

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB001

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1263

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the ten uniformed groups subvented by the Administration, please advise the number of youth members, the total amount of subvention, and the average amount of subvention per member in 2007, 2008 and 2009. What are the factors for consideration when determining the amount of subvention for each uniformed group?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The amount of subvention for individual uniformed group is determined having regard to the resources available and prevailing levels of subvention. The number of youth members, the total amount of subvention, and the average amount of subvention per member in 2007, 2008 and 2009 are shown in the table below –

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
(i) Number of youth members	138 874	138 422	137 633
(ii) Total amount of subvention (in million)	\$39.462	\$41.480	\$41.480
(iii) Average amount of subvention per member (ii)/(i)	\$284	\$300	\$301

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB002

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1264

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration explain why the number of youth members of uniformed groups subvented in 2009 was lower than that of 2008? And why the estimated number for 2010 will return to the level of 2008? Has the Administration reserved resources for measures to encourage uniformed groups to recruit new members?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The percentage change in number of youth members of uniformed groups between 2008 and 2009 is less than 1%. There are similar fluctuations in the past years. It is envisaged that the number of youth members for 2010 would increase slightly since uniformed groups would continue with their promotional effort in recruiting new members. We organised a Uniformed Groups Exhibition in 2009 at the Youth Square which was a large recruitment activity. We will continue to explore similar opportunities for uniformed groups to recruit new youth members.

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HAB003

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1487

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please explain why the revised estimate for 2009-10 under this Programme is 39.4% less than its original estimate.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

After consulting relevant stakeholders, we have allocated part of the funding initially budgeted under Programme 4 to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) for strengthening support to elite athletes. The decrease in funding under Programme 4 is accordingly offset by an increase in the funding under Programme 6 (Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups) to the HKSI Limited. The allocation to HKSI was mainly for the following purposes –

- (i) strengthening support for elite athletes including providing support to four “priority target sports”, allocating additional funding for the Direct Financial Support Schemes and enhancing junior squad training of the HKSI; and
- (ii) carrying out reinstatement works at Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village after the HKSI moved back to its Fo Tan site.

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HAB004

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1488

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding “Other Charges – Youth development activities” under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, the original estimate of \$23 million for 2009-10 has been adjusted downwards to the revised estimate of \$16 million. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The estimate for “Youth development activities” for 2009-10 was revised from \$23 million to \$16 million. The revision was mainly due to the cancellation or postponement of approved projects by local community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland in view of the threat of human swine influenza in the summer months of 2009. Moreover, approved projects under the newly introduced Youth National Education Funding Scheme are to be completed within the period from July 2009 and December 2010. A number of these approved projects will only be concluded, and requisite costs incurred, later in the calendar year of 2010.

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HAB005

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1500

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the progress and the anticipated completion date of the redevelopment project of the Hong Kong Sports Institute? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? Has the Administration assessed the impact of the redevelopment project on our athletes' preparation for the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou later this year?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The Finance Committee has approved funding of \$1,760.4 million for the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) Redevelopment Project. The HKSI is implementing the project by way of four contracts, as follows -

- *Contract 1 – refurbishment of the existing indoor sports complex and construction of a temporary velodrome at Whitehead, Ma On Shan*: refurbishment works started in March 2009 and were completed in February 2010. The temporary velodrome at Whitehead will be completed by April 2010;
- *Contract 2 – foundation works for the new multi-purpose building, multi-purpose sports hall, rowing boathouse and a 52-metre indoor swimming pool*: works started in July 2009 and are due for completion by the end of 2010;

- *Contract 3 – superstructure works for the new multi-purpose building, multi-purpose sports hall, rowing boathouse and indoor pool, and refurbishment of outdoor venues (except the multi-purpose hard court and the external area around the hostel wing and swimming pool):* the HKSI is preparing tender documents for Contract 3 and intends to have it awarded within 2010. Most of the new infrastructure works are tentatively targeted for completion by the end of 2011; and

- *Contract 4 – alteration and additional works for the existing swimming pool, hostel wing and spectator stand, and refurbishment of the external area around these premises and the multi-purpose hard court:* the HKSI plans to invite tenders for Contract 4 in mid-2012. Tentatively, the whole project is targeted for completion by the end of 2013.

The HKSI estimates that the project will create about 1 000 jobs. The HKSI has planned the implementation of the project to ensure that athletes' training and preparation for major games, including the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games will not be significantly affected.

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HAB006

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1501

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 the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited's key performance indicators, its income generated from donations and sponsorship is expected to decrease from \$6 million in 2009 to an estimated \$3 million in 2010. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

In 2009, the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited received a relatively higher level of income from sponsorship and donations due largely to the sponsorship of \$3.07 million received specifically for providing incentive awards to Hong Kong medalists at the 2009 East Asian Games.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB007

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1509

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the respective expenditures for the Commission on Youth (COY) in the past three financial years of 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? What is the establishment of the COY Secretariat? Has the Administration reserved any resources for 2010-11 to review the role and terms of reference of COY?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The expenditures for COY in the past three financial years of 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are \$7.5 million, \$10 million and \$16 million (revised estimate) respectively. Currently, the COY Secretariat comprises one Senior Executive Officer and two Executive Officer Is. After the conduct of a retreat in July 2009, the COY has restructured its committee and working group structure. We have no plan to set aside resources for the purpose of reviewing the role and terms of reference of COY.

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HAB008

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1510

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Of the columbarium facilities managed by the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC), how many niches are available for the public to apply? What is the number of applications pending approval and what is the average waiting time? What are the new sites under consideration by the Administration for allocation to the BMCPC? What is the estimated number of new niches to be provided?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

According to information provided by the BMCPC, all niches in the four existing cemeteries under its management have been allocated. BMCPC anticipated that around 50 000 new niches will be provided under its existing cemeteries in the coming two years. BMCPC would accept and process applications for new niches once they are available for sale. 9 201 applications are currently on a waiting list for reverted niches. The average waiting time for reverted niches depends on various factors which are beyond the control of BMCPC, such as the pace of niches being returned to BMCPC, the number of new applications for reverted niches and withdrawals received. Amongst the successful applicants allocated with reverted niches in the past three years, the average waiting time was 600 days. BMCPC will work with Government departments concerned, for example the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities.

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HAB009

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1522

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Has the Administration reserved any resources and manpower for studying ways to enhance the collection of views from young people? If yes, what are the resources and manpower involved? Will the Administration explore the use of the existing social networking sites or online platforms, such as Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, etc., for communicating with young people?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

In collaboration with the Commission on Youth (COY), the Administration will continue to promote communication with young people by engaging youths through channels such as youth summit as well as exchange sessions and forums. The Administration will also expand its channels of communication with youth by adopting means common to them, such as social networking sites, blogs and on-line forums in addition to traditional forums and consultation. No significant additional resources are involved.

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HAB010

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1523

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to oversee the operation of Youth Square in 2010-11. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the occupancy rate of the performance venues, exhibition halls, offices, catering and retail facilities and hostels operated under Youth Square since its opening? What are the rent levels of the above facilities and what are the factors of consideration in determining the rental? Will the Administration set up a mechanism for regular review?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

Youth Square (Y²) has been open by phases since August 2009. The occupancy rates of the short lease facilities namely Y-Theatre, Y-Platform and Y-Studio in February 2010 are over 50% on average. The office floors at Y² have all been rented out. The catering floor has also been awarded under a revenue contract and the catering facility is open to public in phases since March 2010. The average occupancy rate of Y² hostel facility which opened in December 2009 is about 57% in February 2010. Among the 36 retail shop units on the retail floor, six have been leased out and leasing activity is continuing.

The rental levels of Y² facilities were set mainly on the basis of the rates provided by Rating and Valuation Department and the market rates of similar facilities. Taking into account the affordability of youth and non-profit making organisations, a number of rental concessions are offered to eligible organisations and individuals. The major concessions include 20% discount for registered non-profit-making organisations in hiring Y-Theatre, Y-Platform, Y-Studio and multi-purpose areas; up to 50% discount for the leasing of retail space; up to 60% discount for the lease of office space by registered non-profit-making organisations; and

20% discount for rental of hostel by registered youth organisations and its members or registered non-profit-making organisations organising youth activities. The Home Affairs Bureau plans to conduct annual reviews on the rental levels of the facilities.

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HAB011

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

700 – General non-recurrent

Question Serial No.

0813

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has not fully utilised the approved commitment for carrying out the research study on a new funding mechanism for major performing arts groups and related matters. What are the reasons? What will the balance of the approved commitment be used for?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

We originally provided a revised estimated expenditure of \$2 million for 2009-10 in the 2010-11 draft Estimates for carrying out a research study on a new funding mechanism for performing arts groups in Hong Kong. However, owing to negotiations with the selected consultant, the research study will only commence in March 2010. We expect that expenditure for the study will be incurred in 2010-11.

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HAB012

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0814

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration proposed to inject \$3 billion into the Arts and Sport Development Fund. What is the target annual investment return? How was the target determined? What factors have been taken into account when determining the target? And how will the Administration provide sustainable additional resources for the long-term development of sports, culture and arts if the return fails to reach the target?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) is a sub-fund under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128) (the Ordinance). When considering the target annual investment return and the corresponding investment strategy for the ASDF, the Administration will take into account the forecast cash flow requirements of the Fund. We will consult the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Investment Advisory Committee established under the Ordinance to formulate investment strategies and advise on investment-related matters for the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation and its sub-funds.

We will seek the approval for the proposed injection of \$3 billion into the ASDF from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council within the current session. Meanwhile, we are working out the modus operandi of the future ASDF, including a mechanism to help ensure that worthwhile initiatives can receive funding support despite any fluctuations in investment income from time to time.

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HAB013

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1359

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the item of continuing to oversee the operation of Youth Square, please provide details of the specific work involved and its implementation. Will additional manpower and financial provision be required?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Youth Square Management Unit (YSMU) in the Home Affairs Bureau manages and monitors the operation and performance of the contractors. A Management Advisory Committee is set up to tender advice and to help monitor the performance of the contractors. The management services contractor is required to provide regular management reports and to achieve performance targets, including satisfaction level of youth participants, number of venue promotion programmes, occupancy and usage, as well as service availability of major electrical and mechanical systems, general operational services, security and cleansing.

The YSMU consists of one Senior Manager (Cultural Services), one Executive Officer I, one Manager (Cultural Services) and two non-civil service contract staff. We will keep in view the manpower requirements from time to time and make necessary adjustments as and when required.

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HAB014

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1360

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010-11, what is the amount of resources to be allocated by the Home Affairs Bureau to promote the development of social enterprises? How much of these resources will be used to nurture social entrepreneurs and what are the details of the specific measures in this regard?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In 2010-11, Home Affairs Bureau has earmarked \$2.6 million for promoting the development of social enterprises. On nurturing of social entrepreneurs, we commissioned business plan writing competitions for tertiary students in 2008 and 2009. We will continue to deploy resources to nurture social entrepreneurs and review the resource requirements as necessary.

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HAB015

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1361

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010-11, the estimates for this programme will increase by 31.5%. What are the projects and activities to be organised with the additional allocation? Please advise the respective allocation for social harmony and civic education and the amount for each project.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The projects and activities to be organised with the additional allocation under Programme 2: Social Harmony and Civic Education in 2010-11 are:

Youth development activities

For the Youth development activities, there is an increase of \$10 million in allocation. The increased funding will cater for extra expenditure arising mainly from sponsored study tours postponed from 2009-10 (due to the then threat of human swine influenza) to 2010-11.

Youth Square

Youth Square has been open by phases from August 2009. An increase of about \$20 million in 2010-11 is required for full year operation expenses.

Family Council related programmes

For the Family Council, there is a \$20 million increase in allocation for promoting family core values and a culture of loving, happy and harmonious families, including the launching of the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub.

The breakdown of the relevant provisions in 2010-11 under Programme (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education are as follows –

Item	Estimated Expenditure
International Youth Exchange Programme	\$1,850,000
Promotion of civic education outside schools	\$20,315,000
Youth Square	\$71,040,000
Youth development activities	\$26,000,000
Subventions to Uniformed Groups and other youth organisations	\$51,200,000
Family Council related programmes	\$25,000,000
Total	\$195,405,000

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HAB016

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1362

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding study tours to the Mainland, please advise the number of tours to be organized, the destinations, the nature of exchange, the number of participants and the funding involved in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Commission on Youth (COY) operates a “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland” (CP Scheme) and a “Youth National Education Funding Scheme” (YNE Scheme) to sponsor study tours to the Mainland and large-scale national education activities held in Hong Kong. For the CP Scheme, the applications for 2010-11 are now being vetted by COY. It is estimated that about 200 projects, with some 7 700 participants, may be approved. The estimated allocation for the Scheme in 2010-11 is about \$13 million which is funded by the Administration and charity donations from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries. For the YNE Scheme, a total of 19 programmes were approved for implementation between July 2009 and December 2010 and it is envisaged that about 17 600 youths will take part in the study tours to the Mainland and/or the related national education activities in Hong Kong. The estimated allocation for YNE Scheme in 2010-11 is \$6 million.

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HAB017

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3067

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) for measures such as art programme development. In this connection, please provide details on how the provision will be spent.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

We will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five years to strengthen Hong Kong's cultural software by ways of art programme development, audience building and enhancement of art education and manpower training. Major items of expenditure are set out as follows –

	Items	Estimated Expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (\$ million)
1	Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	202.5
2	Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69
3	Enrich the content of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	80

4	Line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators	32.28
5	Support student participation in arts education activities	21.69
6	Step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community	80.35
	Total	485.82

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HAB018

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2477

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding consultation conducted under all Programmes for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

For projects with approved funds for consultations in 2009-10, please provide information in the following format:

Name/ content of consultation projects	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of consultations (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultations (e.g. collection of written opinions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultations conducted, name of bodies consulted, number of people consulted	Follow-ups of the Administration on the consultation results 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?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

In 2009-10, the Home Affairs Bureau consulted with a large number of individuals, bodies and advisory committees on a very frequent basis for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies. It is therefore not possible to provide exhaustive information in the format suggested in the question.

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HAB019

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2478

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consultation exercises conducted by the Bureau under all Programmes for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning consultation exercises in 2010-11?
If yes, please provide the following details:

Name/ Description of Consultation Exercise	Expenditure (\$)	Consultation Progress (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Consultation Format (written submission/ consultation meeting/ focus group), Number of Consultation Sessions, Organisations Consulted, Number of People Consulted	Will consultation exercises scheduled for completion in 2010-11 be publicised? If not, what are the reasons?
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Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

Name/ Description of Consultation Exercise	Expenditure (\$)	Consultation Progress (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Consultation Format (written submission/ consultation meeting/ focus group), Number of Consultation Sessions, Organisations Consulted, Number of People Consulted	Will consultation exercises scheduled for completion in 2010-11 be publicised? If not, what are the reasons?
Consultation on various aspects of the Multi- Purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak	Not yet available	Under planning	To be determined	The schedule of the exercise is still under planning.
Collation of public opinion about Hong Kong's bid for hosting the Asian Games	Not yet available	Under planning	Under planning	The schedule of the exercise is still under planning.

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HAB020

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0944

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration plans to carry out a study on the manpower situation and training needs of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong. When will the study be conducted? How long will it take? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau has been working closely with the Central Policy Unit to carry out a study on the current manpower situation and needs of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong. The study is in progress and is expected to be completed within 2010. The expenditure involved is approximately \$2.5 million.

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HAB021

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0945

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will establish a representative maritime museum for Hong Kong by taking forward the relocation of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum to Central Pier 8. When will the project be completed? Will the scale of the new museum be larger than the existing one? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Government is working with the Hong Kong Maritime Museum to take forward its relocation from Murray House at Stanley to the Central Pier 8 with a view to establishing a large-scale and more representative maritime museum in Hong Kong. With capital subvention from the Government, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum has commissioned consultants to prepare a detailed design of the future museum and work out the estimated cost for the project accordingly. The consultancies are estimated to cost \$14.5 million. It is presently estimated that the project will take around two years to complete upon funding and Town Planning Board approvals.

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HAB022

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0946

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration intends to identify new sports events that could be staged in Hong Kong with a view to stimulating public interest in sport and promoting Hong Kong as an events capital. Does the Administration have any plans at the moment? What will be the estimated expenditure involved in hosting new sports events?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau will organise workshops for the National Sports Associations (NSAs) for them to share experience and improve their capability in staging major sports events; and to encourage them to initiate and develop more major sports events similar to the Hong Kong Marathon and the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens.

We will also provide appropriate assistance to NSAs intending to organise major sports events, in particular with funding and promotion through the “M” Mark scheme, which operates under the aegis of the Sports Commission (SC). At present, about \$6 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund is allocated annually to support the staging of “M” Mark sports events. We wish to see the number of “M” Mark sports events grow in order to stimulate public interest in sport and to promote Hong Kong as a sports event capital. We will review the “M” Mark scheme in consultation with the Major Sports Events Committee under the SC to see how this can be achieved.

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HAB023

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0947

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Concerning the technical feasibility study for the development of a Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak, what are the estimated expenditure involved and the expected completion date of the study?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The estimated cost for carrying out study on the technical feasibility of the development of the Multi-Purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak is \$10.5M. The study will be completed by mid-2010.

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HAB024

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1111

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will implement measures to provide additional support for the training and competition needs of elite athletes. Please provide the details of such measures and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) is responsible for the training and development of elite athletes and receives an annual government subvention that currently covers the majority of its expenditure on athlete development. For 2010-11, the estimated subvention will be \$154.7 million. To help better prepare our athletes for major games (such as the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games and the London 2012 Olympic Games) and other international competitions, the Sports Commission has endorsed the following initiatives for implementation by the HKSIL -

- the allocation of \$5.6 million per annum from 2009-10 to 2012-13 for strengthening the elite training programmes of four sports, namely badminton, cycling, table tennis and windsurfing which have been identified as “priority target” sports for intensive development in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games;
- an allocation of about \$1.5 million per annum in 2009-10 and 2010-11 for intensive development of judo as an “up-and-coming” sport; and
- the allocation of an additional \$3 million per annum for junior squad training from 2009-10 onwards.

Separately, we also allocate resources from the Arts and Sport Development Fund to help athletes prepare for and participate in major games.

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HAB025

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2073

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned in “Matters Requiring Special Attention” that the Administration will “continue to provide secretariat support to the Family Council and to support the Family Council in launching the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub”. Would the Administration inform this Committee whether the Family Council, since its establishment at the end of 2007, has conducted any study on policies and legislation, etc. which may have implications on family and whether it has made any recommendations (such as stipulation of standard working hours and formulation of family-friendly policies)? If yes, what are the findings and recommendations? If no, what are the reasons? What was the overall expenditure of the Family Council in the past year and what is the estimated expenditure for the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Upon the recommendation of the Family Council, Bureaux and Departments were invited to consider if their policies would give proper regard to the core values and impact on families as identified by the Family Council. The Family Council had discussed various policies, including youth drug abuse and matters relating to Mainland Hong Kong families, from the family perspectives. The Council has also started work on commissioning research studies relating to youth drug abuse, prostitution, neglect of elderly and children, with a view to coming up with new policy recommendations to the Government. Starting from 2010-11, \$25 million has been earmarked for conducting campaigns, research and relevant activities to promote family core values and a culture of loving, happy and harmonious families.

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HAB026

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0618

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the estimated expenditure for emoluments of the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The provisions earmarked for the salary provision for the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA), the Under Secretary for Home Affairs (USHA) and the Political Assistant to SHA in 2010-11 are as follows :

SHA	\$3.38 million
USHA	\$2.54 million
Political Assistant to SHA	\$1.52 million

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HAB027

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0488

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide details of the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub launched by the Family Council, including the policy objective, the implementation schedule, the manpower and resources involved, and the assessment mechanism.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The objective of the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub is to encourage the community to attach importance to the family, and to foster a culture of loving and happy families. The Happy Family Info Hub aims to provide an online platform allowing easy access to a wide range of family-related information and facilitates sharing of family-related issues in the internet. The Happy Family Campaign will be implemented in 2010-11. The Happy Family Info Hub will be launched in mid 2010. An additional amount of \$10 million has been made available for launching the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub. The Family Council will closely monitor the progress of work.

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HAB028

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0713

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in paragraph 122 of the Budget Speech, the Government will allocate additional funding of \$486 million for measures such as art programme development, audience building and enhancement of art education and manpower training. In this connection, please provide details of the relevant programmes and the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

We will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five years to strengthen Hong Kong's cultural software by ways of art programme development, audience building and enhancement of art education and manpower training. Major items of expenditure are set out as follows –

	Items	Estimated Expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (\$ million)
1	Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	202.5
2	Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69

3	Enrich the content of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	80
4	Line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators	32.28
5	Support student participation in arts education activities	21.69
6	Step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community	80.35
	Total	485.82

The additional resources above cover the creation of two Assistant Curator I, two Assistant Curator II and one Technical Officer II (Cultural Services) posts in the Government. A significant amount of the additional resources will be disbursed to arts groups outside the Government for carrying out the various initiatives mentioned.

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HAB029

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0727

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau will seek to identify new sports events that could be staged in Hong Kong with a view to stimulating public interest in sport. What are the specific plans for identifying new sports events? Please provide breakdown figures.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau will organise workshops for the National Sports Associations (NSAs) for them to share experience and improve their capability in staging major sports events; and to encourage them to initiate and develop more major sports events similar to the Hong Kong Marathon and the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens.

We will also provide appropriate assistance to NSAs intending to organise major sports events, in particular with funding and promotion through the “M” Mark scheme, which operates under the aegis of the Sports Commission (SC). At present, about \$6 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund is allocated annually to support the staging of “M” Mark sports events. We wish to see the number of “M” Mark sports events grow in order to stimulate public interest in sport and to promote Hong Kong as a sports event capital. We will review the “M” Mark scheme in consultation with the Major Sports Events Committee under the SC to see how this can be achieved.

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HAB030

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0728

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (COY) in promoting national education among the general public, particularly for the youth, would the Administration please provide the estimated expenditure, work plan and estimated number of participants for national education in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

In 2010-11, we will continue to work closely with the CPCE to implement a wide range of activities and programmes to promote national education among the general public, including provision of financial sponsorship to community organisations to organise activities to promote national education, annual promotional programme on the Basic Law, as well as other publicity programmes such as TV programmes and publications which aim to enhance public interest in various aspects of our country – Chinese arts, culture and history. We will hold exhibitions, seminars and workshops to promote national education to the general public including youths. The estimated expenditure for these tasks is about \$12.5 million.

Furthermore, COY will continue sponsor community groups to organise youth study tours to the Mainland through its “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland” (CP Scheme) and “Youth National Education Funding Scheme” (YNE Scheme) in 2010-11. It is estimated that some 7 700 young participants will join the study tours to the Mainland under the CP Scheme; and another 17 600 youths will take part in the study tours to the Mainland and/or the related national education activities in Hong Kong under the YNE Scheme. Besides, we endeavour to explore opportunities to enhance co-operation in youth

development between Hong Kong and the Mainland. The estimated expenditure for these tasks is \$19 million.

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HAB031

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1533

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to fostering partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises and nurturing more social entrepreneurs, please advise the specific plan, manpower and expenditure involved in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

To foster partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises, the Administration will continue to implement the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership through a matching forum and a mentorship scheme. On nurturing of social entrepreneurs, we commissioned business plan writing competitions for tertiary students in 2008 and 2009. We will continue to deploy resources to nurture social entrepreneurs and review the resource requirements as necessary. In 2010-11, Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked around \$9 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of the HAB and HAD will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid measures.

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HAB032

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1534

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the support to the Family Council in launching the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub, please advise the details of the plan and expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The objective of the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub is to encourage the community to attach importance to the family, and to foster a culture of loving and happy families. The Happy Family Info Hub aims to provide an online platform allowing easy access to a wide range of family-related information and facilitates sharing of family-related issues in the internet. An additional amount of \$10 million has been made available for launching the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub.

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HAB033

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1535

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 under this Programme the provision for 2010-11 is \$60.9 million (31.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10, mainly due to the increased provision for promotion of civic/national education, youth development, and Family Council related programmes. In view of the rather sharp increase, please provide a breakdown of the expenditure, the details and the amount provision involved.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The breakdown of the relevant provisions in 2010-11 under Programme (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education are as follows –

Item	Estimated Expenditure
International Youth Exchange Programme	\$1,850,000
Promotion of civic education outside schools	\$20,315,000
Youth Square	\$71,040,000
Youth development activities	\$26,000,000
Subventions to Uniformed Groups and other youth organisations	\$51,200,000
Family Council related programmes	\$25,000,000
Total	\$195,405,000

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HAB034

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1536

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) In 2009, there were 7 543 participants joining the study tours to the Mainland under the Community Participation Scheme. Please provide the details, including the activities organised, the organisations sponsored, the Mainland provinces and cities visited as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.
- (b) In 2010, the estimated number of participants under the Scheme is 7 700. Please provide the related details.
- (c) What are the reasons for an anticipated increase in the number of participants in 2010 comparing with 2009?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Commission on Youth (COY) sponsors the Mainland study tours of young people through the “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland”. In 2009, COY sponsored 168 study tours organised by 138 community organisations, involving \$11.6 million and covering 69 cities in the Mainland. The number of participants in 2010 has been projected using the number of participants in 2009 as a reference. We anticipate a slight increase of 2% based on previous experience.

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HAB035

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1537

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the conduct of public education on gambling-related issues, provision of counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as conduct of research on the impact of gambling, please advise the estimated expenditure involved in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. Ip Kwok-him

Reply :

The Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) was set up to finance mainly three areas of measures, namely public education programmes which aim at preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems, counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as research and studies on gambling-related issues. Around \$15 million of the Fund has been designated for expenditure involved in 2010-11.

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HAB036

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1538

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11” that the Administration will explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of the Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities. Please advise the number of applications for facilities pending approval and the average waiting time. If new sites cannot be identified in the near future, what measures will be taken to meet public demand?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Board of the Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC) would accept and process applications for new niches once they are available for sale. 9 201 applications are currently on a waiting list for reverted niches. The average waiting time for reverted niches depends on various factors which are beyond the control of BMCPC, such as the pace, type and location of niches being returned to BMCPC, the number of new applications for reverted niches and withdrawals received. Amongst the successful applicants allocated with reverted niches in the past three years, the average waiting time was 600 days. BMCPC will work with Government departments concerned, for example the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities. BMCPC will also explore means to develop new columbarium facilities within its four existing cemeteries.

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HAB037

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1539

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As regards the 28 895 data subjects and curriculum vitae in the Central Personality Index in 2009, how many of them are serving on Government advisory or statutory bodies? Please also provide the number and proportion by gender.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Of the 28 895 data subjects/curriculum vitae included in the Central Personality Index, 4 765 persons were serving on Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) as at end December 2009. These persons included those appointed by the Government, as well as representatives of relevant organisations, elected, ex-officio or members appointed by the concerned ASBs. As at end December 2009, there were 5 735 non-official post-holders appointed by the Government to ASBs. Of these 1 567 (27.32%) were female and 4 168 (72.68%) were male.

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HAB038

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1540

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010–11, provision for this Programme is \$29.1 million (44.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009–10. This is mainly due to the increased provision for sports promotion and development. In view of the sharp increase, please provide a breakdown of the expenditure, the details and the amount of provision involved.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The increase in estimated provision under Programme 4 for 2010-11 is mainly for implementing initiatives in the following areas -

- an additional \$16.4 million is budgeted for enhancing support to elite athletes;
- an additional \$6.5 million is budgeted to support the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China engaging more staff, and for necessary maintenance work at Olympic House;
- a sum of \$4 million is budgeted for carrying out consultancy studies for the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak to facilitate detailed planning of the project; and
- a sum of \$1 million is budgeted for carrying out a territory-wide thematic household survey in 2010 for better understanding the needs and preferences of people of different age groups with regard to sports programmes and facilities.

The remainder of the increase in provision represents a general upward revision in other budgeted items under Programme 4.

