung	Hau Tak Estate	Adjacent to Tak Chak House, Hau Tak Estate
	Kin Ming Estate	Adjacent to Kin Ching House, Kin Ming Estate
	Ming Tak Estate	Adjacent to Ming Toa House, Ming Tak Estate
	Po Lam Estate	Adjacent to Po Ning House (West), Po Lam Estate
	Sheung Tak Estate	Adjacent to Sheung Tak Shopping Centre, Sheung Tak Estate
	Tsui Lam Estate	Adjacent to Choi Lam House, Tsui Lam Estate
Tuen Mun	Leung King Estate	Adjacent to Leung Chi House, Leung King Estate
	Prime View Garden	Carpark adjacent to Commercial Complex, Prime View Garden
	Sam Shing Estate	Adjacent to Moon Yu House, Sam Shing Estate
	Shan King Estate	Adjacent to King Wing House, Shan King Estate
	Siu Hong Court	Adjacent to Siu Fai House, Siu Hong Court
	Fu Tai Estate	Adjacent to Annex Block of Mei Tai House, Fu Tai Estate
	Lung Mun Oasis	Adjacent to Block 1, Lung Mun Oasis
Yuen Long	Fairview Park	Carpark adjacent to Commercial Complex, Fairview Park
	Kam Tin	In front of Kam Tin Rural Committee, Kam Tin Main Road
	Ping Shan	Hang Mei Tsuen Carpark, Ping Ha Road
	San Tin	Adjacent to San Tin Post Office, Castle Peak Road, San Tin
	Wang Chau	Adjacent to Tung Tau Wai Village Office, Wang Lok Street, Wang Chau
	Tin Yiu Estate	Adjacent to Yiu Man House, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai
	Sheung Tsuen	Sheung Tsuen Park, Pat Heung
	Tin Yuet Estate	Adjacent to Yuet Tai House, Tin Yuet Estate, Tin Shui Wai
	Tin Wah Estate	Adjacent to the carpark entrance of the Ancillary Facilities Block, Tin Wah Estate, Tin Shui Wai
North District	Cheong Shing Court	Adjacent to Cheong Siu House, Cheong Shing Court, Fanling
	Ta Kwu Ling	Carpark adjacent to Ta Kwu Ling Rural Centre Government Building, 136 Ping Che Road, Ta Kwu Ling
Lantau Island	Pui O	Public Carpark at the Junction of South Lantau Road and Chi Ma Wan Road, Lantau Island
	Shui Hau	Shui Hau Public Carpark, South Lantau Road, Lantau

<u>District</u>	<u>Service Point</u>	<u>Location</u>
		Island
	Tong Fuk	Tong Fuk Public Carpark , adjacent to Tong Fuk Bus Terminus South Lantau Road, Lantau Island
	Fu Tung Estate, Tung Chung	Adjacent to water feature at Fu Tung Estate, Tung Chung
	Tung Chung Man Tung Road Park	Adjacent to Man Tung Road Park, Tung Chung
	Discovery Bay	Adjacent to water feature at DB Plaza, Discovery Bay
Hong Kong Island (Eastern)	Lei King Wan	Adjacent to Yat Sing Mansion, Tai Hong Street
	Shau Kei Wan	In front of Shau Kei Wan Market, Shau Kei Wan Main Street East
	Siu Sai Wan Estate	G/F, Phase III Carpark, Siu Sai Wan Estate
	Heng Fa Chuen	Shing Man Lane, Heng Fa Chuen
Hong Kong Island (Southern)	Ap Lei Chau Estate	Adjacent to Lei Tim House, Ap Lei Chau Estate
	Lei Tung Estate	Adjacent to Tung Ping House, Lei Tung Estate
	Shek O	Adjacent to Shek O Beach First Aid Station
	Tin Wan Estate	Adjacent to Tin Lai House, Tin Wan Estate
Kowloon City	Whampoa Garden Laguna Verde	G/F, Podium in Site 5, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom Adjacent to the entrance of Tower 9, Laguna Verde, Hung Hom
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip Estate	Adjacent to Kai Ning House, Kai Yip Estate
	Ko Yee Estate	Adjacent to Ko Chi House, Ko Yee Estate, Yau Tong
	Laguna City	Adjacent to Phase I, Club House, Laguna City
	Sceneway Garden	Driveway near Block 4, Sceneway Garden , Lam Tin
	Tsui Ping Estate	Adjacent to Tsui Ying House, Tsui Ping (South) Estate
	Hiu Lai Court	Adjacent to Hiu Ching House, Hiu Lai Court, Sau Mau Ping
	Po Tat Estate	Adjacent to Tat On House, Po Tat Estate, Sau Mau Ping
Wong Tai Sin	Chuk Yuen Estate	Carpark, Wah Yuen House, Chuk Yuen (South) Estate
	Fung Tak Estate	Adjacent to Ngan Fung House, Fung Tak Estate
	Tsui Chuk Garden	Adjacent to Block 6, Tsui Chuk Garden
Yau Tsim Mong	Hoi Fu Court	Adjacent to Hoi Ning House, Hoi Fu Court, Mong Kok West
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung Estate	Adjacent to Tung Lung House, Tai Hang Tung Estate, Tai Hang Tung Road
	Fu Cheong Estate	Adjacent to Fu Wong House, Fu Cheong Estate
	Hoi Lai Estate	Adjacent to Hoi Shun House, Hoi Lai Estate