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HAB039

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1541

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the details of the relevant measures to be implemented in 2010-11 to provide support for the training and competition needs of elite athletes? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) is responsible for the training and development of elite athletes and receives an annual government subvention that currently covers the majority of its expenditure on athlete development. For 2010-11, the estimated subvention will be \$154.7 million. To help better prepare our athletes for major games (such as the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games and the London 2012 Olympic Games) and other international competitions, the Sports Commission has endorsed the following initiatives for implementation by the HKSIL -

- the allocation of \$5.6 million per annum from 2009-10 to 2012-13 for strengthening the elite training programmes of four sports, namely badminton, cycling, table tennis and windsurfing which have been identified as “priority target” sports for intensive development in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games;
- an allocation of about \$1.5 million per annum in 2009-10 and 2010-11 for intensive development of judo as an “up-and-coming” sport; and
- the allocation of an additional \$3 million per annum for junior squad training from 2009-10 onwards.

Separately, we also allocate resources from the Arts and Sport Development Fund to help athletes prepare for and participate in major games.

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HAB040

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1542

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Concerning the implementation of a feeder system to strengthen junior athlete identification and development programmes for 21 sports as well as multi-sports for athletes with disabilities, please provide the names of the relevant programmes and the expenditure involved in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Government has budgeted \$18 million per annum from 2010-11 onwards for the implementation of enhanced feeder programmes by 21 National Sports Associations (NSAs) and two sports associations for athletes with disabilities.

With the additional funding, NSAs will be able to organise more training for young athletes under programmes, such as the School Sports Programmes, the Young Athletes Training Scheme, the District Sports Teams Training Scheme, regional squad training and junior squad training programmes. We will also make resources available to allow for promising young athletes to take part in more local and overseas international competitions.

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HAB041

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1543

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau will facilitate the planning and start of work on the redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), scheduled for completion in phases from late 2011 onwards. What are the details of the project and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Finance Committee has approved funding of \$1,760.4 million for the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) Redevelopment Project. The HKSI is implementing the project by way of four contracts, as follows –

- *Contract 1 – refurbishment of the existing indoor sports complex and construction of a temporary velodrome at Whitehead, Ma On Shan:* refurbishment works started in March 2009 and were completed in February 2010. The temporary velodrome at Whitehead will be completed by April 2010;
- *Contract 2 – foundation works for the new multi-purpose building, multi-purpose sports hall, rowing boathouse and a 52-metre indoor swimming pool:* works started in July 2009 and are due for completion by the end of 2010;

- *Contract 3 – superstructure works for the new multi-purpose building, multi-purpose sports hall, rowing boathouse and indoor pool, and refurbishment of outdoor venues (except the multi-purpose hard court and the external area around the hostel wing and swimming pool):* the HKSI is preparing tender documents for Contract 3 and intends to have it awarded within 2010. Most of the new infrastructure works are tentatively targeted for completion by the end of 2011; and
- *Contract 4 – alteration and additional works for the existing swimming pool, hostel wing and spectator stand, and refurbishment of the external area around these premises and the multi-purpose hard court:* the HKSI plans to invite tenders for Contract 4 in mid-2012. Tentatively, the whole project is targeted for completion by the end of 2013.

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HAB042

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1544

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010-11, how much resources will be deployed to improve athletes' prospects for performing at a high level in the London 2012 Olympic Games?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

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HAB043

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1545

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration stated that one of the matters requiring special attention in 2010–11 is to strengthen its efforts in developing a cultural network with the Mainland and other countries. What are the specific plans and the estimated manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

In 2010-11, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other countries.

Under the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) cultural cooperation framework, HAB and LCSD will follow up on the collaboration initiatives agreed at the 10th GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting held in February 2009 in the following specific areas:

- (a) development and exchange of performing arts talents and programme collaboration;
- (b) exchange of cultural information;
- (c) development of museum network and excavation, conservation and promotion of heritage;
- (d) library cooperation and exchange;
- (e) promotion of Cantonese Opera; and
- (f) study on the development of cultural and creative industries and related internship programmes.

The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Macao in 2010-11. The

estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD on enhancing cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland in 2010-11 is around \$44 million, including LCSD's organisation of a series of art exhibitions and coordination of performances by local arts groups in Shanghai during the World Expo period. Separately, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) has budgeted \$2 million for cultural exchange with the Mainland in 2010-11.

For cultural exchanges with overseas countries, LCSD will continue to organise a series of cultural activities to establish, maintain and expand networks with their overseas counterparts. The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD on enhancing cultural exchange and cooperation with other countries in 2010-11 is around \$38 million.

HAB also administers the Arts Development Fund (ADF) which supports outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2009-10, over 20 projects have been funded with a total grant of about \$2 million. In 2010-11, subject to the number and eligibility of funding applications received, HAB will continue to provide funding support under the ADF to support local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities.

The above work will be absorbed by the existing staff within HAB, LCSD and HKADC.

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HAB044

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1546

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration stated that one of the matters requiring special attention in 2010–11 is to work closely with the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee and the Cantonese Opera Development Fund Advisory Committee in supporting the development of Cantonese opera as an important local art form. What are the details of the work and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Government proposes to inject \$69 million into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) in 2010-11 to support the development of Cantonese Opera, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council. This will be used to fund various Cantonese Opera development projects, including the “Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Troupe for New Talent” Three-Year Grant Scheme to nurture new Cantonese Opera talents as well as performances, arts education, community promotion, professional training, research and archival projects, etc., subject to further consultation with the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee (COAC).

On the provision of performance venues for the Cantonese Opera sector, we will seek the Legislative Council's approval for \$730 million for funding the construction of an annex building at Ko Shan Theatre. In conjunction with COAC, we will consult the Cantonese Opera sector in taking forward other projects. These include Yau Ma Tei Xiqu Activity Centre Phase I (expected to be completed by end 2011) and the planning of its Phase II development; Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s Venue Partnership Scheme and priority venue hiring policy for Cantonese Opera troupes.

Apart from the \$3 million donation from the community to support the operation of Sunbeam Theatre from March 2010 to February 2011 through the CODF, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) will continue to grant performance subsidy to Cantonese Opera troupes for staging performances at Sunbeam Theatre with the government funding provided.

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HAB045

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1547

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

One of the matters requiring special attention in 2010–11 is to review the existing funding mechanism for performing arts. What are the details of the review? Is there a schedule for the review? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The study aims to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong, articulate the vision for the performing arts in the light of the West Kowloon Cultural District project, and draw up a comprehensive proposal on a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups for the flexible development of the sector. The study will commence in March 2010 for completion in early 2011.

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HAB046

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0149

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 :

Will there be any expenditure involved for the free Legal Advice Scheme in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-yee, Regina

Reply :

In the 2010-11 financial year, the expenditure for the free Legal Advice Scheme operated by the Duty Lawyer Service will be about \$570,000. The expenditure will cover the honorarium for staff supporting the legal advice sessions conducted by volunteer lawyers.

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Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1412

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010-11, the Administration will conduct research on the impact of gambling. Are there any specific plan and timetable? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-yee, Regina

Reply :

The Administration will continue to make use of the Ping Wo Fund which was set up to support, amongst others, research work relating to gambling. We will consult the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee, which advises on the use and application of the Fund, on the concrete work plan and resource requirements on research related to gambling.

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Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1830

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010-11, the Administration will continue to promote the development of social enterprise (SE) and nurture social entrepreneurs together with relevant stakeholders. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) specific work on the promotion of the development of SE; and
- (b) respective estimated expenditure and manpower for various work mentioned above.

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

In 2010-11, Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked around \$9 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include organisation of promotional activities at the district level to enhance public understanding of SEs and encourage members of the public to use the products and services provided by SEs, implementation of the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership, and providing sponsorship for business plan writing competitions. HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme to provide seed grants for eligible organisation for the initial operation of SEs. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of the HAB and HAD will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid publicity activities.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 18 March 2010

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

HAB049

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2779

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the development of arts and culture in Hong Kong, please provide the following information:

- (a) Over the past five years, how much funding has been allocated to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) by the Administration? Please provide a breakdown of the HKADC's expenditures over the past five years on manpower, operation, direct funding support for individual artists, arts projects, cultural and arts programmes, as well as the respective percentages of each of the above expenditure items in the overall funding allocated to the HKADC.
- (b) Over the past five years, what was the expenditure incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on matters related to culture and the arts? Please provide a breakdown of the LCSD's expenditures over the past five years on manpower, operation, direct funding support for individual artists, arts projects, cultural and arts programmes, as well as the respective percentages of each of the above expenditure items in the overall funding allocated to the LCSD.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) receives recurrent subvention and one-off grant on a project basis from the Government. Apart from such funding, HKADC also relies on the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to support worthwhile projects that contribute to the further development of the arts in the community. The breakdown of funding allocated to HKADC from 2004-05 to 2009-10 is set out below –

Funding allocated to HKADC	2004-05 \$million	2005-06 \$million	2006-07 \$million	2007-08 \$million	2008-09 \$million	2009-10 \$million (Estimated)
Government recurrent subvention	101.8	97.4	97.4	70.7 ¹	84.0	79.0 ²
Government one-off grants	-	3.3	1.2	2.3	5.9	2.45
Arts and Sport Development Fund (Arts Portion)	24.1	16.2	13.1	19.5	20.8	27.2
Total	125.9	116.9	111.7	92.5	110.7	108.65

Note 1. The funding responsibility for six three-year grantees of HKADC (i.e. Hong Kong Sinfonietta Limited, Chung Ying Theatre Company (HK) Limited, Zuni Icosahedron Limited, Hong Kong Ballet Limited, City Contemporary Dance Company Limited, Theatre Ensemble limited) has been transferred to Home Affairs Bureau since 2007-08.

Note 2. The funding responsibility for the Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF) was transferred to the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority on 1 April 2009 and subsequently to the Communications and Technology Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau on 1 June 2009. The funding for HKIFF in 2008-09 was \$10.9M.

For HKADC's expenditure from 2004-05 to 2009-10, the breakdown is set out below –

Recurrent Expenditure	2004-05 \$million	2005-06 \$million	2006-07 \$million	2007-08 \$million	2008-09 \$million	2009-10 \$million (Estimated)
Administration	17.2 (16.9%)	16.7 (16.6%)	17.4 (17.4%)	17.5 (24.4%)	24.7 (28.2%)	21.0 (26.1%)
Grant support provided to arts practitioners direct	77.0 (75.6%)	70.7 (70.5%)	70.7 (70.5%)	42.0 (58.5%)	49.6 (56.5%)	44.8 (55.8%)
Projects directly overseen by the HKADC	7.6 (7.5%)	12.9 (12.9%)	12.1 (12.1%)	12.3 (17.1%)	13.4 (15.3%)	14.5 (18.1%)
Total ³	101.8 (100%)	100.3 (100%)	100.2 (100%)	71.8 (100%)	87.7 (100%)	80.3 (100%)

Note 3. Part of the recurrent expenditure is covered by HKADC's other sources of income, e.g. interest income and donation.

For projects supported by the ASDF, HKADC absorbs almost all of the administrative staff cost and transfers all the funds granted directly to the arts community.

(b) The Cultural Services (CS) Branch of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is responsible for the management of performance venues, museums and public libraries as well as the provision of cultural services through various means including organisation of exhibitions and performing arts programmes, provision of support for artists and cultural workers, and provision of subvention to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, etc.

The total recurrent expenditure of the CS Branch (excluding the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) which is responsible for archaeological and built heritage issues) from 2005-06 to 2009-10, with a breakdown on administration and programme expenses is as follows –

Item of Expenditure ^{Note 4}	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10 (Estimated)	
	\$million	%	\$million	%	\$million	%	\$million	%	\$million	%
Staff and related expenses ^{Note 5}	524.0	27.6	515.6	27.1	543.0	30.5	609.9	33.3	632.5	33.3
Operational expenses ^{Note 6}	876.8	46.2	874.1	45.9	889.7	49.9	899.7	49.2	927.3	48.9
Provision of cultural services and support for cultural workers and artists, etc	322.9	17.0	340.6 ^{Note 7}	17.9	332.9 ^{Note 7}	18.7	300.8	16.5	319.7	16.8
Subvention to arts organisations	174.8	9.2	174.4	9.1	16.2 ^{Note 8}	0.9	18.6	1.0	19.1	1.0
Total Recurrent Expenditure	1,898.5	100	1,904.7	100	1,781.8	100	1,829.0	100	1,898.6	100

Note 4. Excluding AMO.

Note 5. The increase in staff and related expenses in 2008-09 and 2009-10 is mainly attributable to civil service pay adjustments and the intake of new civil servants.

Note 6. Operational expenses mainly arise from the management and operation of performance venues, museums and public libraries.

Note 7. A one-off allocation was provided to LCSD in 2006-07 and 2007-08 for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR.

Note 8. The significant decrease in funding for this item from 2007-08 onwards is primarily due to the transfer of responsibility, and hence the funding, for providing subvention to four major performing arts groups, namely the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society Limited, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra Limited, Hong Kong Dance Company Limited and Hong Kong Repertory Theatre Limited, from LCSD to the Home Affairs Bureau starting from 2007-08.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB050

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2916

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) for measures such as art programme development. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) How many art groups will receive additional funding? What is the expenditure involved? With regard to the art groups that will receive additional funding over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15), please provide a breakdown according to their names, the original funding they received and the amount of additional funding they will receive.
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of the estimated number of brand performances to be developed by artists over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) with additional funding support from the Administration, as well as the number of artists involved and the average funding support for each performance.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) We will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five years to strengthen Hong Kong's cultural software by ways of arts programme development, audience building and enhancement of art education and manpower training. A significant amount of the additional resources will be disbursed to arts groups outside the Government to stage performances and take forward projects of various scales and natures.

These include our continuous provision of additional resources to the nine major performing arts groups under Government subvention (namely, Hong Kong Philharmonic Society Limited, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra Limited, Hong Kong Repertory Theatre Limited, Hong Kong Dance Company Limited, Hong Kong Sinfonietta Limited, The Hong Kong Ballet Limited, City Contemporary Dance Company Limited, Chung Ying Theatre Company (HK) Limited and Zuni Icosahedron Limited) to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges. A total of \$202.5 million additional resources over the next five financial years has been earmarked for the purpose, on top of the baseline subvention to the nine groups that amounts to \$219 million in 2009-10.

A total of \$80 million additional resources will also be provided to the Hong Kong Arts Festival (HKAF) in the next five financial years to enrich its programme content to take it to the next level of development for positioning Hong Kong in the world cultural map. The provision to HKAF amounts to \$19.1 million in 2009-10.

- (b) It is estimated that the nine major performance arts groups will stage around 527 ticketed performances and HKAF around 128 ticketed performances in 2010-11. A significant amount of the additional resources will be disbursed to different arts groups which will stage their own performances and carry out other arts and cultural projects in order to promote audience building and enhance art education.

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HAB051

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2917

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) for measures such as art programme development. With regard to the promotion of public art and popular cultural and art activities by the Administration over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15), please provide a breakdown by the following details:

- (a) The number of existing curatorial projects on public art, names of additional projects to be carried out, as well as the expenditure and estimated numbers of art groups and artists involved in each project.
- (b) The existing locations of public art displays, additional locations for displaying public art, as well as the expenditure and estimated numbers of art groups and artists involved for each location.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Art Promotion Office (APO) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises the “Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme” and the “Art for All” project from time to time. “Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme” is a partnership project with the private sector, artists, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and non-profit making bodies. By displaying the works of talented artists in different venues in Hong Kong, the Scheme aims to bring art into the everyday life of the public and to build up a wider base of art supporters. “Art for All”, on the other hand, is a community art project in collaboration with NGOs, non-profit making organisations and social welfare enterprises such as

rehabilitation sector and minority groups. Through organising art workshops and exhibitions, the project aims to encourage different sectors to participate in artistic creation and appreciation.

The estimated number of art groups/artists involved in organising the two projects in the next five years cannot be provided at this stage given that the “Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme” would take place in the form of an open competition and selected candidates may be in group(s) or individuals while the number of NGOs participating in future “Art for All” projects is being worked out.

The APO is currently organising a public arts project, namely the Sai Kung District Council Public Art Project, through open competition. Proposals were invited in May 2009. A total of 116 proposals from 58 art units were received. It is planned that the artworks will be installed at three locations in Sai Kung District under LCSD’s management, i.e. Po Hong Park, Po Tsui Pak and Man Yee Playground. The estimated expenditure for the project is about \$1.8 million with funding provided by Sai Kung District Council.

In the next five years, we will also launch a pilot scheme of displaying local artworks at selected Government joint-user buildings. Details are set out in (b) of the reply.

The estimated expenditure to strengthen the promotion of public art in the next five years is approximately \$73.4 million.

- (b) There are currently 22 locations where artworks are displayed under APO’s Public Arts Scheme with details as follows:

Names of public arts projects	Locations
Public Art Scheme 1999	Kwai Tsing Theatre; Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building; Tai Po Central Town Square
Public Art Scheme 2002	Hong Kong City Hall (Memorial Garden); Yuen Long Theatre (Bamboo Courtyard); Hong Kong Central Library (Foyer); Tuen Mun Public Library (Podium, Lift lobby); Tseung Kwan O Public Library (Foyer Entrance); Fanling Public Library (Children Library)

Public Art Scheme 2003/04	Ma On Shan Public Library (Children Library); Hong Kong Cultural Centre (Outdoor on Salisbury Road)
Public Art Scheme 2006	Ko Shan Road Park; Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre; Po Hong Park
Installation of Public Artworks at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Stage I&II	Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung
Camera Yuen Long: Art-in-Subways	six subways (NS203, 224, 184, 209, 210, 211) along the Yuen Long Highway between Tin Shui Wai and Shap Pat Heung interchange
Lantern Painting Activity at West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade	West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade

For the pilot scheme of displaying local artworks at selected Government joint-user buildings, we have shortlisted Revenue Tower, Queensway Government Offices, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices and Tsuen Wan Government Offices as trial spots having regard to parameters such as physical environment, space for art display and ease of public access. We will commission local artists and arts institutions to display artworks in the public space of these buildings.

For other public art projects which are planned to be carried out by APO in the next five years, the exact locations for displaying the artworks have yet to be finalised.

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HAB052

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2918

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) for measures such as art programme development. With regard to the Administration's plan to strengthen the promotion of arts in schools over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15), please provide a breakdown by the following details:

- (a) The number of existing school-based art projects, names of additional projects to be carried out, as well as the expenditure and estimated numbers of art groups and artists involved in each project.
- (b) The number of schools currently running school-based art projects, the number of additional schools to carry out such projects, as well as the expenditure and the estimated numbers of art groups and artists involved for each school.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

We will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five years to strengthen Hong Kong's cultural software by ways of arts programme development, audience building and enhancement of art education and manpower training. These include an allocation of \$21.69 million to support student participation in arts education activities in the next five years. In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will further enhance educational programmes in museums and film archive to include learning sessions, guided tours and workshops to dovetail with the New Senior Secondary Curriculum. Teaching kits and learning sheets for special exhibitions will also be produced. About 9 000 senior

secondary school students are expected to benefit from the initiatives.

At present, a total of 12 school-based projects involving artists are being conducted to promote visual arts education among students, including the “MuseTeens Youth Leadership Scheme” which provides students with the opportunities to learn local art, heritage and museum work through a series of visits and lectures, as well as “New Teens On-line” which promotes visual arts to students through sharing sessions and demonstrations. Moreover, the School Culture Day Scheme under which visits to LCSD’s performing arts venues, museums and public libraries are arranged for students during school days involves 35 performing arts groups and over 500 schools in the 2009-10 academic year.

In addition, LCSD has implemented other schemes to promote the appreciation of performing arts among students. These include the School Arts Animateur Scheme whereby LCSD joins hands with arts groups to take forward projects comprising introductory performances, workshop series, student finale performances and students’ performances at voluntary agencies, featuring 88 participating schools and 13 arts groups in the 2009-10 academic year. The Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students also offers a spectrum of tailor-made performing arts programmes with interactive and educational elements for senior secondary students to tie in with their curriculum. A total of 14 arts groups and 72 schools are involved in the 2009-10 academic year. The estimated project cost for the existing arts education and audience building activities above is around \$6.4 million.

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HAB053

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2919

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) for measures such as art programme development. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) With regard to the Administration's plan to organise art training programmes over the next five financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15), please provide a breakdown by the following details: the number of existing art training programmes, names of additional programmes to be organised, as well as the expenditure and estimated numbers of art groups and artists involved in each programme.
- (b) How will the Administration implement these training programmes? Which institutions will be responsible for organising these training programmes? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

In the next five financial years, we will provide \$32.28 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to launch new trainee programmes to nurture a pool of arts administrators and museum curators. The trainees will be engaged by LCSD or by the partners of its performance venues comprising major and small/medium-sized arts groups. Details are set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

Arts Administrator Trainees

LCSD will provide comprehensive training to trainees in venue management, facilities maintenance, planning of programmes, carnivals and arts festivals, as well as event marketing and promotion at performance venues and programme offices. In 2010-11, 13 arts administrator trainees will be engaged on a two-year term basis, totalling 26 trainees for two terms between 2010-11 and 2013-14.

Separately, each of the 20 venue partners under LCSD's Venue Partnership Scheme at 11 performance venues will also be provided with funding to engage an arts administrator trainee during the five-year period from 2010-11 to 2014-15. Each trainee will be engaged on a one-year term basis and be provided with practical experience in the management of performing groups and their programmes. A maximum of 100 trainees will benefit from this programme.

Museum Curator Trainees

LCSD will launch a two-year training programme for its trainees in museum management which covers collection management, exhibition planning, art education, organisation of public art projects and venue management. In 2010-11, 10 trainees will be engaged on a two-year term basis, totalling 20 trainees for two terms between 2010-11 and 2013-14.

Apart from the above new trainee programmes, training and internship opportunities are widely available for those who aspire to a career in the arts and culture. These include the educational programmes offered by the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the University Grants Committee-funded institutions and the Vocational Training Council. In addition, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council runs a Local Internships Programme to sponsor participants to take up work attachments at local arts groups. Its Cultural Internship Scheme sponsors local arts practitioners to undertake short-term internship and training programmes in arts administration in the Mainland or overseas, and the renowned UK Clore Leadership Programme is among the programmes for this Scheme.

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HAB054

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3104

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to promoting the participation of the community in arts and cultural activities, please provide the following information:

- (a) How many government departments will the Home Affairs Bureau work with to display works of local artists in government properties? Please provide a list of participating government departments, as well as the number of areas to be set aside by each department for displaying works of art and the respective size of each area.
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved in the Home Affairs Bureau's plan to display works of local artists in government properties? Please state the expenditure in details and provide a breakdown of the estimated expenditure for each expense item.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) To further promote arts among the community, we are working on a pilot scheme of displaying local artworks at selected Government joint-user buildings, which are currently managed by the Government Property Agency (GPA), so as to provide local artists more opportunities to showcase their artworks in public space. We are working closely with the GPA, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Architectural Services Department in launching the pilot scheme. Through the GPA, the relevant departments of the selected joint-user buildings will also be involved.

Having regard to parameters such as physical environment, space for art display and ease of public access, we have shortlisted Revenue Tower, Queensway Government

Offices, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices and Tsuen Wan Government Offices as trial spots for the pilot scheme. The exact size of public space to be made available for the display of artworks in these buildings is being worked out.

- (b) The estimated expenditure for launching the pilot scheme in 2010-11 is approximately \$2 million. The detailed breakdown for the pilot scheme is being worked out which is subject to the size of the public space available in the selected Government joint-user buildings and the proposals we will receive from the arts groups or institutions.

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HAB055

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3105

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five financial years for measures such as art programme development. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the additional funding to be provided over the next five years for supporting art groups and artists in developing their brand performances, stepping up the promotion of public art and popular cultural and art activities, strengthening the promotion of arts in schools, and organising training programmes.
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of the numbers and details of projects to be carried out under the above-mentioned initiatives.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) We will allocate additional funding of \$486 million over the next five years to strengthen Hong Kong's cultural software by ways of arts programme development, audience building and enhancement of art education and manpower training. Major items of expenditure are set out as follows –

	Items	Estimated Expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (\$ million)
1	Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	202.5
2	Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69
3	Enrich the content of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	80
4	Line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators	32.28
5	Support student participation in arts education activities	21.69
6	Step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community	80.35
	Total	485.82

- (b) The additional resources above cover the launching of a trainee scheme for those who are interested in pursuing a career in arts/ museum management, a pilot scheme to showcase the artworks of local artists at selected Government joint-user buildings, promotion of public arts and the provision of more museum educational programmes, including guided tours and seminars, for students. A significant amount of the additional resources will also be disbursed to arts groups outside the Government which will take forward projects of various scales and natures to promote the aforementioned initiatives.

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HAB056

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2267

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau's estimated expenditure for social harmony and civic education in 2010-11 is 31.5% higher than that in 2009-10. However, as compared with last year, the estimated number of civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme only has a 5% increase and the estimated number of participants under the International Youth Exchange Programme and the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland, and members of uniformed groups subvented by the Bureau has an increase of less than 1%. What are the reasons for that? How much of the increased provision will be used for civic/national education, youth development and Family Council related matters respectively? What are the details of the measures?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

In 2010-11, we will continue to work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic/national education outside schools through various channels. The estimated total expenditure is about \$20 million (about the same provision in 2009-10). The CPCE will map out the detailed work plan for 2010 in due course.

For the Youth Development Activities, there is a \$10 million increase in allocation. The increased funding will cater for extra expenditure arising mainly from sponsored study tours postponed from 2009-10 (due to the then threat of human swine influenza) to 2010-11.

For the Family Council, there is a \$20 million increase in allocation for promoting family core values and a culture of loving, happy and harmonious families, including the launching of the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub.

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HAB057

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2269

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As regards the estimates of the Home Affairs Bureau for social harmony and civic education in 2010-11, what are the measures for promoting the development of social enterprises (SE) and nurturing more social entrepreneurs and what is the estimated expenditure involved? Please also provide the performance indicators of these services.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

In 2010-11, Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked around \$9 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include organisation of promotional activities at the district level to enhance public understanding of SEs and encourage members of the public to use the products and services provided by SEs, implementation of the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership, and providing sponsorship for business plan writing competitions. HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme to provide seed grants for eligible organisations for the initial operations of SEs. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of the HAB and HAD will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid measures.

We will continue our dialogue with SE operators and relevant stakeholders to gauge the effectiveness of our support measures. We shall review our measures as appropriate with a view to improving our strategies for promoting the development of SE.

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HAB058

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2649

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the provision the Home Affairs Bureau reserved for Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing in 2010-11 be used to conduct a feasibility study on bidding the 2019 Asian Games? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau will consider conducting a consultation exercise to gauge the public's views on whether Hong Kong should bid to host the Asian Games. The details of the exercise are still under planning and no resources have been committed so far.

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HAB059

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2650

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau plans to implement in full the feeder system for early identification and development of young athletes in 2010-11. What are the details and estimated expenditure involved? Is providing funding support for district football training part of the plan? If yes, what are the details and estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

The Government has budgeted \$18 million per annum from 2010-11 onwards to support the implementation of enhanced feeder programmes by 21 National Sports Associations (NSAs) and two sports associations for athletes with disabilities.

With the additional funding, NSAs will be able to organise more youth training programmes such as School Sports Programmes, Young Athletes Training Scheme, District Sports Teams Training Scheme, regional squad training and junior squad training programmes. Promising young athletes will also be able to take part in more local or overseas international competitions.

Although football is not covered by the enhanced feeder programme at present, the Home Affairs Bureau has just completed the Consultancy Study on Football Development in March 2010 and plans to set up a Football Taskforce comprising representatives of the Government, the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) and other stakeholders to oversee the implementation of the proposed recommendations, which include improvements to development pathways for football players in schools, at football clubs and at district level.

To support the implementation of the recommendations, the Government intends to earmark resources from the investment returns from the seed money proposed to be injected into the Arts and Sport Development Fund (sports portion) by the Financial Secretary in the 2010-11 Budget.

In addition, to enhance support for team sports, including football, that have the potential for greater spectator appeal and public participation, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will consider allocating additional funding to the relevant NSAs including the HKFA to enhance training of the respective squads with a view to raising the standard and professionalism of teams.