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Reply Serial No.

HAB155

Question Serial No.

1251

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Although the estimate for 2008-09 under this Programme is \$21.6 m (0.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 2007-08, there will be a net increase of 231 posts. What are the reasons for such a substantial increase of manpower? Please give details on the work of these increased 231 posts and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

While some of the 231 posts under the Programme "Recreation and Sports" are to cater for job needs for new initiatives, facilities and services, most of them are to replace the non-civil service contract positions of which duties should more appropriately be performed by civil servants. Majority of the latter posts are Artisans (Beach/Swimming Pool) for performing life-saving duties.

The 231 posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Transport Services Officer, Personal Secretary, Supplies Supervisor, Clerk of Works and Artisan grades. They are to provide leisure, general and technical support services in the Department.

The estimated salary provision for the 231 posts is \$40.2 million per annum.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB156

Question Serial No.

0346

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will create 13 new posts under the Programme "Heritage and Museums" in 2008-09. Please inform this Committee of the ranks of the new posts to be created and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

The 13 posts to be created under the Programme "Heritage and Museums" cover the Manager (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Architect, Estate Surveyor, Clerk of Works, Works Supervisor, Analyst/Programmer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supplies Supervisor and Photographer grades.

The estimated salary provision for the creation of these 13 posts is \$5.6 million per annum.

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Post Title _____ **Director of Leisure and Cultural Services**

Date _____ **25 March 2008**

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Reply Serial No.

HAB157

Question Serial No.

1179

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With their ever improving facilities, parks have become the best venues for the public to enjoy leisure activities after work. However, because of insufficient management staff, or management service contractors not fully fulfilling their duties, a lot of hygiene, management and enforcement problems have occurred in the small community parks. Such problems include frequent smoking violations and allowing dogs to foul indiscriminately at night. However, the estimate for 2008-09 in this aspect is 0.9% lower than the revised estimate for 2007-08. What are the reasons? Does the Administration consider that there are sufficient resources for tackling the above-mentioned problems already, or is it taking a laissez-faire attitude? How much resources will be allocated by the Administration in order to address these problems?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

There is no reduction in the resources for the management of parks for 2008-09. The decrease of 0.9% against the revised estimate for 2007-08 under Programme (1) Recreation and Sports is mainly due to the transfer of provision to the District Council Fund and lapse of time-limited provision for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, partly offset by the additional provision of the net increase of 231 posts, filling of vacancies, cash flow requirement for non-recurrent projects and capital account items. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to provide sufficient resources to manage and provide quality leisure venues for the public. The LCSD will also deploy staff to conduct regular patrols at parks to ensure that these venues are properly managed.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB158

Question Serial No.

2075

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2008-09, the Administration will offer budding and young artists as well as small to medium scale performing arts groups increased performance opportunities at Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and non-LCSD performing arts venues, and enhance programme and content support at LCSD venues. Given that there are insufficient venues, what are the specific details of the scheme to be implemented and the expenditure involved? Is there a mechanism in place for the groups to have a fair opportunity to get the venues?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has started operating a pilot three-year Venue Partnership Scheme at some of its performing arts venues. The Scheme aims to establish the artistic character of individual venues, enhance artistic quality of arts groups, expand audience base, better utilise existing venue resources, enable implementation of venue-based marketing strategy, and encourage sponsorship and participation of various social sectors in the arts development of Hong Kong.

The pilot Scheme at the 11 LCSD performing arts venues is open for application from small and medium as well as large performing arts groups. For the small and medium groups chosen as venue partners, the LCSD will provide additional funding, ranging from \$0.5 million to \$1 million each, for them to implement their proposed activities. A provision of \$10 million in 2008-09 has been earmarked for this purpose.

To strengthen the overall programming support for young and budding artists, for small and medium performing arts groups not selected as venue partners, another \$15 million has been earmarked in 2008-09 for presenting their productions at both LCSD and non-LCSD venues. More programmes by these performing arts groups will also be presented at the less-utilised venues in the New Territories, which will help to enrich the cultural life of the residents as well as raising their standard of arts appreciation.

LCSD is also exploring presentation of programmes of small and medium arts groups at non-LCSD venues, which include the auditoria of the various tertiary education institutions as well as other alternative space for experimental productions.

The LCSD has all along adopted a transparent, open and fair policy in handling applications for use of its performing arts venues. The venues are open for hire by the public and priority use is given to arts-related activities. When there are competing applications, allocation will be made in accordance with a Points System and major factors like cultural content, artistic merit, arts promotion value and organising ability of the applicants are taken into account. On the selection of arts groups for presentation at various LCSD as well as non-LCSD venues, all artists, as individuals or in groups, may submit proposals to the Department and they will be considered under a mechanism involving Art Form Panels formed by outside experts in the respective fields.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB159

Question Serial No.

2071

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There will be a net increase of 282 permanent posts and one supernumerary post in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2008-09. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) the distribution of the 282 new posts by rank, function and Programme;
- (b) the number of staff filling the respective vacancies in 2008-09 and the total expenditure to be incurred by rank and Programme; and
- (c) the establishment of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2008-09 by rank and Programme.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

(a) & (b)

The 282 new posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Manager (Cultural Services), Librarian, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Amenities Assistant, Artisan, Executive Officer, Architect, Estate Surveyor, Maintenance Surveyor, Analyst/Programmer, Transport Services Officer, Clerk of Works, Works Supervisor, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Photographer and Supplies Supervisor grades. They are to provide leisure and cultural services as well as general and technical support services in the Department.

Civil service staff will be deployed to fill the 282 posts upon creation. The number of posts and the estimated salary provision per annum by Programme are listed below:

Programme	Net Increase of Posts	Estimated Salary Provision Per Annum (\$ million)
(1) Recreation and Sports	231	40.2
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	17	7.5
(3) Heritage and Museums	12	4.4
(4) Performing Arts	8	1.8
(5) Public Libraries	14	6.8
Total:	282	60.7

(c)

The establishment ceiling of the Department as at 31 March 2009 will be 7 862 posts including 3 608 posts under Programme (1) “Recreation and Sports”; 1 861 posts under Programme (2) “Horticulture and Amenities”; 561 posts under Programme (3) “Heritage and Museums”; 832 posts under Programme (4) “Performing Arts”; and 1 000 posts under Programme (5) “Public Libraries”.

The 7 862 posts cover the departmental grades (comprising the Leisure Services Manager, Manager (Cultural Services), Librarian, Curator, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant and Amenities Assistant grades) as well as the general and common grades (including the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Information Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Computer Operator, Official Languages Officer, Calligraphist, Management Services Officer, Statistician, Statistical Officer, Treasury Accountant, Accounting Officer, Training Officer, Transport Services Officer, Driver, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Laboratory Technician, Architect, Structural Engineer, Estate Surveyor, Maintenance Surveyor, Clerk of Works, Works Supervisor, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Office Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supervisor of Typing Services, Typist, Confidential Assistant, Supplies Officer, Supplies Supervisor, Supplies Assistant, Supplies Attendant, Photographer, Laboratory Technician, Artisan, Workman and Property Attendant grades).

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB160

Question Serial No.

2076

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Department created 18 Amenities Assistant III posts and 54 Leisure Services Manager posts to be responsible for the Department's facilities managed by District Councils. According to the staff unions, there has been a serious shortage of frontline staff and staff morale is extremely low. In this connection, has the problem of manpower shortage been solved after the recruitment of the above-mentioned staff or has any alternative arrangement been made?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

To enhance the manpower support for the full implementation of the arrangement under which the District Councils participate in the management of district cultural and leisure facilities starting from 1 January 2008, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has already created 38 Leisure Services Manager Grade posts and eight Amenities Assistant Grade posts. In 2008-09, the LCSD will further create 18 Amenities Assistant II for providing additional manpower to support the new arrangement. The LCSD will continue to maintain a close dialogue with the staff and staff unions concerned and work together to ensure the success of the new arrangement.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB161

Question Serial No.