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Post Title	<u>Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs</u>
Date	<u>16 March 2010</u>

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

HAB060

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2651

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is announced in the 2010-11 Budget that to further promote the development of sports and arts, the Administration proposes to inject \$3 billion into the Arts and Sport Development Fund as seed money and use the annual investment return of the Fund to provide sustainable additional resources for subsidising the long-term development of sports, culture and arts. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the mode of operation of the seed money?
- (b) What is the estimated average annual investment return? What are the estimated expenditures involved for arts and sports projects respectively?
- (c) The Administration expects to approve 30 grant applications in 2010-11, which is the same as last year (i.e. 2009-10). What are the reasons? What are the respective numbers of arts and sports projects and the estimated expenditure involved for each project?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

- (a) It is proposed that the seed money be injected into the Arts and Sport Development Fund (the Fund), which is a sub-fund under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128) (the Ordinance). The Secretary for Home Affairs has the delegated authority to manage the application of the Fund. The Director of Accounting Services is the statutory trustee of the Fund and is responsible for investment and accounting matters. An Investment

Advisory Committee comprising members who are non-government officials has been appointed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Ordinance to formulate investment strategies and advise on investment-related matters for the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation and its sub-funds. Investment returns from the seed money are used to subsidise the long-term development of sport, culture and the arts.

- (b) The Administration is preparing the estimated cash flow requirements of the Fund for both arts and sports projects, on the basis of which the target annual investment return and the corresponding investment strategy will be determined.

- (c) We intend to seek approval for the proposed injection of the seed money from the Finance Committee of Legislative Council in the current session. In the meantime, having regard to the existing uncommitted balance of the arts portion of the ASDF, we estimate that 30 arts projects involving a total grant of around \$30 million will be supported by the arts portion of the Fund in 2010, which is similar to the level in 2009. The actual number and amount of grants will depend on the number and scale of funding applications from the sector, which vary from year to year. The situation is similar for sports projects.

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HAB061

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2652

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 target number of athletes under the elite training programme has been revised to 480 from 400 since 2009. Why no new target has been set for 2010? The estimated number for 2010 is 525, representing a mere increase of 41 from 2009. What are the reasons? Please provide a list of sports that will see an increase in the number of athletes receiving elite training.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

The target number of athletes under the elite training programme of the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) was revised upwards in 2009. The HKSIL will consider setting a new target in 2011 as the Hong Kong Sports Institute's redevelopment project reaches a more advanced stage and new facilities become operational to support more elite athletes. Based on the recent trend of athletes' performance in international competitions, the HKSIL estimates that the number of athletes in the elite training programme in 2010 will be 525, representing an increase of about 8.5% compared with 2009.

Below is a list of the sports in which the HKSIL expects to see an increase in the number of athletes receiving elite training in 2010:

- Badminton
- Billiard Sports
- Fencing
- Football

- Karatedo
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Squash
- Swimming (including diving)
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Windsurfing
- Sports for athletes with disabilities

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HAB062

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1164

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Does the Administration have any plans to relax the financial eligibility limits for legal aid applicants?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun Priscilla

Reply :

As part of the five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants, we are considering various proposals, including that for relaxing the financial eligibility limits for the legal aid schemes.

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HAB063

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1165

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under Programme (3), the financial provision for 2009-10 increased substantially from the original estimate of about \$64 million to the final revised estimate of \$3.027 billion. What are the reasons? Why is the estimate for the Programme for this financial year lowered to about \$47 million? Will the estimate be substantially increased once again?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The substantial increase in the financial provision for Programme (3) in the revised estimate for 2009-10 is mainly due to the increased provision of \$3 billion for the third injection into the Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas as approved by the Finance Committee in July 2009. With the lapse of the said provision, the estimate for this programme is revised to \$47 million and is unlikely to be substantially increased.

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HAB064

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1167

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to increasing the supply of columbarium facilities, what are the measures and work plans in 2010-11? How much resources are expected to be involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC) is one of the providers of columbarium facilities in Hong Kong. The BMCPC will, through deployment of its own resources, continue to explore means to develop new columbarium facilities within the four cemeteries under its management, and work with Government departments concerned, for example the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities.

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HAB065

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1168

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Hong Kong football team achieved outstanding results by winning the gold medal in the 2009 East Asian Games. As a result, football once again commands the attention of the public. What plans and activities will the Home Affairs Bureau carry out in 2010-11 to promote the sport and boost public participation? Are there any plans to upgrade the standard of local football players and facilitate existing football teams in Hong Kong to pursue professionalisation and internationalisation?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau has just completed a consultancy study on Football Development in March 2010 and plans to set up a Football Taskforce comprising representatives of the Government, the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) and other stakeholders to oversee the gradual implementation of the study recommendations. These include enhancing the structure and governance of the HKFA, strengthening Hong Kong's "national" football teams, establishing a professional football league; and improving development pathways for young and junior players. To support the implementation of the study recommendations, the Government intends to earmark resources from the investment returns from the seed money proposed to be injected into the Arts and Sport Development Fund (sports portion) by the Financial Secretary in the 2010-11 Budget.

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HAB066

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1169

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau will seek to identify new sports events that could be staged in Hong Kong in 2010-11. What specific events are the Bureau referring to?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau will encourage National Sports Associations (NSAs) to initiate and to develop more major sports events similar to the Hong Kong Marathon and the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens with greater participation and support from the commercial sector and the community.

We will provide appropriate assistance to the NSAs through the “M” Mark scheme, which operates under the aegis of the Sports Commission.

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HAB067

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1170

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Secretary for Home Affairs mentioned that the Administration intended to make a bid to host the 2019 Asian Games. What follow-up actions have been planned for 2010-11 to achieve this goal?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The right to host the Asian Games is entrusted to the relevant affiliated National Olympic Committee (NOC) of the Olympic Council of Asia. We are therefore estimating with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), which is the NOC of Hong Kong, the requirements for hosting the 2019 Asian Games, including the sports events to be held and their respective venue requirements, and other supporting facilities and services that need to be provided. Once such information is available, we will consider, together with the SF&OC, whether Hong Kong would be in a position to mount a strong bid to host the 2019 Asian Games, having regard also to public opinion on this matter.

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HAB068

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1171

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to overseeing places of public entertainment, does the Administration plan to put internet cafes under regulation, such as restricting the opening hours and the age of customers etc. in order to protect young people from the addiction to online games?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

Internet computer services centres (ICSCs) (commonly known as “internet cafés”) generally refer to premises providing computers and related equipment to customers for using Internet services. Depending on their mode of operation and the type of services provided, ICSCs should comply with statutory requirements in areas such as fire and building safety, noise control, etc. as stipulated in the relevant ordinances. In addition, HAB has issued the “Code of Practice for Internet Computer Services Centres Operators” (the Code) for voluntary compliance by ICSC operators. The Code has addressed the main areas of concern of the public, the trade and relevant government departments over the operation of ICSCs.

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HAB069

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1172

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What measures will the Home Affairs Bureau adopt to promote art education in primary and secondary schools and audience building in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The Government is committed to promoting the long-term development of the arts and culture. We will, through arts programme development, audience building and enhancement of arts education and manpower training, strengthen Hong Kong's cultural software.

To promote the appreciation of the performing arts at the school level, in 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen its arts education schemes for primary, secondary and special schools outside the formal curriculum, including the School Culture Day Scheme, the School Arts Animateur Scheme and the Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students, as well as other arts educational activities and special projects, in collaboration with the Education Bureau (EDB) and other educational, cultural and district organisations.

On visual arts education, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum and Art Promotion Office will continue, through collaboration with EDB and other educational institutions, provide a wide range of educational activities/services for primary and secondary students. These include guided tour services, teaching-kits and video shows, etc. A Journey on Learning the Arts for Senior Secondary Students Scheme, MuseTeens Youth Leadership Scheme and New Teens On-line programmes specially designed for students of the New Senior School Curriculum will be taken forward in 2010-11.

We are also stepping up efforts through various schemes and activities to bring the arts and culture to the community so that it will become an integral part of peoples' lives. For instance, the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme, District Cantonese Opera Parade, Cantonese Opera Day and Dance Day are currently implemented by LCSD at the community level to reach out to the neighbourhood. Additional resources will be allocated to strengthen the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme which brings art exhibitions to the audience outside museums with paintings, installation art, sculpture, photography, ceramics, etc. Publications and guide maps will be issued and an e-platform will be launched to promote public artworks to the community.

In addition, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council will continue to, through the Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme, encourage the arts and cultural societies in the 18 districts to organise and promote arts activities in the local community.

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HAB070

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1174

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Is there any plan for the Home Affairs Bureau to set up a “Visual Arts Academy” in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

At present, various local tertiary institutions have been running curriculum on visual arts. The Hong Kong Art School, set up by the independent Hong Kong Arts Centre as its educational arm, also runs curriculum and short courses related to visual arts. The Bureau has no plan at this stage to set up an academy for visual arts in Hong Kong.

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HAB071

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1175

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What measures or funding supports will be introduced in 2010-11 to encourage tertiary institutions to offer more art programmes at degree level?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau has included a provision of \$233.8 million for the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in 2010-11 to enable the Academy to provide both degree and non-degree programmes in performing arts, theatre and technical arts, and film and television.

In addition, the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions also offer arts-related programmes at degree level. New programmes introduced in the 2009/10 - 2011/12 triennium include digital media broadcasting, and cultural and heritage management. As far as funding is concerned, the UGC provides block grants to the institutions, which have a high degree of freedom and responsibility for determining the best use of the resources vested in them. Hence the UGC does not have a breakdown of funding to be spent on individual art-related programmes.

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HAB072

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1176

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Is there any plan to invite arts museums in the Mainland or overseas to hold professional arts exhibitions in Hong Kong in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department collaborates with museums in the Mainland and overseas from time to time in organising art exhibitions on different themes. The HKMA co-organised the exhibition “The Prosperous Cities: A Selection of Paintings from the Liaoning Provincial Museum” with the Liaoning Provincial Museum in 2009, and will co-organise with the Louvre Museum an exhibition on art education and appreciation entitled “Touching: Dance with the Sculptures from the Louvre” in late 2010. In 2011, HKMA will join hands with Guangzhou Museum of Art to stage “The Art of Li Yanshan”.

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HAB073

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1625

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 the indicators of key performance measures, the cost per audience of partnership projects in 2008-09 was \$1.18. However, the estimated cost per audience in 2010-11 is nearly 70 times higher than that of 2008-09 and nearly three times higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10. Please inform this Committee of the reasons for the big difference in cost per audience and set out the details of the partnership projects for the three years in question, including the programmes, funding arrangements, audience attendance and cost per audience.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

Partnership projects are those organised by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) in collaboration with the private or public sectors. Most of these projects are one-off in nature. The number and nature of partnership projects vary from year to year. Without a common base of projects, such figures between years are not directly comparable.

In 2008-09, the largest-scale project was “Mobile Art Gallery 2008”, co-organised by the HKADC, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Citybus Limited and New World First Bus Services Limited. It had a high audience outreach of about 1 million on the basis of the daily passenger rate of the bus companies concerned. The whole project was financed by the LCSD and did not involve any project cost on the part of the HKADC. As such, a significantly low cost per audience as borne by the HKADC was recorded in the year.

In 2010-11, the cost per audience is estimated to be higher due to the launch of a large-scale community arts project which involves \$1.7 million and an estimated number of 14 000 beneficiaries. A substantial portion of the expenses relates to the organisation of an arts exhibition and a series of performances, guided tours and workshops etc. The project aims to encourage artists and community organisations to devise community art projects which can showcase the unique characteristics of the respective districts and encourage the participation and involvement of students, local residents and district organisations. The other project is of medium scale and is expected to attract 4 754 audience in the light of past experience.

Details of the partnership projects for the three years are provided below :

Partnership Project	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Revised Estimate)	2010-11 (Estimate)
No. of projects	6	1	2
Audience outreached	1 053 158	4 754	18 754
HKADC's project cost (\$)	1,244,900	121,000	1,821,000
HKADC's project cost per audience (\$)	1.18	25.45	97.10

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HAB074

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2636

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 :

What was the percentage of cases receiving legal advice and representation from the Duty Lawyer Scheme against the total number of cases in 2009?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In respect of the charge cases in Magistrates' Courts in 2009, the percentage of legally represented cases was 85.3% and the Duty Lawyer Scheme covered 91.4% of such cases.

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HAB075

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2637

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 :

Regarding the Legal Advice Scheme, please provide information on the following:

- (a) Please specify the number of cases handled respectively by the nine District Offices providing free legal advice service in 2009.
- (b) Does the Administration plan to review the service demand and to expand the service? If yes, what are the specific plan? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) The District Offices in northern New Territories, including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Fanling and Sheung Shui, do not provide free legal advice service at present. Please specify the number of cases received from these four districts.
- (d) Are there any plans for the District Offices in northern New Territories, including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Fanling and Sheung Shui, to introduce free legal advice service? If yes, what are the specific plan? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

- (a) The respective caseload of the nine Free Legal Advice Centres operated by the Duty Lawyer Service in the nine District Offices (DOs) in 2009 is as follows –

Central and Western	619
Eastern	629
Islands	607

Kwun Tong	668
Shatin	425
Tsuen Wan	881
Wanchai	1 724
Wong Tai Sin	425
Yau Tsim Mong	657
Total	6 635

- (b) We plan to provide additional resources to the Home Affairs Department for engaging designated staff in DOs to be responsible for appointment making and recording of case background for the persons seeking service in respect of DOs with substantial caseload. We also plan to arrange more training opportunities for the staff concerned in order to enhance the support service to be provided to volunteer lawyers. We anticipate that by providing DOs with designated staff and with enhanced training, the support service for volunteer lawyers will be improved, which will in turn enhance efficiency and effectiveness of the service.
- (c) The North District Office covers Fan Ling and Sheung Shui. The respective number of cases referred by DOs in Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and North District in 2009 are as follows –

North	191
Tuen Mun	335
Yuen Long	316

- (d) The existing nine Free Legal Advice Centres are located on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon and the New Territories to serve the public from different districts. These Centres are all easily accessible by public transport. We will continue to keep in view the demand and supply for the service in consultation with the Duty Lawyer Service Administrator.

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HAB076

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2638

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 :

Regarding the Tel-Law Scheme of the Legal Advice Scheme, please advise the following:

- (1) What is the financial provision for the Tel-Law Scheme?
- (2) Does the Administration plan to update the information provided by the Tel-Law Scheme in 2010? If yes, what are the specific plans? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

- (1) The Tel-Law Scheme is one of the legal assistance schemes implemented by the Duty Lawyer Service (DLS). Allocation of provision for DLS is done holistically based on past actual expenditure pattern and estimated cost for administrative and legal fees without subdivision.
- (2) The scope and contents of the scripts of the Tel-Law Scheme are reviewed regularly. Whenever there is change in the law, whether by Court's ruling or legislative amendment relating to any topic of the script, the contents will be updated accordingly.

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HAB077

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2639

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 :

Regarding the Duty Lawyer Scheme, the cost per defendant in 2009 has increased by \$176 as compared with that in 2008. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The increase in the cost per defendant under the Duty Lawyer Scheme in 2009 as compared to 2008 is due to a slight increase in legal costs and other operational expenditure, and a decrease in the number of defendants represented by DLS which has caused the unit cost to increase.

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HAB078

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3051

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 under this programme that the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to promote the development of social enterprise (SE) and nurture social entrepreneurs. What are the work plans and estimated expenditure involved in this respect in 2010-11? Would HAB consider allocating resources to review its existing measures on supporting and promoting SEs? If yes, what are the work plans and estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2010-11, HAB and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked around \$9 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include organisation of promotional activities at the district level to enhance public understanding of SEs and encourage members of the public to use the products and services provided by SEs, implementation of the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership, and providing sponsorship for business plan writing competitions. HAD will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme to provide seed grants for eligible organisation for the initial operation of SEs. We will deploy resources to review the progress and effectiveness of the various measures as necessary.

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HAB079

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3052

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Since quite many organisations and individuals concerned with youth affairs hope that the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will convene the Youth Summit as soon as possible to provide a high level platform for extensive and thorough discussions on youth issues, would HAB allocate any resources for holding the Youth Summit in 2010-11? If so, what are the work plans and estimated expenditure? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Home Affairs Bureau and the Commission on Youth plan to conduct the Youth Summit on a biennial basis. Youth Summit 2010 was held on 6.3.2010. Resources will be made available in the relevant financial year for the conduct of the next Youth Summit.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 19 March 2010

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB080

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3053

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Home Affairs Bureau consider allocating resources to review the composition, functions and operation efficiency, etc of the Commission on Youth so as to enhance its effectiveness in promoting social participation of the youth? If yes, what are the specific plan and estimated expenditure of the review? What will be done to include voices of the young people and engage their participation?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

At present, we have no plan to set aside resources for the purpose of reviewing the composition, function or operation of the Commission on Youth (COY). Following a retreat held in July 2009, COY rationalised its working group structure with a view to strengthening its work on promoting youth development. COY will continue to promote communication with young people and social participation of the youth by engaging youths through channels such as youth summit as well as exchange sessions and forums. The Government will also expand its channels of communication with youth by adopting means common to them, such as social networking sites, blogs and on-line forums in addition to traditional forums and consultation. We will also invite more young people to provide their personal data for inclusion into the database from which potential candidates for appointments to Government advisory boards will be considered.

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HAB081

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3054

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many youth programmes will the Home Affairs Bureau organise through the Commission on Youth and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in 2010-11? Please provide information on the relevant work plans, programme contents and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2010-11, Home Affairs Bureau will continue to work closely with the Commission on Youth (COY) in implementing various programmes such as operating the “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland” to enhance young people’s understanding of our home country, sponsoring international youth exchange programmes to broaden the international perspective of Hong Kong youths, undertaking researches and studies on topics relating to youth development, organising or sponsoring youth development activities. The COY will map out the detailed work plan for 2010 in due course. The estimated expenditure for these tasks is \$26 million.

We will continue to collaborate with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) in 2010-11 to promote civic education to the general public including the youth through various channels, such as subsidising civic education activities organised by community organisations for promoting core civic values at the district level, launching territory-wide publicity projects and producing announcements in the public interest, organising competition and producing publications/education materials to promote civic education messages, etc. The CPCE will work out the detailed work plan for 2010 in due course. The estimated expenditure for these tasks is about \$20 million.

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HAB082

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3055

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

One of the main focuses of work of Home Affairs Bureau under this Programme is continuing to oversee the implementation of the recommendations arising from the 2006 District Council review. Of the recommendations arising from the above review, how many are yet to be implemented and what are the details of these recommendations? Will resources be allocated in 2010-11 to implement these recommendations not completed yet? If yes, what are the work plans and estimated expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Starting from 2008, all the recommendations in the 2006 review of the role, functions and composition of District Councils (DCs) have been put into effect in 18 districts.

The measures include, amongst others, increasing the annual provision to DCs in organising community involvement programmes and activities to \$300 million and providing an annual provision of \$300 million under the District Minor Works Programme for DCs to initiate and implement minor works in districts. In addition, all DCs have been involved in the management of some district facilities for better services to the public, including community halls, public libraries, leisure grounds, sports venues, public swimming pools and beaches. Furthermore, the Heads of Departments with direct interface with the public continue to attend DC meetings regularly to enhance the communication between senior Government officials and DCs.

These measures have been implemented smoothly over the past two years. We would continue to monitor their operation closely.

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HAB083

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3056

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) mentioned that more sites will be provided for the Board of the Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries. Please advise the specific location and area of the sites. Will the sites be used to increase the provision of niches? If yes, what is the estimated number of niches to be provided on these sites to ease the current shortage?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC) has been in close liaison with the Administration and has indicated its wish to obtain new sites for columbarium development. When a suitable site is identified, BMCPC will work out its optimum use with a view to meeting public demand of columbarium facilities as far as practicable.

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HAB084

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3057

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration stated that it will encourage the business sector to sponsor National Sports Associations or sports events. In 2010-11, will the Administration set aside resources to conduct relevant policy researches or launch new initiatives in this regard? If yes, what are the work plan and estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau will consult the Major Sports Events Committee of the Sports Commission on how to encourage the business sector to sponsor National Sports Associations in staging major sports events. We do not currently envisage any need to set aside additional resources to conduct policy research in this regard in 2010-11.

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HAB085

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3058

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Last year, the Audit Commission reviewed the Administration's funding support to National Sports Associations (NSAs) and made recommendations for improvement. In this regard, will the Administration set aside resources to review the existing funding mechanism for the NSAs and update it as appropriate? If yes, what are the details of the review and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In January 2010, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) started a comprehensive review of the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) with a view to streamlining procedures, enhancing accountability and improving overall effectiveness and efficiency. The review will examine issues relating to the allocation of subvention, LCSD's monitoring work and NSAs' reporting requirements, internal control and compliance under the SSS; as well as the necessary manpower and financial resources required to implement the recommendations of the review. The review is conducted by LCSD through internal deployment of resources, and is expected to be completed in early 2011.

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HAB086

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3059

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 consider allocating additional resources to various national sports associations? Will the Administration enhance its funding support for non-elite sports with great development potential with reference to their popularity among the local population so that they may one day be selected as elite sports? If yes, please state the relevant details. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has set aside additional funding of \$28 million per annum from 2010-11 onwards for the further promotion and development of sport. About \$24.4 million will be allocated to National Sports Associations (NSAs) to implement enhanced programmes. Among them, NSAs of non-elite sports, in particular those with greater development potential and popularity will be allocated additional resources to enable them to organise more systematic feeder programmes, and to strengthen their squads' training and participation in major overseas competitions with a view to raising the competitive standards of the athletes and achieving better results.

In 2010-11, \$3 billion is proposed to be injected into the Arts and Sports Development Fund as seed money. The annual investment return of this injection will provide sustainable additional resources for the long-term development of sport, culture and the arts. This will enable us to support more initiatives proposed by the sports sector, including NSAs of non-elite sports.

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HAB087

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3060

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There have been suggestions that Hong Kong should consider bidding for the 2019 Asian Games. In 2010-11, will the Administration set aside resources to conduct a feasibility and cost-benefit study on hosting the 2019 Asian Games or other major international sport events? If yes, what are the work plan and estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau will consider conducting a consultation exercise to gauge the public's views on whether Hong Kong should bid to host the Asian Games. The details of the exercise are still under planning and no resources have been committed so far. There is at present no plan to conduct feasibility or cost-benefit studies for other major international sport events.

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HAB088

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3061

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration stated that it will review the existing funding mechanism for performing arts. What are the work plan and estimated expenditure involved in 2010-11? Moreover, will the Administration engage the community, especially various art groups, in the course of the review?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The consultancy study on a new funding mechanism for performing arts groups in Hong Kong will commence in March 2010 and is targeted to complete in early 2011. The study aims to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong, articulate the vision for the performing arts in the light of the West Kowloon Cultural District project, and draw up a comprehensive proposal on a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups for the flexible development of the sector. The consultant will seek views from arts groups and other relevant players during the process through focused group discussions or other means.

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HAB089

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3062

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration proposed to carry out a study on the manpower situation of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong. Please set out the goal, scope, methodology, structure and estimated expenditure of this study. How will the Administration collect views of the community and various art groups in the course of the study?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau has been working closely with the Central Policy Unit to carry out a study on the current manpower situation and needs of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong with a view to collecting up-to-date information on the sector and drawing up measures to strengthen the development of cultural software.

The study covers arts practitioners and cultural organisations in Hong Kong. Both quantitative and qualitative methodologies are used in the study including literature reviews, consultative interviews, focus group discussions and questionnaire surveys. In order to have a wider public engagement, the study included some samples from non-governmental organisations and conducted telephone surveys for public opinions in the course of the study. The expenditure involved in the study is approximately \$2.5 million.

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HAB090

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3063

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Following the inscription of Cantonese opera onto the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, it stands to reason that more performing arts may make the same list in the future. It is necessary for the Administration to formulate policies for the conservation and promotion of intangible cultural heritage. In this regard, will the Administration consider conducting a study on introducing legislative proposal for the conservation of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritages with a view to ensuring that they are conserved, promoted and preserved in ways that are in compliance with the requirements of the UNESCO? If yes, what are the work plan and estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Pursuant to the policy of protecting, preserving and promoting Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage (ICH), the Administration has been providing support to the safeguarding of ICH in different ways. Established in 1992, the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust provides funding support to sponsor researches and educational activities related to local heritage including the preservation and promotion of intangible cultural heritage. The museums of Leisure and Cultural Services Department have been conducting research and recording of local ICH including festivals and rituals such as the jiao-festivals, temple festivals, clan rituals as well as traditional arts and crafts. The museums also organise from time to time thematic exhibitions, public lectures, seminars and conferences on ICH. The Administration has established the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee to advise on the promotion, preservation, study and development of Cantonese opera and set up the Cantonese Opera Development Fund to fund projects which help to foster the development of Cantonese opera.

The Administration is now conducting the first phase of a territory-wide survey in Hong Kong to compile the first inventory of Hong Kong's ICH in accordance with the framework set out in the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The survey results will provide a useful basis for the Administration to formulate further measures to support various areas of work relating to the safeguarding of ICH, such as identification, documentation, research, protection, preservation, promotion, and the need for legislation. The funding requirements will be worked out accordingly.

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

HAB091

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1703

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to encouraging collaboration among different sectors in the community to promote the further development of sport in Hong Kong, would the Administration inform this Committee of the followings:

- (a) In 2010-11, what plans does the Administration have to promote the further development of sport?
- (b) Please specify the amount of funding allocated to each National Sports Association (NSA) for the purpose of promoting sport development over the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10).
- (c) In 2010-11, how many NSAs will be funded by the Administration to promote sport development? What are the respective amounts of funding to be provided to these NSAs? What will the funding be used for?
- (d) What concrete measures will the Administration adopt to encourage district-based sports associations to promote sport development?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) In 2010-11, the Administration will continue to promote sports development in line with our established three strategic directions, namely to help our elite athletes to achieve excellence; to develop a strong sporting culture in the community; and to raise our profile as a centre for international sports events. In addition to on-going

initiatives to promote sport, we will consider how best to make use of the investment return from the proposed injection of \$3 billion into the Arts and Sport Development Fund, as announced by the Financial Secretary in the 2010-11 Budget, to support new initiatives. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to organise programmes and activities to raise public awareness of the importance of regular participation in sport and other physical activities. LCSD will increase funding support for NSAs and sports organisations through the Sports Subvention Scheme.

- (b) The amount of funding allocated to each NSA under the Sports Subvention Scheme for the purpose of promoting sports development over the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10) is at the Annex.
- (c) In 2010-11, LCSD will provide subvention to 58 NSAs under the Sports Subvention Scheme to promote sports development. The exact amount of subvention to be provided to individual NSAs is being finalised and will be subject to the details of their development plans. The subventions will cover personnel, office and programme expenses. The programmes to be covered by the subvention include participation in international sports events; organisation of squad training, development schemes; School Sports Programmes, local competitions and community sports clubs projects; and the training of officials and attendance at major sports conferences.
- (d) The Home Affairs Department provides annual subventions totalling \$2 million to 20 district sports associations (DSAs) to promote sports development at the district level. In 2010-11, the LCSD plans to organise 230 programmes with DSAs at an estimated cost of around \$9 million.