2424

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the item “continue to provide additional Internet Express Terminals in libraries”, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the current utilisation rates of Internet Express Terminals? Please list the figures by branch libraries.
- (b) How many additional Internet Express Terminals will be provided by the Administration in 2008-09? What is the estimated expenditure involved? Please list the existing number of such terminals and the proposed number of terminals to be added by branch libraries.
- (c) What are the criteria adopted by the Administration for determining the provision of additional Internet Express Terminals?
- (d) In the light of the Government's plan to launch a pilot scheme to establish district cyber centres in selected districts in order to encourage the disadvantaged to access information technology and online services, how are the Internet Express Terminals different from the district cyber centres in terms of their functions? How do they complement each other? How will the Administration promote the above two initiatives so as to serve the target groups of citizens?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

- (a) The figures on the utilisation of the existing Internet Express Terminals (IETs) in 2007-08 are shown at Annex 1.
- (b) The Department plans to install 82 additional IETs in 57 branch libraries in 2008-09. The estimated non-recurrent cost is \$4.37 million. The distribution of the IETs by district is shown at Annex 2.

- (c) In determining the distribution of IETs at the libraries, the Department has taken into consideration a number of factors including the existing usage of Internet services, the overall provision of Internet workstations, the physical constraints of individual libraries and the demand for Internet service from library users.
- (d) The IET aims to provide library users with a convenient means to obtain quick information from the Internet. Users are allowed to use the service for no more than 15 minutes per session. On the other hand, under the pilot scheme on district cyber centres to be spearheaded by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) in partnership with private sector sponsors and community organisations, computer facilities, Internet connectivity and technical support will be provided in the centres to enable children from low income families and other needy local residents to gain access to the information and knowledge in the cyber space and to conduct electronic transactions. The centres will also provide training classes on information and communication technology usage and healthy use of Internet resources. The two initiatives are complementary to each other in fulfilling the different needs of the community.

Wide publicity through printed and electronic media will be arranged for the promotion of the IET facilities. Promotion of the district cyber centres will be a collaborative effort among the Government, private sector sponsors and community organisations. Depending on the proposed promotion plans in the expressions of interest to be invited by the OGCIO and the outcome of discussions among the prospective partners, appropriate publicity will be arranged to promote the pilot scheme to the target groups.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

Utilisation of Existing Internet Express Terminals

Library	No. of Internet Express Terminals	No. of users in 2007-08
City Hall Public Library	1	7 384
Stanley Public Library*	2	5 304
Kowloon Public Library	1	5 252
Tsim Sha Tsui Public Library*	2	5 200
Sha Tin Public Library	1	10 608
Ma On Shan Public Library	1	7 800
Tai Po Public Library	1	7 540
Tsuen Wan Public Library	1	9 516
Tuen Mun Public Library	1	8 060
Total:	11	66 664

Remarks:

* The two small libraries are provided with two IETs each for evaluation during the pilot stage since they have fewer Internet workstations inside the libraries.

Provision of Internet Express Terminals

District / Library	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	Existing Provision	Additional Provision	Total
<i>Hong Kong Island</i>			
Central & Western			
City Hall Public Library	1	-	1
Shek Tong Tsui Public Library	-	2	2
Smithfield Public Library	-	1	1
Eastern			
Chai Wan Public Library	-	2	2
Electric Road Public Library	-	1	1
North Point Public Library	-	1	1
Quarry Bay Public Library	-	2	2
Yiu Tung Public Library	-	1	1
Southern			
Aberdeen Public Library	-	2	2
Ap Lei Chau Public Library	-	1	1
Pok Fu Lam Public Library	-	1	1
Stanley Public Library	2	-	2
Wan Chai			
Hong Kong Central Library	-	4	4
Lockhart Road Public Library	-	2	2
Wong Nai Chung Public Library	-	1	1

District / Library	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	Existing Provision	Additional Provision	Total
<i>Kowloon</i>			
Kowloon City			
Hung Hom Public Library	-	1	1
Kowloon City Public Library	-	1	1
Kowloon Public Library	1	-	1
To Kwa Wan Public Library	-	1	1
Kwun Tong			
Lam Tin Public Library	-	1	1
Lei Yue Mun Public Library	-	1	1
Ngau Tau Kok Public Library	-	2	2
Sau Mau Ping Public Library	-	1	1
Shui Wo Street Public Library	-	2	2
Shun Lee Estate Public Library	-	1	1
Sham Shui Po			
Lai Chi Kok Public Library	-	2	2
Pak Tin Public Library	-	1	1
Po On Road Public Library	-	2	2
Un Chau Street Public Library	-	1	1
Wong Tai Sin			
Fu Shan Public Library	-	1	1
Lok Fu Public Library	-	1	1
Lung Hing Public Library	-	1	1
Ngau Chi Wan Public Library	-	1	1
San Po Kong Public Library	-	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan Public Library	-	1	1

District / Library	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	Existing Provision	Additional Provision	Total
Yau Tsim Mong			
Fa Yuen Street Public Library	-	2	2
Tai Kok Tsui Public Library	-	1	1
Tsim Sha Tsui Public Library	2	-	2
Yau Ma Tei Public Library	-	2	2
<i>New Territories</i>			
Islands			
Cheung Chau Public Library	-	1	1
Mui Wo Public Library	-	1	1
North Lamma Public Library	-	1	1
Peng Chau Public Library	-	1	1
Tai O Public Library	-	1	1
Tung Chung Public Library	-	1	1
Kwai Tsing			
North Kwai Chung Public Library	-	2	2
South Kwai Chung Public Library	-	1	1
Tsing Yi Public Library	-	2	2
North			
Fanling Public Library	-	2	2
Sheung Shui Public Library	-	2	2
Sai Kung			
Sai Kung Public Library	-	1	1
Tseung Kwan O Public Library	-	2	2

District / Library	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	Existing Provision	Additional Provision	Total
Sha Tin			
Lek Yuen Public Library	-	1	1
Ma On Shan Public Library	1	-	1
Sha Tin Public Library	1	-	1
Tai Po			
Tai Po Public Library	1	2	3
Tsuen Wan			
Shek Wai Kok Public Library	-	1	1
Tsuen Wan Public Library	1	3	4
Tuen Mun			
Butterfly Estate Public Library	-	1	1
Tai Hing Public Library	-	1	1
Tuen Mun Public Library	1	-	1
Yuen Long			
Tin Shui Wai North Public Library	-	1	1
Tin Shui Wai Public Library	-	2	2
Yuen Long Public Library	-	2	2
Total:	11	82	93

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Reply Serial No.

HAB162

Question Serial No.

0842

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the establishment ceiling for 2008-09, the number of non-directorate posts of the Department will increase to 7 850. Of these increased 282 posts, how many are net increase and how many are vacancies waiting to be filled? What are the ranks of these posts and their distribution of work? What are the respective expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

All the 282 posts are net increase.

These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Manager (Cultural Services), Librarian, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Amenities Assistant, Artisan, Executive Officer, Architect, Estate Surveyor, Maintenance Surveyor, Analyst/Programmer, Transport Services Officer, Clerk of Works, Works Supervisor, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Photographer and Supplies Supervisor grades. They are to provide leisure and cultural services as well as general and technical support services in the Department.

The estimated salary provision for the 282 posts is \$60.7 million per annum.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB163

Question Serial No.

1001

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There will be an increase of 14 posts in 2008-09. What will be the establishment? What will be the distribution of work regarding these posts?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The net increase of 14 posts under the Programme "Public Libraries" is to cater for job needs for new initiatives, facilities and services. These posts cover the Librarian, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer and Clerical Officer grades. They are to provide library, general and technical support services in the Department.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB164

Question Serial No.

1002

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the amount of provision earmarked by the Government for the acquisition of library materials in 2008-09? With the increasing popularity of the Internet, will the Government reduce the expenditure on library materials for this reason?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The provision for the acquisition of library materials in 2008-09 is \$85,209,000. As the Internet could only meet part of the reading and information needs of members of the public who use the libraries, the Department has to make provision for acquiring library materials to maintain a balanced mix of library materials in various formats to meet the diverse reading and information needs of members of the public from all walks of life.

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Name in block letters _____ **THOMAS CHOW**

Post Title _____ **Director of Leisure and Cultural Services**

Date _____ **25 March 2008**

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Reply Serial No.

HAB165

Question Serial No.

1003

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There will be an increase of 231 posts in 2008-09. What will be the establishment? What will be the distribution of work regarding these posts?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The net increase of 231 posts under the Programme "Recreation and Sports" is to cater for job needs for new initiatives, facilities and services. These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Transport Services Officer, Personal Secretary, Supplies Supervisor, Clerk of Works and Artisan grades. They are to provide leisure, general and technical support services in the Department.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB166

Question Serial No.