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Annex

Amount of Funding Allocation to each National Sports Association (NSAs)				
Name of NSAs		2007-08 (\$)	2008-09 (\$)	2009-10 (\$)
1	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,322,647	1,299,564	1,346,235
2	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association	4,162,390	4,727,919	4,732,255
3	Hong Kong Badminton Association	8,391,130	8,388,523	8,759,253
4	Hong Kong Baseball Association	2,915,494	3,028,179	3,109,797
5	Hong Kong Basketball Association	9,842,898	8,826,556	9,126,025
6	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council	1,219,429	2,184,629	1,208,726
7	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	687,951	663,993	875,338
8	Hong Kong Boxing Association	664,273	650,120	808,004
9	Hong Kong Canoe Union	2,627,723	2,632,234	2,807,616
10	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon & Lion Dance Association	1,376,460	1,353,650	1,393,922
11	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,430,156	2,151,700	2,056,907
12	Hong Kong Cycling Association	5,488,768	5,462,536	5,636,349
13	Hong Kong Dancesport Association	1,533,684	2,041,401	1,989,592
14	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,100,826	1,566,231	1,646,804
15	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,448,733	1,506,165	1,515,729
16	Hong Kong Fencing Association	3,967,030	4,138,085	5,137,215
17	The Hong Kong Football Association	7,045,264	7,306,164	7,506,215
18	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association	1,003,636	869,588	1,045,229
19	Hong Kong Golf Association	1,442,376	1,344,902	1,385,683
20	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	3,608,865	3,682,723	3,860,388
21	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China	3,040,192	3,085,221	3,377,234
22	Hong Kong Hockey Association	1,610,760	1,693,484	1,704,757
23	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association	545,031	604,405	615,415
24	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	2,128,186	1,979,597	2,016,557
25	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China	924,473	1,240,675	973,766
26	Hong Kong Kart Club	334,616	325,470	507,543
27	Hong Kong Kendo Association	703,356	702,539	711,512
28	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	1,708,904	1,696,434	1,719,512
29	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	1,964,566	3,602,626	3,711,587
30	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	1,862,939	1,921,567	2,066,389
31	Hong Kong Netball Association	673,406	902,619	701,982
32	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	1,808,560	2,025,710	2,047,427
33	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports	1,567,273	1,542,373	1,562,804
34	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	6,014,579	6,266,776	6,394,103
35	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	3,451,445	3,625,735	3,622,495
36	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	926,646	914,355	892,986
37	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,414,230	6,363,500	6,624,361
38	Hong Kong Shooting Association	1,885,352	1,872,854	1,906,167
39	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association	657,689	723,575	622,901
40	Hong Kong Skating Union	965,015	954,631	962,907
41	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,288,084	1,127,795	1,176,191
42	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	397,497	453,162	448,598
43	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	4,334,603	4,320,364	4,394,100
44	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	3,930,449	3,870,104	3,965,462
45	Hong Kong Squash	8,100,321	8,479,737	9,049,716
46	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	8,379,947	8,192,222	8,426,071
47	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	7,222,215	7,662,296	7,716,022
48	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	1,444,732	1,412,495	1,420,948
49	Hong Kong Tennis Association	5,510,133	6,027,793	6,281,024
50	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress	3,236,272	3,314,365	3,351,944
51	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	3,628,471	3,560,334	3,680,143
52	Hong Kong Underwater Association	957,467	1,074,184	1,044,441
53	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	1,132,568	610,875	1,121,063
54	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	5,194,560	5,832,014	6,049,976
55	Hong Kong Water Ski Association	568,542	581,434	587,012
56	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	483,141	532,964	552,340
57	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	6,278,249	6,352,652	6,529,455
58	Hong Kong Wushu Union	3,125,119	3,368,681	3,106,824
	Total	166,679,321	172,642,479	177,591,017

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HAB092

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1704

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 national education, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) work and activities for promoting national education in 2009-10; and
- (b) details of the manpower and expenditure involved for various work activities?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) Capitalised on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in 2009, we worked closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE), the Commission on Youth (COY), District Councils, youth groups and other community organisations in 2009-10 to implement a wide range of activities and programmes to promote national education. These activities included ceremonial and celebratory events, exhibitions and conferences, youth exchange programmes, cultural and sports events as well as community and district events. Moreover, we implemented an annual programme to promote Basic Law to the local community, as well as other publicity programmes such as production of the "Great Developments of Our Country" national anthem television announcements in the public interest, TV programmes and publications which aim to enhance public interest in various aspects of our country – Chinese arts, culture and history.

- (b) The total expenditure in 2009-10 is about \$23 million. The CPCE and COY Secretariats are staffed by four Senior Executive Officers and six Executive Officers I.

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HAB093

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2225

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the regulation of authorised horse race, football betting and lotteries, is there any regulation on the setting up of betting outlets by the Hong Kong Jockey Club? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

According to the licences for Horse Race Betting, Football Betting and Lotteries issued by the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) to the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), SHA's approval is required for the opening of new off-course betting branches (OCBBs) and relocation of existing OCBBs. In considering HKJC's applications to open or relocate an OCBB, the Home Affairs Bureau pays due regard to a host of factors and the physical circumstances specific to the area. The major objective is to balance the need for authorised gambling outlets and the need to minimise the adverse impact of gambling on the community.

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HAB094

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2731

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to conducting public education on gambling-related issues by the Government, please provide information on the following:

- (a) How many educational activities on gambling-related issues have been implemented through commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the past five years from 2005 to 2009? Please provide a breakdown of the number of activities organised through NGOs, average number of participants and expenditure by target group and by year.
- (b) Does the Government plan to implement more educational activities on gambling-related issues in the coming five years from 2011 to 2015? Please provide a breakdown of the estimated number of activities to be organised through NGOs, average number of participants and annual expenditure by target group and by year.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

- (a) From 2005 to 2009, the Administration has commissioned the Radio Television Hong Kong as well as other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise 15 education programmes on gambling-related problems, of which 12 were targeted at youth/students, and three were targeted at the general public. For the programmes targeted at youth/students, the number of participants per year ranged from 3 000 to 125 000. The annual expenditure for the above-mentioned programmes ranged from \$0.17 million to \$3.3 million. The Ping Wo Fund has also provided annual funding to two counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers since 2003 and another two

centres of a smaller scale since 2007. The annual funding support for the four centres was \$9.6 million.

- (b) The Administration will continue to make use of the Ping Wo Fund to support, amongst others, public education programmes which aim at preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems. We will consult the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee on the concrete work plan and resource requirements on education programme for the coming years.

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HAB095

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2732

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the operation of the Ping Wo Fund, would the Administration advise the following:

How many sponsorship schemes has the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee introduced in the past five years (i.e. from 2005-06 to 2009-10)? Please provide a breakdown of the number of sponsored projects, the average number of participants in the activities and the annual expenditure according to the projects contents, including researches and studies into problems and issues of gambling, public education programmes, prevention of problems relating to gambling, and counselling, treatment and other remedial services provided to problem and pathological gamblers, etc.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

In 2009, we launched a sponsorship programme for sponsoring non-governmental organisations and community organisations to conduct public education projects which aim at preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems. They include wargame competition, roving drama show, exhibition and production of teaching kit, etc. The total amount of funding approved was around \$1.7 million. Some activities organised under the sponsored projects have not yet completed, but it is expected that around 100 000 members of the public will be participating in the activities.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 16 March 2010

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

HAB096

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2733

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the provision of counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, would the Administration provide information on the following:

- (a) How many counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers funded by the Government are there in Hong Kong? Please advise the number of staff, the annual expenditure, the amount of Government funding and its percentage against the total expenditure of each centre in the past three years from 2007 to 2009.
- (b) What is the number of staff providing counselling and treatment services and the staff cost as well as the number of cases received and the annual expenditure on counselling and treatment services of each centre in the past three years from 2007 to 2009?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

From 2007 to 2009, the Ping Wo Fund provided an annual funding support of \$9.6 million for the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers run by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs), Caritas-Hong Kong (Caritas), Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) and Zion Social Service (Zion) respectively. The four centres are free to seek financial support from other sources and deploy funding and manpower resources as necessary and we have no information on the percentage of Government funding against the total expenditure of the centres. According to information reported by the four centres, the number of new cases of counselling and treatment services in the past three years is set out below:-

	2007	2008	2009
TWGHs	2460	2538	2048
Caritas	2191	2061	2347
HKFYG	496	824	768
Zion	1331	1362	1284

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HAB097

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2734

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to conducting public education on gambling-related issues by the Government, please provide information on the following:

- (a) What is the breakdown of TV and Radio Announcements of Public Interest (APIs) commissioned by the Government in the past five years from 2005 to 2009 by broadcast time slot, name of the broadcasting media and expenditure for each broadcast?
- (b) Does the Government plan to commission and broadcast more TV and Radio APIs on gambling-related issues in the coming five years from 2011 to 2015? Please provide a breakdown by broadcast time slot, name of the broadcasting media and expenditure for each broadcast.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

- (a) From 2005 to 2009, the Administration produced two Announcements in Public Interest (APIs) to arouse public awareness of the negative impact of gambling. They were broadcast on television broadcasters, including the Television Broadcasts Limited, Asia Television Limited, Now TV and Cable TV, as well as on free local radio broadcasters, i.e. the Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Co. Ltd., the Metro Broadcast Corporation Ltd. and the Radio Television Hong Kong. No expenditure was involved as the APIs were broadcast during the free slots for Government APIs.

- (b) The Administration will make use of the Ping Wo Fund to commission more such TV and radio APIs in the coming years. We will consult the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee on the concrete work plan and resource requirements.

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HAB098

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1269

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The District Fight Crime Committees (DFCC) held 364 and 464 activities in 2008 and 2009 respectively, but the number of participants were the same, i.e. 500,000. What is the reason for this? How is the effectiveness of DFCC's work assessed?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The increase in the number of activities held by District Fight Crime Committees (DFCCs) in 2009 was mainly due to a large number of tailor-made talks and seminars being organised for small groups of participants to achieve good impact on the participants. As such, the total number of participants in DFCC activities was about the same as that in the previous year. The effectiveness of DFCC activities is evaluated having regard to community feedback.

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HAB099

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1270

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration explain why the revised estimate under this Programme for 2009-10 is 10.6% lower than the original estimate?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The revised estimate under Programme 3 for 2009-10 is lower than the original estimate mainly due to the underspending of maintenance and management costs of District Minor Works projects, the nature and scale of which are decided by the District Councils. Some such projects are still under construction and some completed projects are covered by defect liability period and therefore do not incur any maintenance costs.

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HAB100

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1396

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to involving the public in the work of owners' corporations (OCs), please advise the number of OCs formed with the assistance of the Home Affairs Department, the staffing level required and the expenditure involved in the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In 2007, 2008 and 2009, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) assisted in the formation of 249, 219 and 315 OCs respectively. At present, about 110 Liaison Officers in HAD are undertaking duties relating to building management. The expenditure involved is approximately \$48.3 million.

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HAB101

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1397

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How much resources are to be allocated in 2010-11 for promoting the formation of owners' corporations to support the implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

It is one of the core duties of the Home Affairs Department to assist owners in the formation of owners' corporations (OCs). In 2010-11, it is estimated that approximately \$48.3 million (about 110 Liaison Officers) will be allocated to continue the work in this aspect, which includes assisting owners who intend to form OCs to proceed with the relevant procedures after the enactment of the legislation regarding the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB102

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1398

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information:

		2008	2009
1(i)	Number of public consultations on district issues the Home Affairs Department (HAD) assisted in arranging		
1(ii)	Number of members of the public participating in consultations under 1(i)	(persons)	(persons)
1(iii)	Total expenditure involved under 1(i)	\$	\$
2(i)	Number of public consultations on territory-wide issues HAD assisted in arranging		
2(ii)	Number of members of the public participating in consultations under 2(i)	(persons)	(persons)
2(iii)	Total expenditure involved under 2(i)	\$	\$

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

Home Affairs Department assists policy bureaux and departments to conduct public consultations, including consultations with District Councils, on district and territory-wide issues from time to time. The associated workload and expenditure are absorbed from within the existing resources of the Department, including the District Offices.

Separate statistics of public consultations assisted by the Department are not readily available. That said, we have organised a number of consultation forums relating to the Policy Address, the Budget and some territory-wide matters. The statistics are set out below for reference –

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Number of Major Consultation Forums</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>
2007 - 08	12	2 329
2008 - 09	27	3 748
2009 - 10	28	4 241

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HAB103

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1399

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please set out in detail the locations, contents and expenditures involved in respect of the Rural Public Works projects completed in 2008 and 2009.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The number of Rural Public Works (RPW) projects completed in 2008 and 2009, with breakdown by nature and locations, are as follows –

2008

District	Islands	Kwai Tsing	North	Sai Kung	Sha Tin	Tai Po	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long
Access road / vehicular bridge	-	-	3	5	-	7	-	2	3
Footpath / footbridge / country trail	4	2	1	3	3	6	3	3	11
Drainage system / stream embankment	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	13
Rain shelter / sitting-out area / pavilion	4	3	1	1	-	1	4	2	-

Beautification works	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Others (e.g. provision of village notice boards)	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	-
Total no. of projects completed: 103									

2009

District	Islands	Kwai Tsing	North	Sai Kung	Sha Tin	Tai Po	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long
Access road / vehicular bridge	1	-	2	11	1	1	1	-	4
Footpath / footbridge / country trail	2	-	2	1	-	2	3	1	10
Drainage system / stream embankment	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	11
Rain shelter / sitting-out area / pavilion	-	-	1	-	1	3	3	3	-
Beautification works	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others (e.g. provision of village notice boards)	5	2	3	3	1	3	1	1	2
Total no. of projects completed: 91									

While the exact expenditures of the above projects are not available since many of the projects are still under account finalisation, the expenditures incurred under the RPW Programme in 2008 and 2009 are set out below –

District	Islands	Kwai Tsing	North	Sai Kung	Sha Tin	Tai Po	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	Total
Expenditure in 2008 (\$ million)	18.17	7.49	13.84	19.16	4.2	16.28	5.27	8.65	17.77	110.83
Expenditure in 2009 (\$ million)	22.46	8.16	15.35	19.74	4.97	12.8	4.77	5.45	14.78	108.48

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HAB104

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1401

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding singleton hostels, please provide the following information:

- (a) In 2005, the Home Affairs Department announced the plan to phase out 26 small and medium-sized singleton hostels in four years' time. As at 31 December 2009, how many hostels still remained in operation?
- (b) For the three years from 2007-08 to 2009-10, what was the expenditure involved for the operation and management of singleton hostels? And what was the respective number of lodgers?
- (c) How much resource will be allocated in 2010-11 to continue the implementation of the Singleton Hostel Programme? What are the details of the implementation?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) From 2005-06 to 2008-09, the Home Affairs Department gradually phased out 26 small and medium-sized singleton hostels. In 2009-10, there are two multi-storey singleton hostels under the Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme, namely the Sunrise House in Sham Shui Po managed by the Salvation Army and the High Street House in Sai Ying Pun managed by the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council. They provide a total of 580 bedspaces.
- (b)&(c) The Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme was specifically launched to tie in with the introduction of the licensing regime under the Bedspace

Apartments Ordinance (Cap 447). The objective of the Programme is to provide short-term accommodation for those bedspace lodgers affected by the implementation of the Ordinance through services provided by the non-governmental organisations. As the hostels under the Programme are run by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing basis or with subsidy from trust funds, the Government do not need to provide funding for the operation of the Programme.

In the past three years, the average number of lodgers residing in the singleton hostels per month is as follows –

	Year		
	2007	2008	2009
Average number of lodgers per month	530	515	494

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HAB105

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2031

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

When will the construction of the slipway at Yim Tin, Tai O be completed? What are the details of works and expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The construction of the slipway in the northeastern part of Lung Tin Estate (which is near Yim Tin), Tai O will be completed in April 2010. The project involves the provision of a five-metre wide and 30-metre long reinforced concrete slipway for the use of speedboats of the Fire Services Department for emergency rescue purposes. The project estimate is \$10.9 million.

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HAB106

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2554

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration advise this Committee of the total grant approved for the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme for the years 2006-07 to 2009-10? Please provide a breakdown of the funded projects by year and state whether the projects have recorded deficit or surplus. What are the projects that continue to operate beyond the funded period? How many job opportunities have been created by the projects from 2006-07 to 2009-10? What types of jobs have been provided? What are the salaries offered for these jobs?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

For the years 2006-07 to 2009-10, we have approved a total grant of about \$94 million for 94 social enterprise projects creating about 1500 job opportunities. The breakdown of projects approved in each financial years is set out below –

Financial year	Number of projects approved
2006-07	39
2007-08	15
2008-09	25
2009-10	15

These projects provided a variety of jobs which included store assistants, waiters, kitchen workers, cleaning workers, garage workers, farmers, performers, masseurs, home decoration workers, home carers, etc. In setting the salaries of their employees, the grantees are to adopt

a rate not lower than the average rate stipulated for the relevant industries/occupations in the latest “Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics” published by the Census and Statistics Department.

Based on the progress reports submitted by the social enterprises, about two-third of the approved projects could meet or exceed the projected targets (e.g. sale volume, profit, etc.) stated in their original business proposals. A total of 51 projects have had their two-year funding period expired. Of these 51 projects, three have ceased operations.

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Date	_____ 19 March 2010 _____

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

HAB107

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2560

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration advise this Committee of the Government's definition of new arrivals from the Mainland, the number of new arrivals living in each public housing estate, and the respective distribution of new arrivals in the 18 districts?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

Generally speaking, new arrivals are identified by their status as persons who have relocated to Hong Kong permanently from other parts of the Mainland, and who have lived here for less than seven years.

According to the results of the 2006 Population By-census conducted by the Census and Statistics Department, the distribution of residence of these persons in the 18 districts are set out in the following table. Further breakdowns of new arrivals living in each public housing estate are not readily available from the results of the 2006 By-census.

District	Number of persons from the Mainland having resided in Hong Kong for less than seven years
Central & Western	5 899
Eastern	10 503
Wan Chai	2 989
Southern	5 270
Kwun Tong	25 988
Yau Tsim Mong	12 685

Sham Shui Po	20 787
Kowloon City	10 031
Wong Tai Sin	12 370
North	9 447
Sai Kung	10 227
Shatin	12 599
Yuen Long	22 709
Tuen Mun	14 788
Tai Po	5 468
Tsuen Wan	7 637
Kwai Tsing	20 744
Islands	6 962
Total	217 103

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HAB108

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2465

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding consultations conducted under all Programmes for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

For items with approved funds for consultations in 2009-10, please provide the following information:

Name/content of consultation items	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of consultations (under planning / in progress / completed)	Mode of consultations (e.g. collection of written opinions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultations conducted, name of bodies consulted, number of people consulted	Follow-ups of the Administration on the consultation results 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?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

We assisted policy bureaux and departments to organise public consultations, including consultations with District Councils, on their policies as and when necessary. We also

consulted on their behalf a large number of individuals and bodies on a frequent basis for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies. It is therefore not possible to provide exhaustive information in the format suggested in the question. The associated workload and expenditure were absorbed within existing resources and there was no designated item of expenditure for the consultations.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 22 March 2010

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

HAB109

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2466

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding consultations conducted under all Programmes for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

Has the Administration reserved any resources for conducting consultations in 2010-11? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name/content of consultation projects	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultations (under planning / in progress / completed)	Mode of consultations (e.g. collection of written opinions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultations conducted, name of bodies consulted, number of people consulted	For projects expected to be completed in 2010-11, will they be released to the public? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

We assist policy bureaux and departments to organise public consultations, including consultations with District Councils, on their policies as and when necessary. We also consult on their behalf a large number of individuals and bodies on a frequent basis for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies. It is therefore not possible to provide exhaustive information in the format suggested in the question. The associated workload and

expenditure are absorbed within existing resources and there is no designated item of expenditure for the consultations.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB110

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2671

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the serious building collapse incident in Ma Tau Wai earlier, would the Administration inform this Committee of all measures taken by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) to help the affected residents? Has HAD reviewed these support actions? If yes, what areas need to be improved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Immediately after the building collapse incident at Ma Tau Wai Road, the Home Affairs Department opened temporary shelters for the affected residents, set up inter-departmental help desks for the registration of affected residents, facilitated the granting of emergency relief fund and coordinated the emergency relief efforts of various government departments, including the Social Welfare Department and the Housing Department.

As a standing practice, the Home Affairs Department would take into account operational experience after each emergency incident to fine tune its emergency coordination mechanism as necessary.

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HAB111

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3073

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to implementing support measures to promote public understanding and development of social enterprises (SEs) under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11, please advise the specific work, expenditure and manpower involved. Would the Administration provide more assistance to SEs to facilitate their sustained development?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In 2010-11, Home Affairs Department has earmarked around \$6.4 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include organisation of promotional activities at the district level to enhance public understanding of SEs and encourage members of the public to use the products and services provided by SEs, production of publicity materials, maintenance of a dedicated SE website (URL: www.social-enterprises.gov.hk), arrangement of media interviews of SEs, implementation of the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership, etc. Implementation work of the aforesaid activities together with other duties will be absorbed by a team comprising one Chief Executive Officer, two Senior Executive Officers and two Executive Officers I. Furthermore, the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee set up by the Home Affairs Bureau will advise the Administration on the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting the sustainable development of SEs in Hong Kong.

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HAB112

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0659

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What measures have been and will be taken by the Home Affairs Department to facilitate the promotion of district attractions in 2009 and 2010?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department hosts the “Hong Kong Fun in 18 Districts” website (URL: www.gohk.gov.hk) to help promote district attractions. It also works closely with District Councils to jointly promote district attractions. Measures taken in 2009 included publicity and celebration of traditional festivals in different districts (e.g. Tai Kok Tsui Temple Fair, Sai Kung Dragon Boat Festival), printing and distribution of pamphlets to introduce attractions in districts (e.g. pamphlets for the Central & Western District Tourism Festival, Yuen Long Suburb Delights Tourism Promotion Programme) and organisation of district cultural activities (e.g. Fishing Village Wedding Show in Tai O, Tai Po Autumn and Culture Festival). Such measures will continue in 2010.

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HAB113

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0660

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010-11, regarding enhanced support to owners' corporations (OCs) in procuring third party risks insurance in accordance with the Building Management (Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation,

- (a) Will the Administration increase resources? If yes, what is the expenditure involved and what are the specific plans?
- (b) What is the number and proportion of OCs that have already procured third party risks insurance?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

In 2010-11, we will continue to adopt a targeted approach to assist Owners' Corporations (OCs) in procuring third party risks insurance. We will contact OCs individually and provide them with a range of assistance according to their needs. These include promoting awareness of the importance of third party risks insurance, assisting OCs in convening meetings to discuss the matter, and introducing to owners the various building maintenance schemes offered by the Government, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority.

The District Building Management Liaison Teams of the District Offices carry out the above work as part and parcel of their normal duties. We will continue to assist OCs in this respect.

As at the end of January 2010, there are around 16 200 buildings with OCs. Around 94.7% of them have procured third party risks insurance.

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HAB114

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0715

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Rural Public Works (RPW) programme was launched in 1999 to provide funds for upgrading of the infrastructure and improving the living environment of the rural community. The particularly heavy rainstorms in 2008 caused widespread landslides and flooding, damaging the living environment and facilities of many villages. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) Would the Administration implement minor works projects for flood prevention in 2010-11? If yes, please provide details.
- (b) Please provide the number of and the expenditure on minor works carried out under this programme in each district in 2009-10.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) In 2010-11, we plan to implement about 50 projects to prevent/alleviate flooding problems in the rural areas. These projects include erection of floodgates, improvement/construction of drainage channels and improvement to stream courses and stream embankments.
- (b) The number of projects carried out under the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme and the estimated expenditure under this programme in 2009-10 are as follows –

District	Number of projects	Estimated expenditure in 2009-10 (\$ million)
Islands	23	22.0
Kwai Tsing	9	10.0
North	15	15.0
Sai Kung	24	18.0
Sha Tin	9	4.5
Tuen Mun	11	7.5
Tai Po	22	18.5
Tsuen Wan	15	6.5
Yuen Long	35	18.0
Total	163	120.0

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB115

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1548

Programme: (1) District Administration and
(3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please advise the funds allocated to each of the 18 District Councils in 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The funds allocated to each of the 18 District Councils (DCs) in 2009-10 for implementation of community involvement (CI) projects and district minor works (DMW) projects are set out below –

	District Council	2009-10 Allocation	
		Allocation for community involvement projects *	Allocation for district minor works projects #
		(\$)	(\$)
1.	Central & Western	13,050,000	10,714,000
2.	Eastern	19,250,000	15,645,000
3.	Kowloon City	13,400,000	13,913,000
4.	Kwun Tong	21,750,000	18,610,000
5.	Sham Shui Po	17,700,000	17,230,000
6.	Southern	12,250,000	12,533,000
7.	Wan Chai	10,000,000	9,774,000
8.	Wong Tai Sin	18,550,000	17,083,000
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	16,450,000	14,412,000
10.	Islands	12,900,000	17,025,000

11.	Kwai Tsing	19,950,000	18,346,000
12.	North	15,850,000	18,052,000
13.	Sai Kung	14,900,000	17,671,000
14.	Sha Tin	20,850,000	18,581,000
15.	Tai Po	14,600,000	17,611,000
16.	Tsuen Wan	13,500,000	14,002,000
17.	Tuen Mun	20,400,000	19,227,000
18.	Yuen Long	21,750,000	23,071,000
	Total	297,100,000	293,500,000

* Of the \$300 million provided for the organisation of CI projects in 2009-10, \$2,900,000 is reserved at the Home Affairs Department Headquarters (HAD HQs) as contingency funds.

Of the \$300 million provision under the DMW programme for 2009-10, \$6,500,000 is reserved at HAD HQs as contingency funds.

We are considering the amount of funds to be allocated to each of the DCs in 2010-11, taking into account the operational experience in the past two years.

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HAB116

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0148

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11, the Administration will enhance support to Owners' Corporations in procuring third party risks insurance in accordance with the Building Management (Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation. What is the progress and will the objective be achieved when the relevant legislation comes into force?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply :

In 2010-11, we will continue to adopt a targeted approach to assist Owners' Corporations (OCs) in procuring third party risks insurance. We will contact OCs individually and provide them with a range of assistance according to their needs. These include promoting awareness of the importance of third party risks insurance, assisting OCs in convening meetings to discuss the matter, and introducing to owners the various building maintenance schemes offered by the Government, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority.

As at the end of January 2010, there are around 16 200 buildings with OCs. Around 94.7% of them have procured third party risks insurance. In 2010, we will strengthen our work in this area to ensure that all OCs will be provided with the necessary support.

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HAB117

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1828

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the publicity on social enterprises (SEs), please provide information on:

- (a) total number of SE projects approved under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme in 2009-10 and the expenditure involved;
- (b) services provided by the projects; and
- (c) number of staff employed for the projects.

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

In 2009-10, we have approved under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme about \$14.3 million to 15 social enterprise projects creating about 160 job opportunities. These projects cover a wide range of businesses including catering, retail, health care and massage, recycling, translation and domestic service.

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HAB118

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1829

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What publicity activities on social enterprises will be organised in 2010-11 and what are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

In 2010-11, Home Affairs Department has earmarked around \$6.4 million to support and promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include organisation of promotional activities at the district level to enhance public understanding of SEs and encourage members of the public to use the products and services provided by SEs, production of publicity materials, maintenance of a dedicated SE website (URL: www.social-enterprises.gov.hk), arrangement of media interviews of SEs, implementation of the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership, etc. Implementation of the aforesaid activities will be mainly undertaken by a team comprising one Chief Executive Officer, two Senior Executive Officers and two Executive Officers I.

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HAB119

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2572

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 (the Programme) and the development of social enterprises (SE), would the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) For the three years from 2007-08 to 2009-10, among the SE projects approved under the Programme, what are the respective number of projects with a funding period of one year or less, one to two years, two to three years, and more than three years?
- (b) For the three years from 2007-08 to 2009-10, among the SE projects sponsored by the Programme, what are the number of projects making a profit after receiving the funds for one year, two years, and three years and what are the respective number of projects making a loss?
- (c) Would the Administration consider approving a longer funding period for SE projects to facilitate their development?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

The funding period of all SE projects approved under the Programme is two years. Based on the progress reports submitted by the SEs, about two-thirds of the approved projects could meet or exceed the projected targets (e.g. sales volume, profit) stated in their original business proposals. We will conduct a review on the Programme, which will cover the funding period for approved projects, later this year.

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HAB120

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2579

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, what was the respective number of applications from social enterprises for past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10)? What was the annual amount of funds granted?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

From 2007-08 to 2009-10, the amount of funds granted under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme were about \$14.5 million, \$24 million and \$14.3 million respectively. The corresponding numbers of applications received were 52, 64 and 63.

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HAB121

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0240

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Department estimated that the numbers of district campaign activities and participants in district campaign activities in 2010 will decrease significantly compared with those in 2009. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

In 2009, a number of large-scale territory-wide events were organised to celebrate and promote the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China and the 2009 East Asian Games in the 18 districts. Since we do not anticipate any comparable events to take place in 2010, the numbers of district campaign activities and participants in 2010 are estimated to be more or less at the same level as in a normal year.

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HAB122

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1166

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2009-10, how much resources were allocated to improve building management? How many buildings in Kowloon have the Administration assisted to form their owners' corporations?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

In 2009-10, about 110 Liaison Officers in the Home Affairs Department (HAD) were engaged in duties relating to building management. The expenditure involved was approximately \$48.3 million. In 2009, HAD provided assistance to owners of 174 buildings without owners' corporations (OCs) in Kowloon (i.e. Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin) to form OCs. All of them have successfully formed OCs.

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HAB123

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2608

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The management problems of old buildings have been highlighted by the ageing of the community, dilapidation of buildings and incidents of corrosive fluid. Would the Administration step up inspection of buildings in response to these problems? What are the expenditure and establishment involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

To tackle the management problems of buildings, the Home Affairs Department will continue to visit owners of private buildings in various districts, promote good practice of managing their buildings and attend owners' meetings. We will also provide them with a range of assistance according to their needs, including introducing to owners the various building maintenance schemes offered by the Government, the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) and the Urban Renewal Authority.

Furthermore, the Home Affairs Bureau will, in collaboration with HKHS and professional associations of the property management industry, launch a trial scheme called "Building Management Professional Service Scheme" in April this year. The Scheme will provide owners with free professional advice on property management and follow up services to improve the management of 1 000 units in old private buildings. Through assistance to owners who cannot organise themselves for action or lack professional knowledge, it is hoped that the Scheme will set a good example and raise the awareness of owners of the benefits of continuous management and regular maintenance, thereby enhancing the living environment of private buildings.

The District Building Management Liaison Teams will carry out the above work as part and parcel of their normal duties. At present, about 110 Liaison Officers are undertaking duties relating to building management. The expenditure involved is approximately \$48.3 million.

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HAB124

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1636

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will continue to assist residents and owners in the formation and servicing of mutual aid committees (MACs) and owners' corporations (OCs). In view of the extension and expansion of the Operation Building Bright and the collapse of a building on Ma Tau Wai Road, it is expected that more private buildings will need upkeep and setting up of resident organisations such as OCs and MACs. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- i) time required from application to establishment of an OC or MAC, including the average time, minimum time, maximum time and lower quartile time; and
- ii) detailed explanations for the data above.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The Government encourages owners to form owners' corporations (OCs) for effective building management. The normal procedures and time required are as follows:

1. Appointing a convenor of the meeting of owners and compiling owners' information: about 30 days
2. Giving notice of meeting of owners: 14 days
3. Appointing a management committee at the meeting of owners and preparing documents for application for registration: 28 days

4. Processing the application for registration by the Land Registry: one to three months

In addition to the above statutory procedures, there is usually an incubation period during which owners discuss matters about OC formation and ascertain the wish of individual owners. The length of the incubation period varies from one case to another.

The minimum time, maximum time and average time required from application to establishment of an OC is approximately 3.5 months, 5.5 months and 4.5 months respectively.

The Government encourages residents of buildings to form mutual aid committees (MACs) with the objectives of enhancing the spirit of mutual assistance in the neighbourhood and fostering a sense of belonging to the community. District Offices (DOs) will assist residents in the formation of MACs. The general procedures and time required are as follows:

1. Liaising with residents to find out if they wish to form an MAC and take up office-bearers posts in the executive committee: about 14 to 21 days.
2. Giving notice of meeting of floor representatives to residents and convening the meeting to elect the representatives: seven days (exclusive of the days of notice and meeting).
3. Giving notice of meeting of flat representatives to residents and convening the meeting to elect office-bearers of the executive committee and appoint auditors: seven days (exclusive of the days of notice and meeting).
4. Following-up and completing the examination of the required documents with the office-bearers of the executive committee and the departments concerned: 21 to 35 days.
5. Processing the relevant documents and issuing the certificate of exemption from registration under the Societies Ordinance by DOs: 21 days.

The minimum time, maximum time and average time required from residents' reaching agreement to forming an MAC to receipt of the certificate of exemption from registration is approximately ten weeks, 13 weeks and 11.5 weeks respectively.

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HAB125

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1637

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to applications for the formation of owners' corporation (OCs) and mutual aid committees (MACs), please provide the following information:

- (a) breakdown by District Council district, the number of application for formation of OCs in 2008-09 and 2009-10, including enquiry cases, cases in process, cases completed and unsuccessful cases;
- (b) breakdown by District Council district, the number of application for formation of MACs in 2008-09 and 2009-10, including enquiry cases, cases in process, cases completed and unsuccessful cases;
- (c) detailed explanation of the data given above; and
- (d) the estimated number of cases to be processed in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The number of OCs successfully formed with the assistance of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is 219 in 2008 and 315 in 2009, and is expected to be about 250 in 2010-11. We do not have a comprehensive record of the figures on enquiries. When we are aware that owners have the intention of forming an OC, we will promptly provide them with the necessary assistance, including convening meetings of owners and offering advice and detailed information on the procedures to form an OC and matters required attention. For example, in response to the incidents of objects being thrown from height in the Yau Tsim Mong district

since the end of 2008, the District Office immediately took the initiative to approach the property owners in the areas concerned to help them form OCs so as to enhance building management as well as security.

The breakdown by District Council district of successful cases of formation of OCs with the assistance of HAD is as follows:

Number of Successful Cases of Formation of OCs		
Year	2008	2009
18 Districts		
Central & Western	26	42
Eastern	17	17
Kowloon City	20	29
Kwun Tong	8	6
Southern	12	12
Sham Shui Po	25	28
Wan Chai	9	21
Wong Tai Sin	1	2
Yau Tsim Mong	43	100
Islands	0	0
Kwai Tsing	3	4
North	5	6
Sai Kung	0	0
Sha Tin	6	5
Tuen Mun	6	5
Tai Po	12	1
Tsuen Wan	11	19
Yuen Long	15	18
Total	219	315

With regard to MACs, the number of MACs formed with the assistance of HAD is 17 in 2008 and 26 in 2009, and is expected to be about 20 in 2010-11. We will write to or visit the residents to enquire their intention on the formation of MACs. Once there are sufficient residents supporting the formation of a MAC, we will arrange to convene flat representatives meeting to elect office-bearers of the executive committee. To our knowledge, at the request of the residents to form MACs, there are no unsuccessful cases of formation.

The breakdown by District Council district of successful cases of formation of MACs is as follows:

Number of Successful Cases of Formation of MACs		
Year	2008	2009
18 districts		
Central & Western	0	0
Eastern	0	0
Kowloon City	1	2
Kwun Tong	0	4
Southern	5	0
Sham Shui Po	1	3
Wan Chai	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0
Islands	1	3
Kwai Tsing	0	6
North	1	2
Sai Kung	0	0
Sha Tin	0	1
Tuen Mun	4	1
Tai Po	2	1
Tsuen Wan	0	0
Yuen Long	2	3
Total	17	26

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB126

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1638

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (i) There is a growing need for establishing residents' organisations. What manpower arrangements have the Administration made to ensure the process is smooth?
- (ii) Please provide by rank, the staffing establishment and strength, and the number of staff on a contract of over a year, under this programme in 2010-11.
- (iii) Please provide by rank, duty and department, the number of posts to be deleted or created, including contract posts of over a year, under this programme in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying y

Reply :

- (i) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) will continue to visit owners of private buildings in the districts to promote good building management practices, such as the formation of owners' corporations, for effective building management. HAD has set up Building Management Liaison Teams at the district level to provide better tailored services for the residents.
- (ii) Building management duties are performed mainly by Liaison Officers (LOs) of the rank of Chief Liaison Officer, Senior Liaison Officer, Liaison Officer I and Liaison Officer II. The staffing accounts for about 25% of the establishment of the LO grade, i.e. 110 officers.
- (iii) In 2010-11, HAD will provide six additional Liaison Officers I under Programme (2)

Community Building to enhance support for building management.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB127

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1139

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide a detailed breakdown in table form, of the applications and enquiries on support services for estate beneficiaries the Home Affairs Department received since taking over the services in April 2007. What is the financial provision allocated for this item for 2010-11? Of the provision allocated, how much has been earmarked for promoting the services to the public? What are the promotional activities and how will their effectiveness be assessed?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

A detailed breakdown of the applications and enquiries on support services for estate beneficiaries the Home Affairs Department (HAD) received since taking over the services in April 2007 is provided below -

Type of estate beneficiaries support services under the Probate and Administration Ordinance	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (up to 28.2.2010)
(a) Certificate for Release of Money for Funeral Expenses	148	98	93
(b) Certificate for Release of Money for Maintenance of Former Dependants	4	9	7
(c) Certificate for Inspection of Bank Deposit Box	2 394	2 666	2 428

(d) Authorization for Removal from Bank Deposit Box	81	93	94
(e) Confirmation Notice in respect of estates not exceeding \$50,000	4 349	4 844	4 225
Total no. of applications received ((a)+(b)+(c)+(d)+(e))	6 976	7 710	6 847
Total no. of enquiries received	21 087	21 233	19 198

The financial provision allocated for providing estate beneficiaries support services for 2010-11 is \$6.2 million. Out of this amount, \$200,000 has been earmarked for publicising the services to the public.

The publicity activities include the publication of pamphlets on estate beneficiaries support services and distribution of such to the public through various outlets such as the Public Enquiry Service Centres (PESCs) of HAD, the Probate Registry of the Judiciary, the Deaths Registries of the Immigration Department, public hospitals, major funeral parlours, etc. We also provide the relevant information in the website of HAD (www.had.gov.hk/estates) and the Hong Kong SAR Government portal (www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration). In addition, the Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit (the Unit) maintains a hotline to answer public enquiries about the support services. Staff at the PESCs also attend to public enquiries. Members of the public may contact the Unit by telephone, mail or e-mail. The contact details are available on the HAD website and publicity pamphlets. Moreover, we have made available at the office of the Unit a suggestion box to receive suggestions from the public.

Given the nature of estate beneficiaries support services, we consider it most cost-effective to disseminate information on these services at places such as the Probate Registry of the Judiciary, the Deaths Registries of the Immigration Department, public hospitals and major funeral parlours.

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HAB128

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1140

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The tenure of office of the present term of Village Representatives will expire in a year. What is the estimated funding to be allocated for publicity campaign to encourage elector registration? What are the specific plans in assisting villagers to register as an elector?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The next village ordinary elections under the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) will be held in 2011. In this connection, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) plans to conduct a publicity campaign during 31 May to 16 July 2010 for the purpose of facilitating eligible persons to become electors and updating information as contained in the existing register of electors. The publicity campaign includes the following elements –

- (a) advertisements on television and radio channels;
- (b) advertisements on newspapers;
- (c) display of banners, posters and notices at villages in the New Territories;
- (d) distribution of voter registration forms and leaflets through different channels;
- (e) issue of press releases;
- (f) issue of appeal letters to Heung Yee Kuk and all 27 Rural Committees;
- (g) broadcast of appeal messages by hired vehicles in village areas in the New Territories; and
- (h) uploading relevant information on HAD's website.

HAD's estimated budget for the above is \$940,000 in 2010-11.

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HAB129

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0017

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Department plans to create 25 posts in 2010-11. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the expenditure involved in these newly created posts?
- (b) Are these permanent posts? If not, what types of posts are they?
- (c) What are the titles and responsibilities of these posts?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department plans to have a net increase of 25 posts in 2010-11, involving an estimated expenditure of \$13,936,000. The new posts are permanent posts, comprising posts in :-

- (a) the Liaison Officer grade (i.e. Chief Liaison Officer, Senior Liaison Officer and Liaison Officer I posts) to strengthen manpower support for district administration (e.g. building management and village representative elections) and community programmes (e.g. anti-youth drug abuse campaign and community arts programmes);
- (b) the Architect and Technical grade posts (i.e. Senior Inspector of Works, Inspector of Works, Assistant Inspector of Works and Works Supervisor II posts) which will support minor works projects in districts; and
- (c) the General Grades posts (i.e. Executive Officer I and Assistant Clerical Officer posts) which will provide executive and clerical support to the department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB130

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0177

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information on the procurement of services of employment agencies (EAs) for the Home Affairs Department in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10) and in 2010-11 (please indicate in the following table):

- (a) What is the number of contracts signed with the EAs?
- (b) What is the contract sum and term of service for each EA?
- (c) What is the number of workers supplied by each EA and their duties?
- (d) Please state details of the workers' salaries payable by each EA and the range of monthly salaries and that of daily or hourly wages.
- (e) With regard to (a), (b) and (c), please provide the respective numbers and percentages of change for each year:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Number of contracts signed with EAs				
Contract sum for each EA				
Term of service for each EA				
Number of workers supplied by each EA and their duties				
The workers' salaries (maximum, median and minimum salaries) payable by each EA				

() *percentage of change*

- (f) Please state the proportion of workers supplied by the EAs in the existing staff in the department.
- (g) Please state the proportion of expenditure on procurement of the services of EAs in the expenditure of the department.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Replies to (a) to (e) are provided in the table below. As the requirement for agency workers varies over time according to the changing service needs, we are unable to provide the information for 2010-11.

			2009-10 (as at 31.1.2010)	2008-09	2007-08
(a)	Number of contracts signed with EAs	T-Contracts ¹	7 (+16.7%)	6 (+100%)	3 (0%)
		Technical and office support	3 (0%)	3 (0%)	3 (0%)
(b) (i)	Contract sum for each EA	T-Contracts ¹ (actual expenditure)	\$19,000-\$676,000 (-33.7% to +281.1%)	\$53,000-\$1,019,000 (+3.6% to +4.8%)	\$476,000-\$972,000 (+2.4% to +138%)
		Technical and office support (contract sum)	\$220,000 - \$244,800 (-16.7% to -9.3%)	\$264,000 - \$270,000 (+2.3% to +8.7%)	\$246,000 - \$258,000 (+9.3% to +44.9%)
(b) (ii)	Term of service for each EA		10 days to 12 months	1.5 months to 12 months	12 months
(c) (i)	Number of workers supplied by each EA	T-Contracts ¹	1 - 3 (0% to +50%)	1 - 2 (0%)	1 - 2 (0%)
		Technical and office support	1 - 3 (0%)	1 - 3 (0%)	1 - 3 (0%)

(c) (ii)	Duties of workers supplied by each EA		Information technology and general office support
(d)	The workers' salaries (maximum, median and minimum salaries) payable by each EA		The contracts between bureaux/departments and the employment agencies specify the service fee charged by the latter in providing agency workers. Bureaux/departments normally do not specify the wages of agency workers. Hence we are unable to provide the information requested.

Note

¹ T-contract staff stands for IT manpower required by bureaux/departments through technical service providers engaged under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

- (e) The percentages of change for each year are provided in brackets () above.
- (f) The proportion of workers supplied by the EAs in the existing staff in the department is 0.5% for both 2009-10 and 2008-09 and 0.4% for 2007-08.
- (g) The proportion of expenditure on procurement of the services of EAs in the total expenditure of the department is 0.2% for 2009-10, 2008-09 and 2007-08.

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

HAB131

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1330

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information on the employment of temporary staff:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Number of temporary staff	()	()	()	()
Number of posts taken up by temporary staff	()	()	()	()
Salaries of temporary staff	()	()	()	()
Benefits of temporary staff	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of temporary staff (in year, month and day)	()	()	()	()
Percentage of temporary staff of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Home Affairs Department does not employ staff on temporary terms.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB132

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1331

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff :

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC posts	()	()	()	()
Salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Benefits of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff who might change to employment on permanent basis to take up civil service posts	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff not selected for employment as civil servants on permanent basis when there were such opportunities	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff not selected for employment as civil servants on permanent basis when there were such opportunities	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Home Affairs Department employs staff on Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) terms to meet operational needs. Data related to full-time NCSC staff employed by the department in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are set out in the table appended below. As the number of NCSC staff employed varies from time to time in the light of changing operational requirements, we are unable to predict the relevant figures for 2010-11.

	2009-10 (as at 31.1.2010)	2008-09	2007-08
Number of NCSC staff	438 (21%)	362(64%)	221(-11%)
Number of NCSC posts			
- Managerial / Clerical / General Office Support	399 (20%)	333(84%)	181(-13%)
- Professional / Technical	39 (34%)	29(-28%)	40(0%)
Salaries of NCSC staff			
- \$30,000 or above	13 (30%)	10(-17%)	12(50%)
- \$16,000 - \$29,999	21 (163%)	8(60%)	5(-17%)
- \$7,000 - \$15,999	404 (17%)	344(69%)	204(-13%)
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)			
- Less than 3 years	378 (28%)	295(98%)	149(-16%)
- 3 years to less than 5 years	19 (-10%)	21(-43%)	37(0%)
- 5 years to less than 7 years	16 (-30%)	23(-32%)	34(0%)
- 7 years to less than 10 years	25 (9%)	23(2 200%)	1(-)
Percentage of NCSC staff of the total number of staff in the department	20% (3%)	17%(5%)	12%(-2%)

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

The department determines the employment package of NCSC staff in accordance with government guidelines. The terms and conditions of service for NCSC staff are no less favourable than those provided for under the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) and no more favourable than those applicable to civil servants in comparable civil service ranks or with comparable levels of responsibilities where they exist.

NCSC staff cannot be directly converted to civil servants. In line with the established practice, they have to apply for civil service vacancies through open recruitment.

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HAB133

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1335

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on outsourced services (including property management, security, cleansing, telecommunications and information technology, statistics, etc. but excluding construction works) in the format set out below:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Contents of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Value of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Number of workers employed under outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Number of outsourced service contracts that can be replaced by employment of permanent staff by the Government	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The outsourced services engaged by the Home Affairs Department mainly relate to information technology, cleansing, security and property management services. Relevant information for 2007-08 to 2009-10 is provided below. As we have yet to draw up most of the outsourced service contracts for 2010-11, we are unable to provide the information as requested.

	2009-10 (as at 31.1.2010)	2008-09	2007-08
Contents of outsourced service contracts	Information technology, cleansing, security and property management services		
Number of outsourced service contracts	32(-3.0%)	33(+3.1%)	32 (+14.3%)
Value of outsourced service contracts	\$25,829,000 (+5.8%)	\$24,417,000 (+25.2%)	\$19,500,000 (+11.6%)
Number of workers employed under outsourced service contracts	As the outsourced service contracts normally do not specify the number of workers to be employed by the contractors, we are unable to provide the figures of workers employed.		
Number of outsourced service contracts that can be replaced by employment of permanent staff by the Government	The outsourced service contracts in the department have been made to achieve value for money and ensure quality service delivery, taking into account the mode of service delivery and the manpower requirements to best meet the operational needs. We have no plans to change the present mode of delivery of services already outsourced.		

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

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HAB134

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1699

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) As stated in Item 4 under Programme (1), the Home Affairs Department has fully implemented the measures to enhance the functions of District Councils (DCs). Please provide the information on the expenditure, measures and manpower involved.
- (b) What is the progress and effectiveness of the measures implemented to enhance the functions of DCs?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) Starting from January 2008, a series of measures have been fully implemented in 18 districts to enhance the functions of the District Councils (DCs).

The measures include, amongst others, increasing the annual provision to DCs in organising community involvement (CI) programmes and activities to \$300 million and providing an annual provision of \$300 million under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme for DCs to initiate and implement minor works in districts, particularly those management involves DCs. The actual expenditure for CI programmes and activities and DMW projects was close to \$300 million each in 2008-09.

In addition, all DCs have been involved in the management of some district facilities including community halls, public libraries, leisure grounds and sports venues. District Facilities Management Committees have been set up under DCs to oversee facilities management. Furthermore, the Heads of Departments with direct interface with the public have continued to attend DC meetings regularly to enhance the communication

between senior Government officials and DCs. The associated expenditure is absorbed within the existing resources of the departments concerned.

Since the implementation of the above measures to enhance the functions of DC in 2008, we have strengthened the manpower resources for District Offices (DOs) to support their work in promoting district administration. Each District Office has been provided with one additional Liaison Officer, one Executive Officer and one Assistant Clerical Officer. Another six posts of Liaison Officer were provided to districts with larger population. The guidelines on the use of DC funds have also been revised to allow the use of not more than 10% of the annual allocation of DCs for engaging additional staff to help DCs carry out DC-related duties. As at 31 January 2010, about 175 full-time and 61 part-time contract staff have been employed.

- (b) DCs have been actively collaborating with various sectors and government departments to initiate a large number of CI programmes and activities to help build a more caring community and meet the special needs of the respective districts. In parallel, a total of over 1 600 projects were endorsed and implemented since the roll-out of the DMW programme in 2008-09. These projects helped improve local facilities and beautify the environment for the benefit of the local community.

At the same time, DCs have made good progress in participating in the management of district facilities. They have been actively involved in initiating various proposals to relevant government departments on improving facilities management. For example, with the support of DCs, the Leisure and Culture Services Department has, since April 2009, extended the operating hours of 33 major and district libraries by nine to ten hours each week. The facilities of some community halls and sports venues have been upgraded, e.g. replacement of the heating system of swimming pools, to better meet the needs of the public.

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HAB135

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0997

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How much resource would the Administration reserve for the co-ordination of building management matters?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

At present, about 110 Liaison Officers in the Home Affairs Department (HAD) are undertaking duties relating to building management. HAD will continue to co-ordinate building management matters with these resources. The expenditure involved is approximately \$48.3 million.

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HAB136

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0998

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration please advise the number of District Minor Works and Rural Public Works to be carried out in the coming year of 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The provision for the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme in 2010-11 is \$300 million. The District Councils (DCs) have full autonomy in initiating and implementing minor works projects. As the number of DMW projects that can be implemented within the \$300 million provision will depend on the nature and scale of the projects to be endorsed by the DCs and the progress of individual projects, we cannot provide at this stage an estimate of the number of projects to be implemented.

The provision for the Rural Public Works (RPW) Programme in 2010-11 is \$120 million. We plan to implement about 300 RPW projects which include construction of access roads/van tracks, footpaths/footbridges/country trails, drainage system/stream embankment, and rain shelters/sitting-out areas/pavilions, provision of notice boards and beautification works, etc.

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Date 19 March 2010

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

HAB137

Head: 74 – Information Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2467

Programme: All

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consultation exercises conducted by the Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies under all the Programmes, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

For the projects that have been appropriated with funds for conducting consultation in 2009-10, please provide information in the following format:

Title of consultation projects / content	Revised Estimates (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/in progress/completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, names of consulted bodies and number of people consulted	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the consultation results 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?
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Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

Title of consultation projects / content	Revised Estimates (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning / in progress / completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, names of consulted bodies and number of people consulted	Follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the consultation results 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 —————					

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Name in block letters Michael WONG

Post Title Director of Information Services

Date 22 March 2010

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

HAB138

Head: 74 – Information Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2468

Programme: All

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consultation exercises conducted by the Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies under all the Programmes, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

Is there any project for which funds will be reserved for conducting consultation in 2010-11?
If yes, please provide the following information:

Title of consultation projects/content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, names of consulted bodies and number of people consulted	Will the results be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2010-11 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

Title of consultation projects / content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, names of consulted bodies and number of people consulted	Will the results be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2010-11 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
————— NIL —————				

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Name in block letters Michael WONG

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB139

Head: 74 – Information Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1026

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Information Services Department (ISD) will provide assistance in the holding of the Expo 2010 Shanghai China; for this matter, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) the role of ISD and its main responsibilities;
- (b) the expenditure, manpower and schedule of implementation of the work involved; and
- (c) how will the Department, through the use of information and information technology, promote public awareness and understanding of the current Expo, as well as the interactive communication between the public and the Government? Will new services be involved; if yes, what are the details and the required expenditure and manpower?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

- (a) The Expo 2010 Shanghai China will be held for six months from 1 May to 31 October this year. The Information Services Department (ISD) is mainly responsible for the planning and implementation of publicity and promotion work before and during the Expo period to highlight Hong Kong's strengths and advantages. The work includes the development of an Online Hong Kong Pavilion for the Expo Shanghai Online project, as well as the design and production of souvenirs and publicity materials. We will publicise promotional messages to visitors to the Hong Kong Pavilion and Hong Kong's Urban Best Practices Area exhibition to arouse their interest in Hong Kong.

- (b) Funding for the above activities, including the production of souvenirs and publicity work was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 4 July 2008. An amount of \$64 million was earmarked for activities while \$20 million was reserved for the production of souvenirs and publicity work. In addition, ISD committed to use departmental funding of \$5 million in 2009-10 for souvenirs and publicity, and another \$5 million for the same purposes in 2010-11. ISD is taking forward these initiatives by harnessing and redeploying existing resources and manpower. A time-limited Chief Information Officer post and two short-term Non-Civil Service Contract (positions have also been created specially to deal with publicity and promotion work relating to the Expo.

In February 2008, the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Institute of Architects joined hands to organise the concept design competition for the Hong Kong Pavilion, which was open to all professionals in the local design and architectural sectors. Publicity work for the competition was carried out by the ISD. Since then, the department has organised promotional activities on key important days during the countdown to Expo. Publicity and promotion work will continue until the end of October this year.

- (c) The official website dedicated to Hong Kong's participation in the Expo was launched in May 2009 to keep the public informed of the latest development on Hong Kong's preparations for, and participation in, the Expo. A mobile version of the website will be rolled out shortly, while online interactive games will also be launched later. About \$0.93 million has been provisioned to carry out the website work undertaken by the ISD. We shall keep on enhancing the content of the website and make use of online resources to boost interactive communications between members of the public and the Government in respect of Hong Kong's participation in the Expo.

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Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB140

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2469

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consultation conducted by the Administration for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies under all programmes, please provide details in the following format:

Details of the consultation projects for which financial provision has been allocated in 2009-10:

Name(s) of consultation project(s) / Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning / in progress / completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written opinions, consultation forums, focus groups), frequency of such meetings, name(s) of body(ies) and the number of people being consulted	The follow-up action on the outcome of consultation and the progress made (if any)	Whether consultations completed are publicised; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The Government consults a large number of individuals, bodies and advisory committees on a very frequent basis for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies. It is therefore not possible to provide exhaustive information in the format suggested in the question. The Department has not conducted any public consultation exercise in 2009-10.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB141

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2470

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consultation conducted by the Administration for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies under all programmes, please provide details in the following format:

Have resources been earmarked for consultation work for 2010-11? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name(s) of consultation project(s) / Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning / in progress / completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written opinions, consultation forums, focus groups), frequency of such meetings, name(s) of body(ies) and the number of people being consulted	Whether consultations scheduled for completion in 2010-11 will be publicised; if not, the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

Nil.

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Name in block letters William CHAN

Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB142

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1869

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the following:

- (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 for 2007, 2008 and 2009; and
- (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 for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

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

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
(i) No. of certificates granted	1	1	9
(ii) Amount of legal aid costs involved	\$1.19 m	Nil [#]	Nil [*]

[#] Litigation concluded leaving costs to be resolved

^{*} One case concluded leaving costs to be resolved, and the other 8 cases still under litigation

(b)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
(i) No. of certificates granted	15	17	24
(ii) No. of cases in (b)(i) concluded with accounts finalised	12	13	7
(iii) Amount of legal aid costs involved for cases in (b)(ii)	\$1.13 m	\$1.46 m	\$0.16 m

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HAB143

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2782

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Legal Aid Department are conducting a review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants. Please inform Members of the progress and timetable of the review as well as the expenditure to be incurred in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The Administration has concluded the review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility limit for legal aid applicants. The report of the review was submitted to the Legal Aid Services Council in January 2010 for consultation. The recommendations of the review will be discussed by the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on 29 March 2010. The Department will assist HAB to introduce legislative amendments necessary for implementation of the recommendations. Judging from the progress of the exercise, it is anticipated that the recommendations will be implemented in early 2011. As such, the impact on the expenditure arising from the review for 2010-11 will be minimal.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB144

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1050

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2009, 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 2009, there were 358 legal aid applications relating to insolvency matters. Four applicants did not pass the means test. These applicants were the employees of four different insolvent employers. Following the refusal, we facilitated two other employees in two of the cases to apply for legal aid which were subsequently granted. Of the two remaining cases, the Department assisted the applicant in one case to apply for ex-gratia payment from the Labour Department.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB145

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1177

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) In 2009, 992 legal aid applications were refused on means. How many of them were refused because the applicants' financial resources exceeded the financial eligibility limit?
- (b) The Administration states that basically no application for criminal legal aid would be refused on means. However, the statistics on criminal legal aid applications show that 34 and 33 applications were refused on means respectively in 2008 and 2009. What are the main reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

- (a) In 2009, out of the 992 civil applications that were refused on means, 969 applications were refused because the financial resources of the applicants exceeded the financial eligibility limit. Of these, 103 applications were refused also on ground of merits or on other grounds such as failure to furnish information/documents required for considering the applications or to attend interview.
- (b) Of the criminal applications refused on means in 2008, 11 were refused because the applicants failed to furnish information on their financial resources and 21 were refused both on means as well as merits. Only two applicants were refused solely on means.