2006

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

A total of 13 posts will be created in 2008-09. Please provide a breakdown of the new posts specifying the ranks, job duties and the salaries.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The 13 posts to be created under the Programme "Heritage and Museums" cover the Manager (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Architect, Estate Surveyor, Clerk of Works, Works Supervisor, Analyst/Programmer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supplies Supervisor and Photographer grades. They are to provide cultural, general and technical support services in the Department.

The estimated salary provision for the creation of these 13 posts is \$5.6 million per annum.

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

THOMAS CHOW

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB167

Question Serial No.

1160

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Regarding the financial provision for Community Development (CD), please explain why the 2008-09 Estimate for the government sector is 64% lower than that of the 2007-08 Revised Estimate, whereas the 2008-09 Estimate for the subvented sector will be increased by 12%? What are the services affected by the said reduction or increase in provision?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN FANG On-sang, Anson

Reply : The reduction in the provision for the CD services for the government sector in 2008-09 is mainly due to the re-classification of the funding allocation for the temporary posts from the government sector to the subvented sector. The total provision for CD services has not been affected.

The increase in provision for the CD services in the subvented sector in 2008-09 is mainly due to the additional provision for creation of time-limited positions for young people and strengthening the administrative support of non-governmental organisations under the Lump Sum Grant, partly offset by the full-year effect of the closure of two Neighbourhood Level Community Development Project teams in 2007-08 in accordance with the existing criteria.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Stephen Fisher

Post Title _____ Director of Social Welfare

Date _____ 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB168

Question Serial No.

1559

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In 2008-09, the number of Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDP) teams will be further reduced to 18 while the number of Community Centres will remain unchanged. However, the financial provision for the subvented sector in 2008-09 will be increased by 11.8% to \$140.7 million while the provision for the government sector will be reduced by 64.2% to \$3.9 million. Please provide details on how the additional provision will be used and of the internal reduction in provision made by the Government, including the manpower and departments that may be affected.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply : The increase in provision for the Community Development (CD) services in the subvented sector in 2008-09 is mainly due to the additional provision for creation of time-limited positions for young people and strengthening the administrative support of non-governmental organisations under the Lump Sum Grant, partly offset by the full-year effect of the closure of two NLCDP teams in 2007-08 in accordance with the existing criteria.

The reduction in the provision for the CD services for the government sector in 2008-09 is mainly due to the re-classification of the funding allocation for the temporary posts from the government sector to the subvented sector. The total provision for CD services has not been affected.

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Date _____ 26 March 2008

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HAB169

Question Serial No.

0478

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The provisions for the government sector in community development (CD) are maintained at about \$10 million in 2006-07 and 2007-08, but the financial provision for the above item decreases substantially by 63.9% to \$3.9 million in 2008-09. Would the Administration inform this Committee why there is such a substantial cut in provision and how will the provision of \$3.9 million be spent?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply : Out of the total financial provision under the government sector in CD services, about \$7 million has been allocated to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for the employment of temporary workers in 2006-07 and 2007-08. As these are provisions for the employment of temporary workers in NGOs instead of the government, the provision for this item has been re-classified from the government sector to the subvented sector in the 2008-09 Estimate. The total provision for CD services has not been affected.

The financial provision of \$3.9 million for the government sector represents the departmental administrative support costs for overseeing the activities operated by the subvented sector.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB170

Question Serial No.

2256

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Concerning the services provided for the target groups like street sleepers, ex-mentally ill persons and ex-offenders by the Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the details of the services provided in 2007-08, their effectiveness and the expenditure involved.
- (2) the CSNT will be extended for another three years until June 2009. Given that the need for and the effectiveness of the CSNT are recognised, why doesn't the Government incorporate the CSNT into regular service to help the target groups?
- (3) will any measures be introduced in 2008-09 to improve and enhance the services of the CSNT? What is the estimated expenditure for CSNT?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

- Reply :
- (1) The CSNT being operated by a subvented non-governmental organisation (NGO) provides outreaching support, casework and group work services to facilitate the re-integration of ex-offenders, ex-mentally ill persons and street sleepers in West Kowloon into the community. The CSNT is being operated in an effective manner as it has met the service output/outcome levels agreed by the Social Welfare Department. \$1.4 million being recurrent provision was provided for the CSNT under the 2007-08 Revised Estimate.
 - (2) & (3) Similar amount of \$1.4 million is earmarked under the 2008-09 Estimate. The CSNT is allocated on a three-year contract. The purpose is to review the operating NGO's performance with a view to determining its suitability to continue providing the service on one hand and to take into account possible changes in service demands and provision on the other hand. The Government has no plan to increase the provision for the CSNT.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB171

Question Serial No.