As for 2009, 14 were refused for failure to furnish information and 18 on both means as well as merits leaving one applicant refused solely on means.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB146

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1611

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide in the table below the number of the following legally aided civil cases which were assigned to the Litigation Division of the Legal Aid Department to conduct litigation on behalf of legally-aided persons in 2008 and 2009:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death		
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance		
Claims for seamen's wages		
Claims for damages due to professional negligence		
Insolvency		

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death	86	95
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance	87	80
Claims for seamen's wages	0	0
Claims for damages due to professional negligence	12	13

Insolvency	247	279
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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB147

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1612

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide in the table below the number of the following legally aided civil cases in which the claims for damages were successful in 2008 and 2009:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death		
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance		
Claims for seamen's wages		
Claims for damages due to professional negligence		
Insolvency		

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death	1 092	1 131
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance	818	875
Claims for seamen's wages	0	0
Claims for damages due to professional	27	45

negligence		
Insolvency	9	14

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Name in block letters William CHAN

Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB148

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1613

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide in the table below the number of the following legally aided civil cases in which costs was successfully recovered in 2008 and 2009:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death		
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance		
Claims for seamen's wages		
Claims for damages due to professional negligence		
Insolvency		

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death	1 002	1 032
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance	785	876
Claims for seamen's wages	0	0
Claims for damages due to professional	25	38

negligence		
Insolvency	372	372

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Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB149

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1614

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide in the table below the amount of damages recovered from the following legally aided civil cases in 2008 and 2009:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death		
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance		
Claims for seamen's wages		
Claims for damages due to professional negligence		
Insolvency		

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	2008 \$ m	2009 \$ m
Personal injuries and death	572.44	522.14
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance	130.62	135.12
Claims for seamen's wages	Nil	Nil
Claims for damages due to professional negligence	40.85	34.93
Insolvency	0.69	0.55

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB150

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1615

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide in the table below the amount of costs recovered from the following legally aided civil cases in 2008 and 2009:

	2008	2009
Personal injuries and death		
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance		
Claims for seamen's wages		
Claims for damages due to professional negligence		
Insolvency		

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	<u>2008</u> \$ m	<u>2009</u> \$ m
Personal injuries and death	85.03	85.91
Compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance	23.90	28.02
Claims for seamen's wages	Nil	Nil
Claims for damages due to professional	6.04	17.66

negligence		
Insolvency	4.48	4.32

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB151

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1616

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The financial provision for legal aid for 2010-11 is \$81.8 m, which is 1.6% less than that of the original estimate for 2009-10. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The provision for 2010-11, though 1.6% less than the original estimate of 2009-10, is actually 1.7% more than the revised estimate of 2009-10. Allocation of the provision of legal aid costs is done holistically based on past actual expenditure pattern and estimated costs for lengthy trials and high costs cases.

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

HAB152

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1617

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The percentage figures for 2010 on the targets for the key performance measures in respect of processing legal aid applications, from applications for civil legal aid, criminal legal aid, appeals against conviction, Court of First Instance of the High Court/District Court to applications for committal proceedings, all are lower than those of the actual percentage figures for 2008 and 2009. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The percentage figures in respect of 2008 and 2009 reflect the actual performance in those two years whereas the figure for 2010 is the planned performance target for the processing of legal aid applications in that year. That percentage was arrived at in the light of past experience, having regard to the procedures and complexity of cases involved, including the need to obtain information from the applicants and third parties for the conduct of means and merits tests, e.g. information from banks and professional/expert advice. Where information is required from third parties, the actual processing time would depend on the time taken by third parties to provide the information.

Given the above, the planned performance target for processing legal aid applications in 2010 is considered realistic. Indeed, we have always strived to do better than the performance target. This can be seen from the performance figures for 2008 and 2009, where our actual performance has exceeded our stated targets. As always, the Department will process all applications for legal aid in a timely manner.

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

HAB153

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1137

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With respect to the financial and staffing provision of the Legal Aid Department, how much of the financial provision for 2010-11 is allocated to legal costs (including costs of assigned lawyers and litigation costs)?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The provision for legal aid costs for 2010-11 is \$519.1 m.

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

HAB154

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1138

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the staffing provision of the Legal Aid Department, please provide information on:

- (a) the number of staff with/without legal qualification;
- (b) the wastage of staff with legal qualification in 2009, the reasons for their departure, their seniority and the recruitment of new officers.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

- (a) As at 1 March 2010, the Legal Aid Department has 75 legally qualified staff and 455 non-legally qualified staff.
- (b) The wastage of legally qualified staff, the seniority and the reasons for their departure are set out in the table below:

Rank	Number of officer	Length of service	Reason for leaving the service
Senior Legal Aid Counsel	1	21 years 5 months	Completion of Agreement
Legal Aid Counsel	1	20 years 6 months	Resignation

The Department conducted one recruitment exercise for Legal Aid Counsel in 2009.

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Date _____ 17 March 2010 _____

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

HAB155

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1192

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In respect of criminal legal aid provided by the Legal Aid Department in 2009-10:

- (a) What were the costs incurred for criminal legal aid cases?
- (b) Of the said amount, how much was incurred in cases assigned out to private legal practitioners?
- (c) What is the amount earmarked for the anticipated increase in criminal legal aid fees? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

- (a) The costs incurred for 2009-10 (as at 28 February 2010) were \$99.72 m.
- (b) Of the amount mentioned in (a), \$97.25 m was incurred in cases assigned out to private legal practitioners.
- (c) An amount of \$15 m has been earmarked for the anticipated increase in criminal legal aid fees for 2010-11.

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Date _____ 17 March 2010 _____

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

HAB156

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1193

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In respect of civil legal aid provided by the Legal Aid Department in 2009-10:

- (a) What were the costs incurred for civil legal aid cases?
- (b) Of the said amount, how much was incurred in cases assigned out to private legal practitioners?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

- (a) The costs incurred for 2009-10 (as at 28 February 2010) were \$340.99 m.
- (b) Of the amount mentioned in (a), \$330.88 m was incurred in cases assigned out to private legal practitioners.

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Name in block letters William CHAN

Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB157

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1194

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding criminal cases assigned to practitioners in private practice in 2009, please provide the number of cases handled by them at different levels of court, the percentage of these cases in relation to all criminal cases; and the percentage of such cases as compared with that of non-legal aid cases with representation.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The number of criminal legal aid cases handled by practitioners in private practice at different levels of court and the percentage of these cases in relation to all criminal legal aid cases for 2009 are set out as follows:

	No. of Assigned-out Cases	Percentage (%)
Committal Proceedings at Magistrates' Court	18	4.1
District Court Trials	1 578	100.0
Court of First Instance Trials	343	77.0
Magistrate's Court Appeals to the Court of First Instance	103	84.4
District Court Appeals to the Court of Appeal	89	78.2
Court of First Instance Appeals to the Court of Appeal	49	79.7
Appeals in the Court of Final Appeal	19	95.0
Total	2 199	79.1

The Department does not have any data in relation to legal representation in non-legal aid cases.

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Date _____ 17 March 2010 _____

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

HAB158

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2635

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to enquires on civil cases received:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the enquires which were made by phone, in writing and in person respectively;
- (b) How many staff members are responsible for handling enquires? How many enquires on average did each of them handle?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Information requested in both (a) and (b) is as follows:

	<u>By phone</u>	<u>In writing</u>	<u>In person</u> [#]
No. of enquiries [*]	3 750	680	42 232
No. of staff	34	4	13
Average No. of enquiries handled by each staff	110	170	3 249

* We do not maintain separate record on the nature of the enquiries made. As far as we are aware, these enquiries generally related to legal aid matters concerning, for example, scope of legal aid services or progress of proceedings for which legal aid has been granted.

There are two units in the Application and Processing Division of the Department which handle enquiries in person by members of the public, one at 24/F of the Queensway Government Offices and the other one at G/F of the Mongkok Government Offices.

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Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB159

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1012

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The financial provision under this Programme is increased by \$30.4 m (5.1%). Could the Administration provide details on the additional operating expenses involved?

Asked by : Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	\$'000
Salary	535
Allowances	49
Personnel Related Expenses	134
Departmental Expenses	789
Legal Aid Costs	28,931
Total	30,438

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Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB160

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1013

Programme: (3) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The financial provision under this Programme is increased by \$0.2 m (0.6%). Could the Administration provide details on the additional operating expenses involved?

Asked by : Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	\$'000
Salary	(74)
Allowances	14
Personnel Related Expenses	14
Departmental Expenses	215
Total	169

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB161

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1014

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The financial provision under this Programme is increased by \$1.4 m (1.7%). Could the Administration provide details on the additional operating expenses involved?

Asked by : Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply :

The information requested is as follows:

	\$'000
Salary	13
Allowances	31
Personnel Related Expenses	64
Departmental Expenses	422
Legal Aid Costs	918
Total	1,448

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Post Title Director of Legal Aid

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB162

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1265

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The average usage rates of sports centres (arena) and sports grounds in 2008 and 2009 were higher than those listed under the Target. What were the reasons for it? Have any additional resources been earmarked to meet the service demand? Moreover, how can an assessment be done to see whether members of the public or organisations/groups have any difficulties in hiring the above venues?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The higher average usage rates of sports centres (arena) and sports grounds in 2008 and 2009 than the respective Targets were largely due to: the implementation of the Free Admission Scheme for Leisure Facilities by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department from July to September 2008; the 2009 East Asian Games which boosted the utilisation of the facilities; and the positive response from the public to publicity urging people to do more exercise and participate in sport. The increase in usage can generally be met by the capacity of the existing facilities, and there is no need at present to deploy additional resources to meet the increased service demand. Members of the public and organisations have not encountered particular difficulties in hiring sports centres or sports grounds during non-peak hours. The Department will monitor the usage pattern of various leisure facilities, in particular that of the popular venues during peak hours, to ensure that suitable facilities can be provided to meet the public demand.

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Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 18 March 2010

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

HAB163

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1266

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Given that the population of Hong Kong is increasing continuously, why is it that the estimated numbers of sports grounds, swimming pool complexes and major parks in 2010 are the same as those in 2009? What factors would be considered by the Administration in determining whether or not to increase the provision of the above facilities?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is committed to providing recreation and sports facilities to meet public demand. In addition to the existing 37 swimming pool complexes, 24 major parks and 25 sports grounds, LCSD will provide six new swimming pool complexes and three major parks from 2011 to 2013. The six new swimming pool complexes, which are under construction, are in Central and Western District, Siu Sai Wan, Lam Tin, Tuen Mun, Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai. Construction work on three new major parks in Central and Western District, Wong Tai Sin and Tseung Kwan O is either underway or will soon commence. LCSD is also considering the provision of new sports grounds.

In considering the provision of new recreation and sports facilities, LCSD will take into account guidance set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, the views of District Councils, the public demand for facilities, the utilisation rates of current facilities, the population of individual districts and the availability of resources.

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Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 23 March 2010

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

HAB164

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1267

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What was the number of vacant government sites on which greening work was carried out by the Administration in the past three years (i.e. from 2007 to 2009)? How many plants have altogether been planted? What was the size of area covered by the greening work? What was the amount of resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

From 2007 to 2009, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has carried out greening works on 18 vacant government sites. The works covered a total of 12 700 m² and involved the planting of about 141 000 plants and 350 m² of turf. The expenditure incurred was about \$1.14 million.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB165

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1268

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Given that the population of Hong Kong is increasing continuously, why is that the estimated numbers of static libraries and mobile libraries in 2010 are the same as those in 2009? What factors would be considered by the Administration in determining whether or not to increase the provision of the above facilities?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is committed to improving public library services on an on-going basis by providing new libraries as well as reprovisioning existing libraries with enhanced facilities and services. In addition to the existing 66 static libraries and ten mobile libraries, a new library in Siu Sai Wan, which is currently under construction, is scheduled to open in 2011. In addition, the two existing libraries in Yat Tung Estate in Tung Chung and Butterfly Estate in Tuen Mun will be reprovisioned to larger premises in 2010 with much improved facilities and services; and another four existing libraries in Lam Tin, Pak Tin, Tin Shui Wai and Yuen Long respectively will be reprovisioned in the coming years. Construction works for these projects are either underway or will soon commence.

Apart from setting up new libraries and reprovisioning existing libraries to larger premises, there are also on-going renovation programmes to improve the facilities and reading environment of some existing libraries. Under the renovation programme, libraries which have been in service for ten years or more will be renovated by phases.

In considering the provision of new libraries and enhancing existing library services, LCSD will take into account factors such as the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, the views of District Councils, the public demand for and utilisation of library facilities, the population of the respective districts and the availability of resources.

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Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB166

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

186

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information about the Young Athletes Training Scheme in 2009-10:

Type of Sports under the Scheme	Number of Participants	Amount of Subvention Granted (\$)
Badminton		
Table tennis		
Football		
Swimming		
Basketball		
Judo		
Squash		
Handball		
Wushu		
Cycling		
Volleyball		
Rugby		
Fencing		
Gymnastics		
Triathlon		

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The requested information concerning the Young Athletes Training Scheme in 2009-10 is appended below:

Type of Sports under the Scheme	Number of Participants	Amount of Subvention Granted (\$)
Badminton	4 010	1,481,651
Table tennis	5 032	1,436,255
Football	5 120	1,022,706
Swimming (include Swimming and Synchronised Swimming)	2 730	558,788
Basketball	3 168	984,084
Judo	280	47,960
Squash	1 008	1,067,367
Handball	600	143,185
Wushu	235	161,743
Cycling (include Cycling, Mountain Bike and BMX)	525	260,917
Volleyball	2 640	655,088
Rugby [#]	-	-
Fencing	640	105,822
Gymnastics (include Artistic Gymnastic and Acrobatic Gymnastic)	348	182,830
Triathlon	420	182,134

[#] The Hong Kong Rugby Football Union had not organised youth athletes training under the Young Athletes Training Scheme subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2009-10. However, the Union had organised rugby training programmes for youth using their own resources.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 15 March 2010

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

HAB167

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0187

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The financial provision for the Programme “Heritage and Museums” for 2009-10 is \$586.2 million, which represents a decrease of 2.5% over the original estimate. What are the reasons for it? Is it because some of the proposed projects/programmes have been put on hold or cancelled? Please provide the details.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The downward adjustment in the Revised Estimate for Programme (3): Heritage and Museums for 2009-10 by \$15.3 million or 2.5% (from \$601.5 million to \$586.2 million) as compared to the 2009-10 Original Estimate is due to the following reasons:

- (a) the estimate for restoration of **declared monuments** (Subhead 600 Works) has been adjusted downwards by \$5.3 million (from \$14 million to \$8.7 million) due to adjustments to the schedule of some of the restoration projects to take account of the latest progress of the discussion with the owners concerned regarding the proposed declaration of their buildings as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance;
- (b) the estimate for restoration of **historic buildings** (Subhead 653) has been adjusted downwards by \$2.7 million (from \$7.2 million to \$4.5 million). The decrease in expenditure takes account of the updated progress of the projects which have received financial assistance under the Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme for privately-owned historic buildings. Payments to the private owners are made on a reimbursement basis upon works completion. Such works sometimes take a longer time

to complete as the owners are required to engage specialist consultants and works contractors to prepare the work scope/ specifications and to carry out the maintenance works;

- (c) there is a downward adjustment of about \$4.1 million in Subhead 603: Plant, vehicles and equipment as the payment schedules for two capital account projects have been revised, i.e. replacement of the Planetarium Star Projector and provision of 3D full dome projection system of the Hong Kong Space Museum. The payment will be effected in 2010-11; and
- (d) there is a net decrease of \$3.2 million in recurrent expenditure mainly due to the revised estimates in salary provisions as a few posts under the programme area were left vacant or not yet created as planned.

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Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB168

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0188

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) What was the expenditure incurred by the Department on acquisition of books and multi-media materials in 2008-09 and 2009-10?
- (b) Regarding the library materials borrowed in these two years, please list by year the numbers of books returned late by readers and the amount of fines involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) The expenditure incurred by the Department in the acquisition of books and multi-media materials in 2008-09 and 2009-10 is as follows:

Year	Books (\$m)	Multi-media materials (\$m)
2008-09	48.72	19.70
2009-10 (as at 28 February 2010)	48.76	18.60

- (b) The number of library materials, including books and audio materials borrowed and returned late by readers, as well as the amount of fines involved in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as follows:

Year	Total number of library materials borrowed (item)	Total number of library materials returned late (item)	Total amount of overdue fines for library materials (\$)
2008-09	59.93 million	4.08 million	18.46 million
2009-10 (as at 28 February 2010)	56.39 million	3.84 million	18.28 million

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 22 March 2010

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

HAB169

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1346

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The average usage rates of natural turf pitches in both 2008 and 2009 reached 100%, while those of artificial turf pitches stood at 75% only. In its future planning for construction of pitches, would the Administration make reference to the above figures and consider appropriately increasing the ratio of the natural turf pitches so as to meet public demand?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The respective average usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches are calculated as a percentage of the total number of sessions available for use by hirers. Due to the need to maintain the grass surface in a playable condition, natural turf pitches can only provide 60 sessions a month for hiring; whereas artificial turf pitches, which require less frequent maintenance, can provide a total of 270 sessions a month, i.e., four times more than that of natural grass pitches. As a result of the larger number of sessions available including those during non-peak hours, the overall average usage rate for artificial turf pitches is generally lower than that of natural turf pitches. However, it should be noted that the usage rate of artificial turf pitches at peak hours is nearly 100% which reflects a strong public demand for such facilities. To make available more sessions for training and public use, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to provide more artificial turf pitches in the coming years by building new artificial turf pitches and converting existing natural turf pitches into artificial ones.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 18 March 2010

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

HAB170

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1371

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

During the staging of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, the Administration made available various leisure facilities for usage by the public free of charge, thereby raising the usage rates of LCSD venues. After the completion of the above Free Admission Scheme, apart from those popular sports venues with relatively more satisfactory usage rates, there is room for raising the usage rates of other venues. In view of this, will the Administration consider granting concessionary rates to hirers of sports venues on weekdays and waiving the charges to be paid by the elderly and persons with disabilities in 2010-11 so as to encourage public participation in sports and improve the health of the whole community?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

To promote the concept of “Sport for All” and to encourage regular participation in sports by all sectors of the community, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department offers some groups of users a half-rate concession for the hire of leisure facilities. Under the concessionary arrangement, senior citizens aged 60 or above can enjoy half-rate concession to swimming pools and water sports centres at any time, as well as half-priced use of land-based recreation and sports facilities during non-peak hours. Persons with disabilities and recognised disability service agencies are entitled to half-rate concessions when hiring any recreation and sports facilities at any time. The Department also operates a “Free Use Scheme” whereby it waives hire charges for schools, national sports associations, district sports associations and subvented non-government organisations for the hire of selected sports facilities during non-peak hours (from 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday except public holidays) from September of each year to June of the following year.

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HAB171

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1592

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

For 2009, please provide information on the expenditure on audience-building Cantonese opera performances, the age group statistics of the audience and the number of audience members who were complimentary ticket holders.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

In 2009-10, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) set aside \$18 million for organising and sponsoring more than 550 Cantonese opera activities including ticketed performances, audience building and educational activities, free entertainment programmes and exhibitions.

While the Department has not gathered statistics on the audience profile by age groups, it is noted that the above-mentioned programmes are attended by people of different age groups, ranging from children and young people who participated in the audience building and educational activities, to mostly adults and the elderly who attended the stage performances.

The total number of complimentary tickets issued in 2009-10 was around 4 560, accounting for 2.86% of the total seating capacity of the 187 ticketed performances (159 600 seats).

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HAB172

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

Question Serial No.

1594

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the actual expenditures of the Venue Partnership Scheme in 2008 and 2009, as well as the estimated provision for the Scheme for 2010. Does the Administration have any plan to extend the Venue Partnership Scheme to private theatres/establishments/the Hong Kong Creative Arts Centre/the black box theatres in industrial buildings?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The expenditures on the Venue Partnership Scheme in 2008-09 (Actual) and 2009-10 (Estimates) are \$19,637,095 and \$35,668,639 respectively. The estimated provision for the Scheme for 2010-11 is around \$36.2 million. The financial support provided to the 20 Venue Partners is funded by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) (for the nine Venue Partners which are major performing groups receiving annual subvention from HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) (for the 11 Venue Partners which are medium and small-sized performing groups).

The Scheme is now being implemented in 11 performance venues managed by LCSD. It aims to facilitate and encourage performing arts groups of different sizes to best utilise LCSD's venue resources so as to support their artistic pursuits and develop the artistic characteristics of the individual venues. The Administration welcomes private venue operators to collaborate with arts groups in similar ways that may suit their management and development objectives.

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Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) – Expenditures (2008-09 to 2010-11)**A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)**

	Venue	Venue Partner	Expenditure (VPS-related only) (\$)		
			[Note 1]		
			2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimates)	2010-11 (Estimates)
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	1,275,480	1,775,830	1,775,830
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	1,474,809	1,538,963	1,538,963
		(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	1,875,175	2,577,050	2,577,050
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	1,558,506	3,012,558	3,012,558
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	1,132,883	1,916,088	1,916,088
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	1,008,190	1,241,000	1,241,000
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	1,697,318	1,630,080	1,630,080
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	1,303,012	2,054,452	2,054,452
5.	Yuen Long Theatre [Note 2]	Chung Ying Theatre Company	0	790,000	790,000
Sub-total (A) :			11,325,373	16,536,021	16,536,021

B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

	Venue	Venue Partner	Expenditure (\$) [Note 3]		
			2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimates)	2010-11 (Estimates)
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	957,720	1,818,187	1,830,000
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	791,972	1,580,000	1,450,000
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	692,930	1,224,900	1,269,660
		(ii) Whole Theatre	1,251,524	1,585,684	1,937,900
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre [Note 4]	W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	0	1,990,413	1,378,550

Venue	Venue Partner	Expenditure (\$) [Note 3]		
		2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimates)	2010-11 (Estimates)
5. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	328,060	1,504,155	1,813,280
6. Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	419,026	2,924,195	3,271,520
	(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	926,175	1,603,694	1,822,380
7. North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	953,695	1,222,550	1,210,950
8. Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	1,990,620	2,663,000	2,332,140
9. Yuen Long Theatre [Note 2]	Y-Space	0	1,015,840	1,350,210
Sub-total (B) :		8,311,722	19,132,618	19,666,590
Total (A) + (B) :		19,637,095	35,668,639	36,202,611

Note 1: Additional funding from HAB to these subvented companies covers hire charges in using LCSD venues, programme fees for VPS-related activities and staff cost.

Note 2: The selected venue partners of the Yuen Long Theatre are Chung Ying Theatre Company and Y-Space which only commenced their activities in July and September 2009 respectively. They did not organise any activities during the soft-launch period in 2008-09.

Note 3: Funding support from LCSD, covering notional hire charges (charges incurred by the Venue Partner from free use of hiring units at the partnering venue), notional URBTIX charges and annual programme fee (not exceeding \$1 million per group/consortium).

Note 4: The selected venue partners of the Kwai Tsing Theatre - W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre did not organise any activities during the soft launch period in 2008-09.

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HAB173

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1595

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the details of and the estimated provision for exploring Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and Museum of Tea Ware as additional performance venues. And in what way will the plan affect the dishui nanyin performances held regularly in the Museum of Tea Ware?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been actively exploring new performance venues other than purpose-built halls for cultural presentations with the objectives of promoting the further development of arts in the community and unleashing synergy between different forms/themes of art and culture. In 2010-11, LCSD plans to present a series of programmes at selected historic buildings including Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Museum of Tea Ware, Museum of Coastal Defence and the Cattle Depot. Initially, chamber music concerts, small scale drama production and environmental dance that suit the individual characteristics of these venues will be presented. As regards the Museum of Tea Ware, as the franchised operator of the Tea House currently presents Chinese music concerts inside the Tea House during weekends, LCSD will stage programmes with different themes at the outdoor areas surrounding the museum at different times to complement the existing performances and avoid duplication. The Department does not envisage that the current performances staged by the Tea House will be affected by the programmes.

In 2010-11, nine programmes (providing over 45 performances) with different themes at an estimated budget of \$1.2 million are being planned at these above-mentioned venues.

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HAB174

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2471

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding consultations conducted for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies under all programmes, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

With regard to the items that provisions were allocated in 2009-10 for conducting consultations, please provide information in the following format:

Name / Content of consultation item	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning / in progress / completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written submissions, consultation meetings, focus groups), frequency, names of groups consulted, number of persons consulted	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the consultation results and their progress (if any)	If completed, have the results been released to the public? If so, through which channels? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

In 2009-10, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department consulted a large number of individuals and bodies, including District Councils and advisory committees, on a wide range of subjects on a very frequent basis for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies. It is therefore not possible to provide exhaustive information in the format suggested in the question.

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HAB175

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2472

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding consultations conducted for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies under all Programmes, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

Have any resources been earmarked for conducting consultations in 2010-11? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name / Content of consultation item	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning / in progress / completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. collection of written submissions, consultation meetings, focus groups) frequency, names of groups consulted, number of persons consulted	If expected to be completed in the 2010-11 financial year, will the results be released to the public? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to consult a large number of individuals and bodies, including District Councils and advisory committees, on a

wide range of subjects for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies. It is therefore not possible to provide exhaustive information in the format suggested in the question.

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HAB176

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0940

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will open the new gallery “Jockey Club Environmental Conservation Gallery” at the Hong Kong Science Museum. When will the work be carried out? How long will it take to complete? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

Good progress is being made on the production of exhibits for The Jockey Club Environmental Conservation Gallery, which is scheduled for completion in mid-2010. The total estimated cost for the project is about \$15 million, which is sponsored by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

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HAB177

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

941

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the organisation of more programmes for special target groups (including the elderly and persons with disabilities) by the Administration, what are the programmes being planned? How much funding is required?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

To promote Sport for All and encourage people of all age groups and different levels of ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and persons with disabilities. In 2010-11, the Department has set aside around \$10.5 million to organise 5 027 free programmes for 417 000 participants from these two target groups. Programmes to be organised for these groups include fitness, dancing, swimming, lawn bowl, table tennis, day camp, excursion, gateball, tennis, basketball and golf activities. Outreach programmes will also be organised at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres for the elderly and persons with disabilities respectively. The elderly, persons with disabilities and their minders will continue to enjoy a 50% concessionary rate for enrolment into regular fee-charging recreation and sports programmes. Details of the programmes to be organised for the two target groups in 2010-11 are as follows:

	Elderly	Persons with Disabilities	Total
Expected Number of Programmes	3 874	1 153	5 027
Expected Number of Participants	350 000	67 000	417 000
Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)	7.0	3.5	10.5

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HAB178

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0942

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will conduct a comprehensive review of the sports subvention system with a view to streamlining the procedures, enhancing accountability and improving its overall effectiveness and efficiency. What are the estimated resources required for the review? When will it be completed?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

In January 2010, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) started a comprehensive review of the Sports Subvention Scheme with a view to streamlining procedures, enhancing accountability and improving overall effectiveness and efficiency. The review is examining issues relating to the allocation of subvention, LCSD's monitoring work, and national sports associations' reporting requirements, internal controls and compliance under the Scheme; as well as the necessary manpower and financial resources required to implement the recommendations of the review. LCSD is conducting the review through internal deployment of resources. The review is expected to be completed in early 2011.