2257

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Concerning the implementation of Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) in areas qualified under the existing criteria, would the Government please inform this Committee:

- (1) of the criteria as mentioned in “areas qualified under the existing criteria”?
- (2) of the implementation details of NLCDPs in 2007-08 and the expenditure involved?
- (3) whether it will provide additional services and resources at the community and neighbourhood level in 2008-09 to districts in need of community development and support such as Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung? If yes, please list out the services to be enhanced and improved and the estimated expenditure involved in the neighbourhood and community development of the above two districts.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : (1) & (2) The NLCDPs provide welfare and support services to residents of targeted service areas including temporary housing areas, squatter and cottage areas, Mark III to VI Public Housing Estates affected by the Five Year Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme of the Housing Authority. Each NLCDP is to serve a target area of a population between 3 000 and 15 000. There is a total provision of \$26.1 million in the 2007-08 Revised Estimate.

- (3) Under the existing policy, the Government no longer establishes new NLCDPs. Residents in new towns including Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai are already supported by a range of community services including the integrated services for family, young people and elderly.

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HAB172

Question Serial No.

1514

Head : 25 – Architectural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (3) Facilities Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2008-09, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) will undertake the accelerated building programme of the municipal works projects. Please provide the progress of the relevant projects and the estimated new jobs to be created by these projects?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply : Of the 78 municipal projects in the ArchSD's priority programme, as of 28 February 2008, 26 projects have been completed, 23 projects are under construction, 16 projects are under planning and seven projects would commence construction in the next 12 months. The remaining six projects would be carried out upon the finalization of project requirements. The estimated new jobs to be created by the projects earmarked to start in 2008-09 are about 1 519, providing a total employment of about 29 390 man-months.

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Name in block letters _____ C. H. YUE

Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 26 March 2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department Subhead

(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the construction of artificial Lung Mei Beach at Tai Po, environmental protection organisations have raised strong opposition against the project. Please inform this Committee the actions to be taken to strike a balance between conservation and development. In addition, please advise the estimated annual maintenance cost of the artificial beach and hence the cost-effectiveness of the project.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) has employed a consultant to carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study of the project in accordance with the EIA Ordinance. The EIA study includes impact assessments on air quality, noise, water quality, waste management, ecology, fisheries, landscape and visual aspect. CEDD had submitted an EIA study report which was considered by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and Advisory Council on the Environment, and accepted with conditions. However, in view of divided public views on the ecology of Lung Mei, CEDD has requested the consultant to carry out additional ecological surveys to supplement information in the EIA study report for consideration by EPD. CEDD will implement a range of mitigation measures to minimise the impact of the construction works to the environment in accordance with the EIA study.

The estimated annual maintenance cost is about \$0.9 million. Upon completion, the beach will be able to serve a maximum of 4 000 users/day during swimming season.

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Date _____ 26.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department

Subhead

(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

During 2008-09, the Civil Engineering and Development Department will continue the design of Lung Mei Beach at Tai Po, the upgrading works for the seawall of Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade, the construction of Sai Kung Public Pier No. 2 and the construction of the helipad at Yung Shue Wan. In this connection, please provide details about the following:

- (1) What is the respective progress of works and anticipated date of completion of the projects mentioned above?
- (2) How much is the respective expenditure in 2008-09 for the projects mentioned above?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The design of Lung Mei Beach at Tai Po and the construction of the other projects are in progress. We expect to complete the design and construction works of these projects in the first quarter of 2009.

The estimated expenditures for the following works in 2008-09 are as follows -

	<u>(\$million)</u>
i) Design of Lung Mei Beach at Tai Po	1.6
ii) Seawall upgrading works for Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade	13.0
iii) Construction of Sai Kung Public Pier No. 2	8.0
iv) Construction of the helipad at Yung Shue Wan	5.0

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Post Title _____ Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date _____ 26.3.2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Subhead:
Department

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

During 2008-09, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will process submissions of new amusement rides for the expansion of the Hong Kong Disneyland and the redevelopment of the Ocean Park.