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HAB179

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1110

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will design new exhibits and environmental decoration for the renovation of the exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Please specify what the new exhibits will be mainly made up of. What is the expenditure required? Will any open competition be organised? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

Hong Kong Space Museum is planning to renovate its two exhibition halls which have a total area of 1 600 square meters at a cost of about \$32 million. The museum is now working on the story-line and conceptual design of the exhibits. The renovation is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

The plan is to renovate the exhibition hall on the ground floor of the Museum with new exhibits to illustrate the evolution and development of the universe. To enhance visitors' experience, a dimmed and mysterious environment will be created through the use of lighting, wall murals and elaborated decorations.

The exhibition hall on the first floor will be used to illustrate the themes of space exploration and Sun-Earth relationship. To highlight the high-tech space technology, lighting effects and environmental decorations will be used to create a futuristic and surrealistic environment. For instance, in the proposed "How You Feel in Space" exhibit, visitors will experience disorientation as if they are in a weightless space environment and appreciate the unusual physical properties of matter by entering an upside down virtual space station.

As the design of the two exhibition galleries requires specialised knowledge in space science and astronomy, the Department considers it more appropriate for the Museum curators to draw up the conceptual plan in consultation with expert advisers instead of conducting an open competition. A professional exhibit designer and an exhibit fabricator will be engaged through open tender to build and install the exhibits.

The Department is committed to increasing community involvement in the museum work. For instance, the Hong Kong Museum of Art has launched the Open Dialogue series where guest curators are involved in curating thematic art exhibitions. The Department will continue to explore suitable opportunities for involving the relevant stakeholders and the public in the museum work.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB180

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3078

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 of the Programme, I have, however, received a number of complaints about damaged recreation and sports facilities. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the respective numbers of complaints about damaged recreation and sports facilities received by the Administration each year in the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10); and the measures taken to improve the quality of recreation and sports facilities and to ensure the provision of safe and adequate facilities for public use?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In the three financial years from 2007-08 to 2009-10, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has received 719, 766 and 716 complaints respectively about damaged recreation and sports facilities. To improve the quality of facilities and to ensure the provision of safe and adequate facilities for public use, LCSD has stepped up inspections of its facilities to ensure that they are in serviceable condition. If defects are observed, the venue management will request the maintenance agents to take prompt action to repair the damage and will monitor the progress of the works. The maintenance agents are also requested to maintain stocks of essential spare parts to speed up the repair of defective equipment. LCSD will select appropriately durable and vandal-proof equipment when planning the specification for new projects.

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HAB181

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3079

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the work of “developing a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong and promoting ‘Sport for All’” as mentioned under this Programme, will the Administration inform this Committee of its plans to promote “Sport for All” and develop a strong sporting culture; and whether more facilities will be provided to help promote the sporting culture?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide variety of sports programmes and encourages people from all walks of life in the community to participate in these activities. In addition, LCSD allocates funding to national sports associations and other sports organisations for the promotion and development of sport. The Department also organises territory-wide sports competitions, including the Hong Kong Games, Master Games and Corporate Games to promote a sporting culture in the community. LCSD will enhance its efforts to promote sport in the community in collaboration with different sectors of the community, including District Councils (DCs), non-government organisations, schools and the private sector.

LCSD is now following up on the recommendations set out in the consultancy study: “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”. Since June 2009, the Department has been implementing Phase I of the study recommendations, by introducing the findings of the study and its recommended action plan to the 18 DCs, as well as promoting messages on the importance and benefits of regular participation in sport and other physical activities to schools and district organisations. LCSD will develop a promotional strategy focusing on the enhancement of sports related services in April 2010 when it begins to

implement Phase II of the study. LCSD will review the current programme mix of community sports activities and the provision of sports facilities with a view to encouraging wider participation.

LCSD will continue to provide sports facilities to meet the needs of sports development, taking into account factors such as the views of DCs, local community characteristics and interest, the availability of facilities and the existing demography of the local population.

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HAB182

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0355

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the organisation of more programmes for special target groups (including the elderly and persons with disabilities), will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the programmes and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

With the objective of promoting Sport for All and to encourage people of all age groups and different levels of sporting ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for various target groups including the elderly and persons with disabilities. In 2010-11, the Department set aside around \$10.5 million to organise 5 027 free programmes for 417 000 participants from these two target groups. LCSD will organise programmes in sports such as swimming, lawn bowl, table tennis, gateball, tennis, basketball and golf. Outreach programmes will be organised for the elderly and persons with disabilities at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres respectively. The elderly, persons with disabilities and their helpers receive a 50% concessionary rate for enrolment into regular fee-charging recreation and sports programmes. The total number of planned programmes to be organised for these two groups in 2010-11 are as follows:

	Elderly	Persons with Disabilities	Total
Planned Number of Programmes	3 874	1 153	5 027
Planned Number of Participants	350 000	67 000	417 000
Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)	7.0	3.5	10.5

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Date 19 March 2010

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HAB183

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0356

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration plans to open the new gallery “Jockey Club Environmental Conservation Gallery” at the Hong Kong Science Museum. Will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) of the details of the planning work regarding the opening of the Gallery in 2009-10 and the expenditure involved; and
- (b) of the current progress of the work?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

- (a) The Jockey Club Environmental Conservation Gallery is scheduled to open in mid-2010. The Department has been making good progress in taking forward the project in 2009–10 with most of the exhibits produced and installed. The estimated expenditure of the project is \$5 million for 2009-10 and will be borne by the sponsor of the Gallery, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.
- (b) The Department is currently testing and fine-tuning the exhibits to prepare for the opening of the Gallery in mid-2010.

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HAB184

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0357

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration indicated that in view of the increasing awareness of the significance of oral history in society, the Hong Kong Oral History Special Collection project was launched. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How did the Administration derive the above conclusion?
- (b) What are the details of the project and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

- (a) The increasing awareness of the importance of oral history in Hong Kong is reflected by the growing number of oral history projects conducted by local tertiary institutions, archives, museums and non-government organisations, the publication of more books and research outputs on oral history and the inclusion of oral history activities in the secondary school curriculum.
- (b) The Administration launched the Hong Kong Oral History Special Collection project at the Hong Kong Central Library in October 2009. It aims to enhance public understanding of the value of oral history in the preservation of local culture and heritage, and to promote the use of oral history methods in Hong Kong studies. With the support of nine local tertiary institutes as founding partners, the project plans to collect and make available to the public oral history materials on Hong Kong for general reference and academic studies.

The Hong Kong Central Library has already made available for public access its collections of publications, research outputs and audio-visual programmes relating to Hong Kong's oral history. The oral history resources held by the tertiary institutions can be accessed through the "Hong Kong Oral History Information" thematic website <http://www.hkpl.gov.hk/hkoralhistory>.

As the Special Collection will be developed on a continuous basis, it is estimated that about \$0.6 million per annum will be required for the development and maintenance of the Collection. In addition, expenditure will be incurred by the Department in the acquisition of published materials for the Special Collection and in conducting or sponsoring relevant oral history research projects.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB185

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0716

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11 that the Department will encourage further development of district sports facilities and activities with local characteristics. Please provide the details and the amount of expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The 18 District Councils (DCs) are encouraged to join hands with national sports associations and district sports associations to develop and promote sports activities with local characteristics at the community level. DCs can select one or more sports activities for further development in their respective districts having regard to its community characteristics and interest, facilities and demography of the local population. The sports activities that have been selected by DCs for promotion include air-gun shooting, archery, badminton, BMX cycling, canoe polo, dance, fitness, gateball, hiking, hockey, lawn bowl, soccer, sports climbing, swimming, table tennis, wushu and water sports activities.

In 2010-11, the 18 DCs will together organise some 700 programmes, including fun days, publicity campaigns and training schemes, to promote their characteristic sports activities at an estimated cost of \$3.6 million. It is expected that around 57 000 participants will be attracted to the activities.

In providing district recreation and sports facilities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will take into account factors such as the views of DCs, public demand for the facilities, the usage rate of existing facilities, the population, and demographic profile of the

respective districts. The LCSD will also provide specific facilities to tie in with the development of the district sports activities with local characteristics selected by the DCs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB186

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0724

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Department will launch internship programmes to provide training on arts education and museum management in 2010-11. What are the details of the programmes, the number of internship places to be offered, the implementation schedule and the breakdown of the specific expenditure required?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The internship programme aims at nurturing a pool of curators and visual art administrators to support the development of cultural software in Hong Kong. It is a 2-year programme providing on-the-job training on museum management including collection management, exhibition planning, art education, organisation of public art projects and venue management. Interns will be placed to work in the museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to gain practical knowledge and hands-on experience in museum work under the guidance of experienced museum staff. Holders of relevant degrees who meet the entry requirements of Assistant Curator II of Art and History Streams and are interested in pursuing a career in museum management may apply for the internship. The programme will commence in the third quarter of 2010 with ten trainees recruited for the first intake for 2010 to 2012. The estimated annual expenditure on the internship programme is about \$1.7 million which comprises primarily payment of remuneration to the interns. The total estimated cost for the pilot of the scheme which will intake a total of 20 trainees is about \$6.8 million and will roll over in 2010-11 to 2013-14.

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HAB187

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0725

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Department intends to explore historical sites including Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and Museum of Tea Ware, etc. as additional performance venues to re-vitalise Hong Kong's cultural heritage. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the new plan, the estimated time of implementation and the specific breakdown of the expenditure?
- (b) Will the plan to re-vitalise Hong Kong's cultural heritage be extended to suitable sites in the 18 districts of Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been actively exploring new performance venues other than purpose-built halls for cultural presentations with the objectives of promoting the further development of arts in the community and unleashing synergy between different forms/themes of art and culture. In 2010-11, LCSD plans to present a series of performing arts programmes at selected historic buildings including Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Museum of Tea Ware, Museum of Coastal Defence and the Cattle Depot. Initially, chamber music concerts, small scale drama production and environmental dance that suit the individual characteristics of these venues will be presented.

In 2010-11, nine programmes (featuring over 45 performances) with different themes at an estimated budget of \$1.2 million are being planned at the above-mentioned venues.

- (b) The Department will continue to source suitable historic sites for cultural presentations in various districts. Suitable programmes and thematic series will be devised to harmonise with the special ambience of these spaces and enhance their characters and identities.

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HAB188

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0726

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the organisation of 18 performing arts programmes in 47 performances by the Administration during the Shanghai Expo between May and October 2010, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the relevant details? What is the breakdown of the expenditure required? And what is the estimated number of audience?
- (b) Apart from staging performing arts programmes and organising two major arts exhibitions for the Expo, will the Department consider presenting more programmes in different forms?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) co-ordinates a total of 20 cultural events, including 18 performing arts programmes and two visual art exhibitions, for presentation during the Expo 2010 Shanghai China from May to October 2010. The programmes are curated under the themes of “creativity, connectivity and vibrancy” to embrace different art forms including Cantonese opera, Chinese and western music, dance, drama, western opera, music theatre and multi-media performances, as well as art exhibitions.

A summary of the cultural programmes co-ordinated by the LCSD is set out in the Annex.

The total expenditure for organising the above programmes is \$24.99 million (\$21.68 million for 18 performing arts programmes; and \$3.31 million for two visual art exhibitions).

About 21 000 priced tickets for 13 performing arts programmes co-ordinated by the Department will be put on sale at the venues concerned in Shanghai and via ticketing agents through the internet. There will also be programmes for free admission to be presented at public areas such as major malls in Shanghai, as well as the “Hong Kong Week” cultural programmes featured at the outdoor stages in the Expo Park. The Department is unable to provide an estimated number of visitors to these free programmes at this stage.

- (b) The cultural programmes co-ordinated by LCSD serves to demonstrate the creativity and rich diversity of Hong Kong’s arts talents from major, small and youth arts groups covering different art forms. The LCSD will work closely with other arts organisations providing programmes during the Expo to create synergy in promoting local artists and arts groups to the Mainland and world audiences.

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Cultural Programmes co-ordinated by LCSD for Expo 2010 Shanghai China

May	June	July	August	September	October
<p>(1) Yat Po Singers Rock Hard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 May Shanghai Grand Theatre Drama Theatre (1 performance) 	<p>(3) The Hong Kong Ballet Summer Delights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 June Shanghai Oriental Art Center Oriental Opera Hall (1 performance) 	<p>(6) Hong Kong Dance Company Qingming Riverside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-10 July Shanghai Grand Theatre Lyric Theatre (2 performances) 	<p>(8) Hong Kong Arts Festival and the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Treasures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19-20 August Shanghai Theatre Academy Shangxi Theatre (2 performances) 	<p>(10) Hong Kong Arts Festival and Fredric Mao Theatre Projects The Liaisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 September Shanghai Theatre Academy Shangxi Theatre (3 performances) 	<p>(13) Zuni Icosahedron/ Danny Yung Experimental Theatre - Flee by Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16-18 October Shanghai Theatre Academy Duanjun Theatre (3 performances) <p>▲ Exhibition Legacy and Creations – Art vs Art 16 Oct – 12 Nov Shanghai Museum of Contemporary Art</p>
<p>(2) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra concert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 May Shanghai Concert Hall (1 performance) 	<p>(4) The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts - School of Dance</p> <p>(i) Crossing Borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 June Shanghai Theatre Academy Shangxi Theatre (1 performance) <p>(ii) Art • Travel • Two Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 June Museum of Contemporary Art Shanghai (1 performance) 	<p>(7) Edward Lam Dance Theatre Great Expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22-25 July Shanghai Oriental Art Center Oriental Opera Hall (4 performances) 	<p>(9) Musica Viva and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Alumni Association Opera The Legend of Zhang Baozai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-21 August Shanghai Grand Theatre Drama Theatre (2 performances) 	<p>(11) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra concert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 September Shanghai Oriental Art Center Oriental Concert Hall (1 performance) 	<p><u>Hong Kong Week: 18-22 October</u></p> <p>(14) Hong Kong Fringe Club Swing for All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19-20 October Expo Site – Baosteel Stage (4 performances) <p>(15) Opera Hong Kong My China Heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 October Expo Site – Celebration Square (3 performances) <p>(16) Hong Kong Fringe Club Contemporary Jazz featuring Ted Lo and Eugene Pao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21-22 October

May	June	July	August	September	October
	<p>(5) City Contemporary Dance Company</p> <p>(i) <i>DELT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 June Shanghai Times Square (2 performances) • 20 June Plaza 353 (2 performances) <p>(ii) <i>Tales of Two Cities – Hong Kong • Shanghai • Eileen Chang</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 June Shanghai Grand Theatre Drama Theatre (1 performance) 	<p>▲ Exhibition <i>Legacy and Creations – Ink Art vs Ink Art</i></p> <p>16 July – 9 August Shanghai Art Museum</p>		<p>(12) Theatre du Pif <i>The Will To Build</i> (2010 revival version)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-25 September Shanghai Grand Theatre Drama Theatre (2 performances) 	<p>Expo Site – Baosteel Stage (4 performances)</p> <p>(17) Hong Kong Singer-Songwriters Generation <i>Singer-Songwriters concert</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21-22 October Expo Site – Celebration Square (6 performances) <p>(18) Hong Kong Sinfonietta <i>A Soldier's Story</i> (Hong Kong Week Closing Performance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 October Shanghai Oriental Art Center Oriental Concert Hall (1 performance)

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

HAB189

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0708

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Venue Partnership Scheme, please provide the following information:

The Venue Partnership Scheme was launched in mid-2007. Please list all the venues participating in the Scheme since it was launched and their corresponding Venue Partners, as well as the dates when each Venue Partner started operation.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The three-year pilot Venue Partnership Scheme was fully launched in April 2009, although most Venue Partners had started organising activities at the respective partnering venues during the soft-launch period in 2008-09. Under the Scheme, 20 Venue Partners including individual groups, joint groups and consortia are engaged in organising performing arts activities of varied art forms at 11 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The list of Venue Partners and the respective dates of commencement of activities are set out in the Annex.

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Venue Partnership Scheme (2009-2012)

List of Venue Partners and Date of Commencement of Activities

Venue	Venue Partner	Date of Commencement of Activities (including soft-launch period in 2008-09)
(1) Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	April 2008
	(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	April 2008
(2) Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	April 2008
	(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	April 2008
	(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	April 2008
	(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	April 2008
(3) Kwai Tsing Theatre	(i) Chung Ying Theatre Company	August 2008
	(ii) W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	May 2009
(4) Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) Whole Theatre	August 2008
	(ii) E-Side Dance Company	September 2008
(5) North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	September 2008
(6) Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	December 2008
(7) Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	October 2008
	(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	September 2008
(8) Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	September 2008
(9) Tsuen Wan Town Hall	(i) Hong Kong Dance Company	August 2008
	(ii) Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	February 2009
(10) Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	September 2008
(11) Yuen Long Theatre*	(i) Chung Ying Theatre Company	July 2009
	(ii) Y-Space	September 2009

* Yuen Long Theatre confirmed its venue partners at a later date than other venues as no suitable venue partner was identified in the first round of the invitation, resulting in a later commencement date of its related activities.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB190

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0709

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Venue Partnership Scheme, please provide the following information:

A breakdown of the various forms of support provided by the venues to each of their Venue Partners and the expenditure involved in each form of support.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

Under the Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides support to 20 Venue Partners (VPs) of 11 performance venues in the form of : (a) priority use of the venue facilities; (b) provision of funding support; (c) provision of work space; and (d) enhanced publicity support such as publicising the VPs' programmes in the partnering venues' monthly event calendars, advertising their programmes in local newspapers, and the use of exclusive display areas and wall banner sites at the venues for programme promotion.

Insofar as provision of funding support is concerned, for the nine VPs which are major performing groups receiving annual subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the Bureau provides additional funding under the VPS for VPS-related activities, staff cost and rental charges (totalling \$16.5 million in 2009-10). For the other 11 VPs which are medium and small-sized companies, LCSD provides each of them with an annual programme fee (up to \$1 million) to cover production-related, staff and administrative costs, in addition to the free use of the venue facilities, ticketing services, and the administrative and publicity support mentioned in the paragraph above. The total funding support provided by LCSD (including notional charges) for these 11 performing groups amounts to \$19.1 million in 2009-10.

Breakdown of the funding support (actual and notional, as applicable) from HAB and LCSD in 2009-10 under the VPS is set out in the Annex. The funding has not taken into account the costs involved in providing work space and publicity support to the VPs.

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Venues Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Support to Venue Partners (2009-10)**A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau**

Venue	Venue Partner	Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau: 2009-10 (Estimates)		
		Hire Charges in Using LCSD Venues [Note 1] (\$)	VPS-related Activities and Staff Cost (\$)	Total Funding (\$)
		(a)	(b)	(a)+(b)
1. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	775,830	1,000,000	1,775,830
	(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	538,963	1,000,000	1,538,963
	(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	1,577,050	1,000,000	2,577,050
	(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	2,012,558	1,000,000	3,012,558
2. Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	916,088	1,000,000	1,916,088
	(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	241,000	1,000,000	1,241,000
3. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	630,080	1,000,000	1,630,080
4. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	1,054,452	1,000,000	2,054,452
5. Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	-	-	790,000 [Note 2]
(A) Sub-Total :		7,746,021*	8,000,000*	16,536,021

* The sub-totals under column (a) and (b) do not take into account \$790,000 referred to Note 2 below.

Note 1 : To avoid hidden subsidy, Venue Partners receiving funding support from Home Affairs Bureau have to pay rental in using LCSD venues.

Note 2 : The total funding for Chung Ying Theatre at Yuen Long Theatre in 2009-10 includes both the amount of hire charges in using LCSD venues and the amount of VPS-related activities and staff cost.

B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Venue	Venue Partner	Funding Support from Leisure and Cultural Services Department: 2009-10 (Estimates)				
		Notional Hire Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Notional URBTIX Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Annual Programme Fee (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c)	
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	659,350	158,837	1,000,000	1,818,187
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	540,000	40,000	1,000,000	1,580,000
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	352,051	17,849	855,000	1,224,900
		(ii) Whole Theatre	548,264	37,420	1,000,000	1,585,684
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	1,006,061	116,352	868,000	1,990,413
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	684,645	19,510	800,000	1,504,155
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	1,648,584	275,611	1,000,000	2,924,195
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	560,057	43,637	1,000,000	1,603,694
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	404,950	17,600	800,000	1,222,550
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	1,550,000	113,000	1,000,000	2,663,000
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	365,500	1,340	649,000	1,015,840
(B) Sub-Total			8,319,462	841,156	9,972,000	19,132,618

Note 3: Notional hire/URBTIX charge denotes charges incurred by the Venue Partner from free use of hiring units at the partnering venue as well as free ticketing services.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB191

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0710

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Venue Partnership Scheme, please provide the following information:

How many activities have been organised by each venue and its Venue Partner(s) since mid-2007? Please give a breakdown of the number of activities co-organised by each venue and its Venue Partner(s) by the types of activities (e.g. performance, exhibition, publication, educational activity, community or promotion programme), the number of audience outreached and the average cost for each member of the audience of each activity.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Venue Partnership Scheme was fully launched in April 2009 though many of the 20 Venue Partners have commenced their activities at the respective venues during the soft-launch period in 2008-09. The aggregate number of activities organised by the 20 Venue Partners at the 11 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the attendance numbers since 2008-09 are as follows:

Types of activities	2008-09 (Soft-launch Period) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 & 2009-10 (Estimated Total)
No. of stage performances	340	609	949
No. of educational, promotional and audience building activities	253	556	809
Total attendance	363 516	690 273	1 053 789

Breakdowns are set out in the Annex.

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Venues Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience (2008-09 and 2009-10)

A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) [Note 1]

Venue	Venue Partner	No. of Ticketed Stage Performances (a)		No. of Educational / Promotional / Audience Building Activities (Paid or Free) (b)		Total No. of Performances / Activities (a)+(b)		Total Attendance		
		2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	60	56	42	60	102	116	111 514	131 034
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	29	22	4	23	33	45	32 824	69 288
		(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	21	40	16	32	37	72	75 548	101 043
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	21	30	5	10	26	40	35 389	61 177
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	21	39	0	4	21	43	20 538	43 689
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	29	51	25	17	54	68	9 780	21 924
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	25	40	9	62	34	102	18 865	22 912
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	2	2	6	16	8	18	6 599	6 350
5.	Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company [Note 2]	0	0	0	23	0	23	0	311
Sub-Total (A) :			208	280	107	247	315	527	311 057	457 728

B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) [Note 3]

Venue	Venue Partner	No. of Ticketed Stage Performances (a)		No. of Educational / Promotional / Audience Building Activities (Paid or Free) (b)		Total No. of Performances / Activities (a)+(b)		Total Cost (Programme Fee & Notional Hire/ Ticketing Charges) (\$)		Total Attendance		Average Cost Per Audience (\$) (Note 4)		
		2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	17	58	2	6	19	64	957,720	1,818,187	6 691	24 401	143	75
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	5	9	13	29	18	38	791,972	1,580,000	3 133	8 360	253	189
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	11	17	12	32	23	49	692,930	1,224,900	1 316	2 396	527	511
		(ii) Whole Theatre	57	56	12	10	69	66	1,251,524	1,585,684	6 869	7 207	182	220
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre [Note 5]	0	20	0	5	0	25	0	1,990,413	0	18 074	N/A	110
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	0	54	55	100	55	154	328,060	1,504,155	3 935	18 311	83	82
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	9	49	0	40	9	89	419,026	2,924,195	6 486	110 574	65	26
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	9	17	16	11	25	28	926,175	1,603,694	10 091	9 655	92 [Note 6]	166
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	8	12	12	39	20	51	953,695	1,222,550	5 505	5 388	173	227 [Note 7]
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	16	35	24	9	40	44	1,990,620	2,663,000	8 433	21 307	236	125

Venue	Venue Partner	No. of Ticketed Stage Performances (a)		No. of Educational / Promotional / Audience Building Activities (Paid or Free) (b)		Total No. of Performances / Activities (a)+(b)		Total Cost (Programme Fee & Notional Hire/ Ticketing Charges) (\$)		Total Attendance		Average Cost Per Audience (\$) (Note 4)		
		2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimate d)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	2008-09 (Soft-launch) (Actual)	2009-10 (Estimated)	
9	Yuen Long Theatre	Y- Space [Note 2]	0	2	0	28	0	30	0	1,015,840	0	6 872	N/A	148
Sub-Total (B) :			132	329	146	309	278	638	8,311,722	19,132,618	52 459	232 545	158	82
Total (A)+(B) :			340	609	253	556	593	1 165	[Note 1]	[Note 1]	363 516	690 273	[Note 1]	[Note 1]
Grand Total for 2008-09 & 2009-10 :			949		809		1 758		[Note 1]	[Note 1]	1 053 789		[Note 1]	[Note 1]

Note 1: It is not feasible to derive the average cost per audience for activities of the Venue Partners under Category (A), i.e. performing companies subvented by the HAB, since the activities held at the partnering venues include both their core activities (funded by the annual baseline subvention) and VPS activities (with supplementary funding from the HAB).

Note 2: Since no suitable Venue Partner was identified in the first round of invitation, the Venue Partners at Yuen Long Theatre, i.e. Chung Ying Theatre and Y-Space, only commenced their activities in July and September 2009 respectively. They did not organise any activities during the soft-launch period in 2008-09 and organised a few paid performances in 2009-10.

Note 3: These Venue Partners receive support from LCSD direct on free use of venue and ticketing services, plus annual programme funding support (up to \$1 million per group/consortium).

Note 4: The average cost per audience is computed based on the funding dispensed by LCSD in support of the Venue Partners' programmes and does not include other funding secured by the Venue Partners themselves, if any.

Note 5: The Venue Partners of the Kwai Tsing Theatre – W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre did not organise any activities during the soft-launch period in 2008-09.

Note 6: The Venue Partner of Sha Tin Town Hall – Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance organised a free outdoor event in 2008-09. The high attendance in this event contributed to a lower cost per audience in 2008-09.

Note 7: The Venue Partner of the North District Town Hall – Harmonic Theatre organised more activities in 2009-10 but attracted slightly less attendance when compared with 2008-09 due to staging of smaller-scale and more sophisticated events in 2009-10. Higher cost per audience is mainly due to an increase in notional charges for increased use of the venue facilities in 2009-10.