- (a) What are the types of the new amusement rides and how many submissions are expected to come from Hong Kong Disneyland and the Ocean Park for EMSD's approval in 2008-09?
- (b) What were the amusement rides approved during 2007-08? When will these amusement rides be installed and put into service?
- (c) Will additional funding and manpower be required in processing these submissions?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

- (a) According to the Ocean Park, there will be nine amusement ride submissions in 2008-09 to EMSD for approval. These submissions will include a funicular system, a roller coaster, a carousel, a water raft, a powered coaster, a bumper-car ground and three high-speed rotating rides. For Disneyland, details of their submissions in 2008-09 are not available at the moment.
- (b) In 2007-08, EMSD approved the design of a boat-canal ride entitled "It's a Small World" submitted by the Disneyland. The installation work of the ride was completed in February 2008, and the ride is expected to commence operation in the second quarter of 2008.
- (c) EMSD will deploy existing resources to process all the submissions. No additional resources are required.

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Post Title _____ Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Date _____ 25 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

HAB176

Question Serial No.

0377

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead : 3056RE Establishment and
running of an interim M+

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The establishment and running of an interim M+ is at a rough order of cost of \$95.3 million plus while the estimated expenditure in 2008-09 is only \$1.4 million plus. What is the timetable for using the \$93 million plus? How can the progress of the project be expedited?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : The interim M+ remains a planned project in response to the request from the cultural sector, following the major engagement exercise held last summer. The expenditure on the interim M+ in 2008-09 was estimated on the assumption that a considerable portion of the project expenditure would be incurred in 2009-10 and 2010-11 during which the bulk of the construction work would take place. Taking the views of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority which is expected to be set up in the second half of 2008 (if the enabling legislation is passed in LegCo by the end of June 2008) and which will be responsible for managing the interim M+, we are working closely with the relevant departments with a view to enabling the submission of the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee by the end of this year.

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Date _____ 20 March 2008

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB177

Question Serial No.

1173

Head : 707 – New Towns and
Urban Area
Development

Subhead (No. & title): 7014CX
Rural Public
Works
Programme

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the estimate for 2008-09 is lower than the revised estimate for 2007-08. However, there are quite a number of outstanding minor works projects in the rural areas of the New Territories and rural residents are dissatisfied with the slow progress. Would the Administration explain why there is a decrease in the expenditure for works instead of an increase, despite the sound financial position. Would the Administration consider increasing the expenditure for rural public works?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

The objective of the Rural Public Works (RPW) Programme is to upgrade the local infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas of the New Territories in response to local demand. The number of projects implemented and the level of expenditure under the programme will vary each year depending on the scope and nature of the projects proposed by the rural community. Furthermore, it is not uncommon for the progress of individual project to be affected by factors such as site constraints, local objection and other technical problems.

In 2008-09, the estimated expenditure under the RPW programme is \$120 million, which represents a slight decrease of 1.6% when compared with the revised estimate of \$122 million for 2007-08. One reason for the larger expenditure in 2007-08 is the implementation of some major projects such as the construction of a helipad at Lamma Island. Notwithstanding this, we expect that the number of RPW projects to be completed in 2008 will increase by some 27% over 2007.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB178

Question Serial No.

2480

Head : 707 - New Towns
and Urban
Area
Development

Subhead (No. & title): 7053HH Village
Improvements
and Development
Schemes in the
New Territories:
1995-96
Programme

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to item 7053HH "Village Improvements and Development Schemes in the New Territories: 1995-96 Programme", what are the major results achieved so far? Does the Administration have any plans to implement similar village improvements and development programme?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

Item 7053HH "Village Improvements and Development Schemes in the New Territories (NT) : 1995-96 Programme" comprises mainly 44 minor village improvement projects in various rural areas in NT districts with an approved project estimate of \$89 million. These projects involve construction of village access, footpath paving, drainage improvement, irrigation facilities, village extension area and water supply etc. So far, 42 projects have been completed at a total expenditure of \$72 million. The local infrastructural facilities of the concerned districts have been upgraded and the living environment of the residents has been improved through this Programme.

To continue with our efforts to improve the living environment of the rural areas in NT, we introduced the Rural Public Works (RPW) Programme in 1999. The objective of the RPW Programme is to upgrade the local infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the NT in response to local demand. The projects include construction of footpaths and access roads, drainage systems, sitting-out areas and rainshelters. In 2008, we plan to undertake 130 RPW projects with estimated expenditure at \$125 million. We believe the RPW Programme can continue to meet the local demand to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the NT.

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