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

HAB192

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0711

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the promotion of arts to the community by the Administration, please provide the following information:

How many venues are currently used by the Administration for the permanent display of artworks? Please list by location the number of artworks permanently displayed and the number of participating artists.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

There are currently 28 venues displaying artworks permanently by the Administration. Details of the venues and artworks displayed are as follows:

Venues used to display artworks permanently	No. of artworks permanently displayed	No of participating artists
1. City Hall Memorial Garden	2	2
2. Fanling Public Library	1	3
3. Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	209	209
4. Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza	3	3
5. Hong Kong Central Library	3	3
6. Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	2	2
7. Hong Kong Heritage Museum	484	35
8. Hong Kong International Airport (Central Concourse and Gate 35)	7	7
9. Hong Kong International Airport (Government VIP Lounge)	15	15
10. Hong Kong Museum of Art	613	608

Venues used to display artworks permanently	No. of artworks permanently displayed	No of participating artists
11. Hong Kong Park	4	4
12. Ko Shan Road Park	1	1
13. Kowloon Park	23	23
14. Kwai Tsing Theatre	4	3
15. Ma On Shan Public Library	1	2
16. Outdoor Sculptures at Tsim Sha Tsui and Central	26	21
17. Po Hong Park, Tseung Kwan O	1	1
18. Salisbury Garden	5	5
19. Sha Tin Town Hall (City Art Square)	19	19
20. Statue Square	3	N.A. ^{Note}
21. Town Square, Tai Po	2	2
22. Tseung Kwan O Public Library	1	1
23. Tsim Sha Tsui Waterfront Promenade	8	8
24. Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building	3	4
25. Tuen Mun Public Library	2	1
26. Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	26	22
27. Yuen Chau Tsai Park	1	1
28. Yuen Long Theatre	1	3

Note : The three artworks are the commemorative statue of Sir Thomas Jackson Bart, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation from 1870 to 1902 installed in 1906, and the two fountain murals installed by Architectural Services Department with artists unknown.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB193

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0712

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the promotion of arts to the community by the Administration, please provide the following information:

How many organisations have organised “public art programmes” in collaboration with the Art Promotion Office in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Please list the name of each programme, the number of participating artists, the venues for display, the number of artworks displayed, the duration of display, as well as the expenditures involved.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Art Promotion Office has collaborated with 18 organisations in organising public art projects in the past five years (2005 to 2009). Details of the projects are as follows-

Names of public art projects	Number of participating artists	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure (\$'000)
2005					
Public Art Scheme	3	Ma On Shan Public Library	1	Since 2005	1,290
	2	Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC)	1	Since late 2009	
Lantern Painting Activity at West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade	59	West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade	70	Since 30 October 2005	174

Names of public art projects	Number of participating artists	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure (\$'000)
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III ^{Note 1}	35	Hong Kong Central Library Kwai Tsing Theatre MTR Tiu Keng Leng Station Ko Shan Theatre Hong Kong Arts Centre KCR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Hong Kong Cultural Centre Kwai Tsing Theatre Xinhua Book City Hong Kong Cultural Centre Yuen Long Theatre Sha Tin Town Hall Stanley Plaza Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Yat Tung Shopping Centre Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Lung Cheung Mall Hong Kong Arts Centre Hong Kong Central Library Hong Kong Central Library Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre Yuen Long Theatre Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Tsuen Wan Town Hall Tsuen Wan Plaza	333	(26 to 30 June 2005) (14 to 21 September 2005) (23 September to 13 October 2005) (12 October to 29 November 2005) (4 to 29 November 2005) (1 December 2005 to 31 March 2006) (23 December 2005 to 5 January 2006) (19 January to 5 February 2006) (7 February to 16 March 2006) (4 to 19 March 2006) (22 March to 5 April 2006) (1 to 13 May 2006) (16 to 31 May 2006) (14 to 22 June 2006) (24 June to 12 July 2006) (5 to 15 August 2006) (29 August to 10 September 2006) (23 September to 10 October 2006) (14 to 29 October 2006) (17 to 29 November 2006) (1 to 18 March 2007) (21 March to 2 April 2007) (3 to 10 April 2007) (13 to 23 April 2007) (13 to 23 April 2007)	2,277
2006					
New Face Heritage to Installation of Public Artworks at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Stage II	14	Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	10	Since 11 November 2006	309
Mobile Art Expedition	35	9 bus-bodies of Citybus Ltd. and New World First Bus Services Ltd.	82	3 December 2005 to 2 June 2006	520
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III	Please refer to Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III in 2005. There were 13 exhibitions organised under this Scheme in 2006.				
2007					
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III	Please refer to Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III in 2005. There were five exhibitions organised under this Scheme in 2007.				

Names of public art projects	Number of participating artists	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure (\$'000)
2008					
Mobile Art Gallery 2008	21	21 bus-bodies and bus stops of Citybus Ltd. and New World First Bus Services Ltd.	21	14 June to 13 December 2008	347
Public Art Scheme	1	Ko Shan Road Park	1	Since December 2008	1,149
	1	Po Hong Park	1	Since mid 2009	
	2	HK Heritage Discovery Centre	2	Since mid 2009	
Camera Yuen Long: Art-in-Subways Project	9	6 subways (NS203,NS224,NS184,NS209,NS210, NS211) along the Yuen Long Highway between Tin Shui Wai and Shap Pat Heung interchange	72	Since January 2008	156
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV ^{Note 2}	70	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong City Hall Low Block L3 Crystal Atrium, Metroplaza MTR Sheung Shui Station MTR Yau Tong Station Tsuen Wan Town Hall Tin Ping Shopping Centre Grand Century Place Hong Kong Central Library Yuen Long Theatre Kai Tin Shopping Centre Hong Kong Central Library Tsuen Wan Plaza Hong Kong Film Archive Tsz Wan Shan Shopping Centre Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre Ho Man Tin Plaza Citywalk Sha Tin Town Hall	384 (as at 8 March 2010)	(24 to 30 January 2008) (7 to 19 March 2008) (28 March to 6 April 2008) (26 May to 15 June 2008) (18 June to 6 July 2008) (14 to 27 August 2008) (29 August to 9 September 2008) (7 to 31 October 2008) (6 to 16 December 2008) (6 to 19 February 2009) (21 February to 8 March 2009) (16 to 29 April 2009) (19 to 29 June 2009) (16 June to 26 July 2009) (7 to 23 August 2009) (16 to 28 October 2009) (1 to 17 November 2009) (8 March to 1 April 2010) (13 to 31 March 2010)	1,514 (as at 8 March 2010)
2009					
Hong Kong International Sculpture Symposium 2009	32	West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade	36	Exhibition 12 March to 14 June 2009	360
Sai Kung District Council Public Art Project 2009	4	Po Tsui Park Po Hong Park ManYee Playground	4	To be completed in late 2010	200 (estimated cost)
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV	Please refer to the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV in 2008. There were 8 exhibitions organised under this Scheme in 2009.				

Note 1: The duration of the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III exhibition series were held from June 2005 to April 2007 spanning across three years.

Note 2: The duration of the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV exhibition series were held from January 2008 to March 2010 spanning across three years.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB194

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2920

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the direct financial support given to local arts groups by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please provide the following information:

- (a) What were the respective numbers of and expenditures on the arts and cultural programmes presented and sponsored by the LCSD in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Among these programmes, what were the respective numbers of and the expenditures incurred by visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme?
- (b) How many visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, and audience building activities were organised by the LCSD in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? How many arts groups participated in each of these categories of activities?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The number of local and visiting programmes, district entertainment programmes, outdoor carnivals/programmes, audience building programmes and programmes under the Venue Partnership Scheme presented and sponsored by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for the past five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10, together with the related expenditures and number of arts groups involved are set out in the Annex.

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Programmes Presented and Sponsored by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
from 2005-06 to 2009-10

Programme	Year	No. of Performances	No. of Artists/ Arts Groups	Expenditure (\$'000) Note 1
Local Programmes	2005-06	1 231	224	49,689
	2006-07	1 321	287	54,269
	2007-08	1 150	221	48,249
	2008-09	1 169	259	57,145
	2009-10 (Estimated)	1 232	258	65,642
Visiting Programmes Note 2	2005-06	269	108	57,834
	2006-07	325	145	57,020
	2007-08	352	135	56,489
	2008-09	284	118	49,939
	2009-10 (Estimated)	216	113	49,271
District Entertainment Programmes	2005-06	611	178	8,285
	2006-07	632	183	8,301
	2007-08	601	188	8,220
	2008-09	615	186	8,421
	2009-10 (Estimated)	597	194	8,640
Outdoor Carnivals / Programmes	2005-06	22	136	11,906
	2006-07	25	142	11,747
	2007-08	22	132	12,581
	2008-09	23	181	12,929
	2009-10 (Estimated)	29	177	12,805
Audience Building Programmes	2005-06	1 732	359	15,602
	2006-07	1 793	439	17,995
	2007-08	1 748	384	16,914
	2008-09	1 745	245	16,456
	2009-10 (Estimated)	1 662	226	18,182
Venue Partnership Scheme Programmes Note 3	2005-06	-	-	-
	2006-07	-	-	-
	2007-08	-	-	-
	2008-09	278	26	5,001
	2009-10 (Estimated)	608	26	9,972
Total	2005-06	3 865	1 005	143,316
	2006-07	4 096	1 196	149,332

	2007-08	3 873	1 060	142,453
	2008-09	4 114	1 015	149,891
	2009-10 (Estimated)	4 344	994	164,512

Note 1: Expenditure covers direct production cost and publicity expenses.

Note 2: The decrease in visiting programmes from 2008-09 is due to adjustment of programming strategy to deploy resources for presentation of more local programmes.

Note 3: The Venue Partnership Scheme was soft-launched in 2008-09 and fully implemented in April 2009.

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

HAB195

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2921

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the direct financial support given to local arts groups by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please provide the following information on:

- (a) What were the respective notional venue charges and ticketing service charges for the programmes presented and sponsored by the LCSD in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Out of these expenditures, what were the venue notional hire charges and ticketing service charges for visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme?
- (b) What were the respective numbers of arts and cultural groups which benefited from the notional venue charges and ticketing service charges for the programmes presented and sponsored by the LCSD in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Among these groups, how many participated in visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and Venue Partnership Scheme respectively?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The number of arts groups which benefited from free use of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's venues for presenting local and visiting programmes, district entertainment programmes, outdoor carnivals/programmes, audience building programmes and programmes under the Venue Partnership Scheme for the past five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10, together with the related notional hire charges and ticketing services charges are set out in the Annex.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2010

**Notional Charges on Programmes Presented and Sponsored by
the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) from 2005-06 to 2009-10**

Programme	Year	No. of Artists/ Arts Groups	Notional Hire Charges for Indoor / Outdoor Hiring Units (\$'000)	Notional Ticketing Charges (\$'000)
Local Programmes	2005-06	224	19,744	2,039
	2006-07	287	18,336	2,023
	2007-08	221	16,469	1,423
	2008-09	259	15,809	1,471
	2009-10 (Estimated)	258	15,685	1,387
Visiting Programmes	2005-06	108	9,860	1,124
	2006-07	145	9,993	1,255
	2007-08	135	10,144	1,049
	2008-09	118	9,167	796
	2009-10 (Estimated)	113	7,772	867
District Entertainment Programmes <small>Note 1</small>	2005-06	178	-	-
	2006-07	183	-	-
	2007-08	188	-	-
	2008-09	186	27	-
	2009-10 (Estimated)	194	25	-
Outdoor Carnivals / Programmes	2005-06	136	476	-
	2006-07	142	288	-
	2007-08	132	699	71
	2008-09	181	693	-
	2009-10 (Estimated)	177	668	-
Audience Building Programmes	2005-06	359	8,553	301
	2006-07	439	10,463	349
	2007-08	384	7,721	211
	2008-09	245	6,031	201
	2009-10 (Estimated)	226	6,400	212
Venue Partnership Scheme Programmes <small>Note 2</small>	2005-06	-	-	-
	2006-07	-	-	-
	2007-08	-	-	-
	2008-09	26	3,074	236
	2009-10 (Estimated)	26	8,319	841

Total	2005-06	1 005	38,633	3,464
	2006-07	1 196	39,080	3,627
	2007-08	1 060	35,033	2,754
	2008-09	1 015	34,801	2,704
	2009-10 (Estimated)	994	38,869	3,307

Note 1: The district entertainment programmes are mostly held at housing estates, outdoor parks and playgrounds with no notional hire charges involved. In 2008-09 and 2009-10, a few programmes were held at the outdoor piazzas of LCSD venues which are hiring units incurring notional hire charges.

Note 2: The Venue Partnership Scheme was soft-launched in 2008-09 and fully implemented in April 2009.

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

HAB196

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2922

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the direct financial support given to local arts groups by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please provide the following information:

- (a) What were the respective increased rental expenditures incurred by LCSD as a result of the Rental Subsidy and Reduction Scheme in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Out of these expenditures, what were the respective amounts of rental subsidy and rental reduction for visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme?
- (b) How many arts and cultural groups benefited from the Rental Subsidy and Reduction Scheme respectively in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Among these groups, how many participated in visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme respectively?
- (c) What were the respective numbers of cultural programmes which benefited from the Rental Subsidy and Reduction Scheme in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Among them, how many were visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the activities organised under the Venue Partnership Scheme respectively?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Rental Subsidy and Reduction Schemes of the LCSD's performance venues are only applicable to not-for-profit organisations in organising cultural events and activities.

The amount of revenue foregone arising from the said schemes, and the number of groups and related activities benefited from the schemes in the past five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10 are set out in the Annex. Breakdowns of these activities into visiting programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, as well as audience building activities are not available.

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Rental Subsidy/Reduction Schemes of
the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) (2005-06 to 2009-10) ^(Note 1)

Year	Amount Waived under Rental Subsidy/Reduction Schemes (\$)	No. of Arts Groups Benefitted	No. of Performances_ (Note 2)
2005-06	35,235,881	2 647	2 509
2006-07	34,932,836	2 661	2 430
2007-08	35,030,914	2 666	2 620
2008-09	36,444,636	2 897	2 593
2009-10 (Estimated)	31,812,374	3 029	2 646

Note 1: Figures are related to hirers' events but not activities presented/sponsored by the LCSD and its Venue Partners under the Venue Partnership Scheme. Amount of charges waived for activities organised by the Venue Partners are detailed in the reply serial no. HAB195.

Note 2: Training classes and rehearsals organised by the arts groups are not included.

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

HAB197

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2923

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the direct financial support given to local arts groups by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please provide the following information:

- (a) What were the respective expenditures incurred by LCSD in the provision of free venues and ticketing services to non-profit-making district arts organisations in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Out of these expenditures, what were the respective amounts of rental subsidy and ticketing services charges for visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme?
- (b) What were the respective numbers of non-profit-making district arts organisations that were provided with free venues and ticketing services by LCSD in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Among these organisations, how many participated in visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme respectively?
- (c) What were the number of cultural programmes for which free venues and ticketing services were provided by LCSD to non-profit-making district arts organisations in the past five years (i.e. from 2005 to 2009)? Among them, how many were visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities, as well as the activities organised under the Venue Partnership Scheme respectively?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

Under the Venue Sponsorship Scheme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, non-profit-making district arts organisations can be granted free use of its performance venues and ticketing services for organising cultural events/activities.

The number of non-profit-making district arts groups and their performances benefited from the said service and the amount of charges waived are set out in the Annex. Breakdowns of these activities into visiting programmes, district entertainment programmes, carnivals and outdoor programmes, as well as audience building activities are not available.

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**Programme Organised by Non-profit-making District Arts Organisations under
Venue Sponsorship Scheme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(2005-06 to 2009-10) ^(Note)**

Year	Amount of Hire Charges/Ticketing Charges Waived (\$)	No. of District Arts Organisations Benefited	No. of Performances/Activities
2005-06	7,971,315	101	188
2006-07	7,642,656	114	209
2007-08	7,293,865	99	206
2008-09	7,937,147	102	204
2009-10 (Estimated)	7,577,111	99	210

Note: Amount of charges waived for activities organised by the Venue Partners under the Venue Partnership Scheme are detailed in the reply serial no. HAB195.

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

HAB198

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3103

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums
(4) Performing Arts
(5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What were the respective expenditures incurred by the Cultural Services Branch (CS Branch) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in managing and operating performance venues, museums, libraries, and cultural and arts services in the past five years (i.e. from 2005-06 to 2009-10)? Please list by performance venues, museums, libraries, and cultural and arts services managed and operated by the CS Branch the staffing expenses, operational expenses, direct financial support to artists, and expenses of exhibitions projects and programmes involved in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2005-06 to 2009-10), as well as the respective percentages of these expenses against the total annual provision.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Cultural Services (CS) Branch of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is responsible for the management of performance venues, museums and public libraries as well as the provision of cultural services through various means including organisation of exhibitions and performing arts programmes, provision of support for artists and cultural workers and provision of subvention to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, etc.

The total recurrent expenditure of the CS Branch (excluding the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) whose policy responsibility is under the Development Bureau) from 2005-06 to 2009-10, with a breakdown on administration and programme expenses is as follows:

Item of Expenditure ^{Note 1}	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10 (Estimated)	
	\$million	%	\$million	%	\$million	%	\$million	%	\$million	%
Staff and related expenses of the CS Branch ^{Note 2}	524.0	27.6	515.6	27.1	543.0	30.5	609.9	33.3	632.5	33.3
Operational expenses of the CS Branch ^{Note 3}	876.8	46.2	874.1	45.9	889.7	49.9	899.7	49.2	927.3	48.9
Provision of cultural services through organisation of exhibitions and performing arts programmes and provision of support for cultural workers and artists, etc	322.9	17.0	340.6	17.9	332.9	18.7	300.8 ^{Note 4}	16.5	319.7	16.8
Subvention to arts organisation	174.8	9.2	174.4	9.1	16.2 ^{Note 5}	0.9	18.6	1.0	19.1	1.0
Total Recurrent Expenditure of the CS Branch	1,898.5	100	1,904.7	100	1,781.8	100	1,829.0	100	1,898.6	100

Note 1 - Excluding AMO

Note 2 - The increase in staff and related expenses in 2008-09 and 2009-10 is mainly due to civil service pay adjustments and the intake of more civil servants.

Note 3- Including mainly the expenses on the management and operation of performance venues, museums and public libraries.

Note 4 - A one-off allocation was provided to LCSD in 2006-07 and 2007-08 for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR. Such allocation was not provided in 2008-09 and thereafter.

Note 5 - The significant decrease in funding for this item from 2007-08 onwards is primarily due to the transfer of responsibility, and hence the funding, for providing subvention to four of the nine major performing arts groups, namely the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Hong Kong Dance Company and Hong Kong Repertory Theatre, from LCSD to the Home Affairs Bureau starting from 2007-08.

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HAB199

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3106

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the direct financial support given to local arts groups by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please provide the following information:

- (a) What were the respective amounts of cash subsidies, i.e. direct production fees and publicity expenses provided by LCSD to the arts groups participating in the programmes presented by different Offices in the past five years? Out of these expenditures, what were the respective amounts of direct production fees and publicity expenses incurred by visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme?
- (b) What were the respective numbers of arts and cultural groups participating in the programmes presented by different Offices and provided with cash subsidies, i.e. direct production fees and publicity expenses by LCSD in the past five years? Among these groups, how many participated in visiting cultural programmes, district entertainment programmes, territory/region-wide carnivals and outdoor programmes, audience building activities and the Venue Partnership Scheme respectively?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The number of arts groups receiving the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's programme sponsorship in presenting local and visiting programmes, district entertainment programmes, outdoor carnivals/programmes, audience building programmes and programmes under the Venue Partnership Scheme for the past five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10, together

with breakdowns on the related direct production cost and publicity cost are set out in the Annex.

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**Sponsorship of Programmes Presented and Sponsored by the
Leisure and Cultural Services Department from 2005-06 to 2009-10**

Programme	Year	No. of Artists/ Arts Groups	Direct Production Cost (\$'000)	Publicity Cost (\$'000) ^{Note 1}	Total Expenditure (\$'000)
Local Programmes	2005-06	224	46,746	2,943	49,689
	2006-07	287	49,993	4,276	54,269
	2007-08	221	43,934	4,315	48,249
	2008-09	259	51,947	5,198	57,145
	2009-10 (Estimated)	258	59,628	6,014	65,642
Visiting Programmes <small>Note 2</small>	2005-06	108	52,000	5,834	57,834
	2006-07	145	51,248	5,772	57,020
	2007-08	135	50,311	6,178	56,489
	2008-09	118	44,905	5,034	49,939
	2009-10 (Estimated)	113	44,277	4,994	49,271
District Entertainment Programmes	2005-06	178	8,004	281	8,285
	2006-07	183	8,085	216	8,301
	2007-08	188	7,992	228	8,220
	2008-09	186	8,126	295	8,421
	2009-10 (Estimated)	194	8,335	305	8,640
Outdoor Carnivals / Programmes	2005-06	136	11,198	708	11,906
	2006-07	142	11,129	618	11,747
	2007-08	132	11,350	1,231 ^{Note 3}	12,581
	2008-09	181	12,391	538	12,929
	2009-10 (Estimated)	177	12,234	571	12,805
Audience Building Programmes	2005-06	359	15,336	266	15,602
	2006-07	439	17,524	471	17,995
	2007-08	384	16,516	398	16,914
	2008-09	245	16,099	357	16,456
	2009-10 (Estimated)	226	17,734	448	18,182
Venue Partnership Scheme Programmes <small>Note 4</small>	2005-06	-	-	-	-
	2006-07	-	-	-	-
	2007-08	-	-	-	-
	2008-09	26	Note 4	Note 4	5,001
	2009-10 (Estimated)	26	Note 4	Note 4	9,972
Total	2005-06	1 005	133,284	10,032	143,316
	2006-07	1 196	137,979	11,353	149,332

	2007-08	1 060	130,103	12,350	142,453
	2008-09	1 015	133,468 ^{Note 4}	11,422 ^{Note 4}	149,891
	2009-10 (Estimated)	994	142,208 ^{Note 4}	12,332 ^{Note 4}	164,512

Note 1: Publicity expenses is directly dispensed by the Department to service providers in promoting the programmes.

Note 2 : The decrease in visiting programmes from 2008-09 is due to adjustment of programming strategy to deploy resources for presentation of more local programmes.

Note 3: Higher cost in 2007-08 is due to the presentation of a special outdoor event held at Tamar in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR.

Note 4: The Venue Partnership Scheme was soft-launched in 2008-09 and fully implemented in April 2009. A lump-sum programming fee is offered to Venue Partners and breakdowns on direct production cost and publicity cost are not available.

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

HAB200

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2788

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Cantonese opera and operatic songs have been inscribed on the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. While the SAR Government has been making a great effort to promote the development of Cantonese opera and operatic songs in secondary schools throughout the territory in recent years, because of the lacklustre scripts, there were limited numbers of presentation and opportunities for re-run. Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have any plan to inject resources as well as teaching resources for the tuition and studies of scriptwriting of Cantonese opera in order to raise the standards of professional scriptwriting? If so, what are the details of the plan and the expenditure involved? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera. The promotion efforts centre on the organisation of performances, exhibitions, as well as related audience building and educational activities to enhance the audiences' appreciation of this traditional art form. The LCSD is in full awareness of the importance of nurturing scriptwriting talent. When presenting Cantonese opera programmes, the Department will encourage opera troupes to have more collaborations with promising local and Mainland scriptwriters in order to have a diversified range of scripts and to identify budding scriptwriting talent. Each year, the Department will support the presentation of some 20 performances of new Cantonese opera works and adapted works of traditional *Paichang Xi*, as well as re-run of popular new Cantonese opera works. In 2010-11, the LCSD will set aside around \$3 million for staging new works mentioned above in

order to support the creative works of Cantonese opera and the preservation of the traditional art form.

The LCSD is also in active partnership with organisations in the community. These include collaboration with the Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong in presenting the finale performances by students of the Certificate Course in Training of Cantonese Opera. The focus of the Certificate Course in Training of Cantonese Opera which the Academy offered in 2009 was on the training of Cantonese opera scriptwriters and instrumental accompanists.

In the long run, the promotion of creative works and research on Cantonese opera depends on the joint efforts of and collaboration among academic institutions, cultural organisations and the Cantonese opera sector in order to achieve sustainable development.

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HAB201

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2610

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will continue to encourage schools to participate in school greening activities through the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme in the coming year. What are the expenditure and establishment involved? Will the Administration consider extending the Scheme to other groups in the community, such as implementing a “One Person, One Plant” scheme in all residential buildings in the territory?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide variety of programmes to encourage different sectors of the community to take part in greening activities. Apart from the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme, the Green Volunteer Scheme and the Community Tree Planting Day are organised for participation by different target groups. LCSD will continue to introduce new programmes to encourage and facilitate different sectors of the community to participate in greening activities.

LCSD implements the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme through internal deployment of resources. The estimated expenditure on the Scheme in 2010-11 is around \$0.35 million.

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HAB202

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

0512

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will create 162 non-directorate posts and one directorate post to meet operational needs in 2010-11. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) the distribution of the 162 new posts by rank, function and Programme;
- (b) the number of staff filling the respective vacancies in 2010-11 and the total expenditure to be incurred by rank, function and Programme;
- (c) the establishment and strength of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2009-10 by rank; and
- (d) the number of non-civil service contract staff employed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2009-10 by rank.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

(a) & (b)

The directorate post to be created in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is an Analyst/Programmer grade (D1) post, while the 162 non-directorate posts to be created cover ten different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant and Artisan. The staff concerned will be responsible for providing leisure and cultural services in such areas as swimming pools, parks, sports centres and preservation of cultural heritage, as well as general and technical support for the Department.

Civil service staff will be deployed to fill the 163 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	136	24.1
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	20	17.2
(3) Heritage and Museums	7	3.7
(4) Performing Arts ^{Note}	0	2.6
(5) Public Libraries ^{Note}	0	- 0.4
Total:	163	47.2

(Note: There will be no net increase of post for Programme (4) Performing Arts and Programme (5) Public Libraries, as the number of posts for creation will be offset by the deletion of the same number of posts in the respective Programmes. However, since the posts to be created are in different grades/ranks, there will still be changes (additional expenditure or saving) in the salary provision for the two Programmes.)

- (c) As at 1 March 2010, the establishment and strength of LCSD were 7 857 and 7 359 respectively.

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

- (d) As at 1 March 2010, there were 1 461 non-civil service contract staff in the Department. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure and cultural venues as well as offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services.

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HAB203

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2644

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Department has indicated in Matters Requiring Special Attention under this Programme that it would continue to support budding and young artists as well as small to medium scale arts groups. Given that the Government has identified the creative industries as one of the six industries where we enjoy clear advantages, will the Department increase its resource allocation in this aspect to support more artists and arts groups in light of the relevant policy? If it will, what are the relevant work plans and the estimated expenditure? If not, the reasons for that? In parallel, will the Department consider allocating resources to review the current support provided for artists and arts groups? If it will, what are the relevant details? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been supporting small and medium-sized performing arts groups through presenting and sponsoring their productions with the provision of artist fees and/or venue and ticketing services support. In 2010-11, LCSD is planning to present or sponsor about 3 700 performances/activities with an estimated budget of \$94 million to support young and budding artists as well as small and medium-sized performing arts groups through engaging them in regular cultural presentations, festival and entertainment programmes, audience building and arts education projects. In addition to the provision of funding support, LCSD will launch the following initiatives in order to increase the performance opportunities of small and medium-sized arts groups:

- (a) Exploring new performance venues

To provide small and medium-sized groups and young artists with more performing opportunities, LCSD has been actively exploring new performance venues/space including those managed by non-government organisations, tertiary institutions and schools such as the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre and Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity. LCSD will also make available suitable historic sites such as Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and Museum of Tea Ware for staging performances.

(b) Enhancing performance platforms for local artists

In 2010-11, LCSD plans to organise a series of thematic programmes of various art forms to provide platforms for local artists with potential to further their skills. These include “Our Music Talents”, “Dance in Motion Series”, “Playwright Scheme”, “Young Cantonese Opera Artists Series”. To enable local arts groups to build up their own repertoires, a new series called “Re-run Run Shows” is planned to re-stage popular classics by local theatre groups.

(c) Venue Partnership Scheme

Under the Venue Partnership Scheme, a total of 26 small and medium-sized performing arts groups are involved as Venue Partners at LCSD’s performance venues. They are provided with free venue and funding support to organise programmes and audience building activities at the respective venues for three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12. A provision of \$10 million has been earmarked for funding their activities annually.

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HAB204

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2645

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Department has indicated that it would enhance training programmes for arts personnel. Is there an increase in the resource allocation in this aspect for 2010-11? What are the work plans in this aspect and the estimated expenditure? In parallel, will the training programmes include training for arts administrators or arts managers? If so, what are the relevant specific training projects, training capacity and estimated expenditure? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Under Programme (4) – Performing Arts, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to launch a new trainee scheme from 2010-11 to 2014-15, aiming to nurture a pool of arts administrators to support the development of cultural software in Hong Kong. The trainees will be engaged by LCSD and the partners of its performance venues (Venue Partners under the Venue Partnership Scheme) comprising major and medium/small-sized performing companies.

For the LCSD's programme at its performance venues and programme offices, the trainees will gain practical knowledge and hands-on experience in managing arts venues and events. They will be provided with comprehensive training in venue management, facilities maintenance, planning of programmes, carnivals and arts festivals, as well as events marketing and promotion. In 2010-11, 13 trainees on arts administration will be engaged on a 2-year term basis, totalling 26 trainees for two terms between 2010-11 and 2013-14. Degree holders who are interested in pursuing a career in arts management may apply for joining the scheme.

For the 20 Venue Partners comprising major and small/medium-sized groups at LCSD's 11 performance venues, each of them will be provided with funding to engage an arts administrator trainee during the five-year period from 2010-11 to 2014-15. Each trainee will be engaged on a one-year term basis and be provided with practical training in the management of performing companies. A maximum of 100 trainees will be benefited from this programme. The Venue Partners will decide on the entry requirements for their trainees having regard to their specific needs.

The estimated total expenditure for the trainee scheme for five years from 2010-11 to 2014-15 will be \$25.48 million which comprises primarily payment of monthly allowances to the trainees and related administrative costs. The Department will also launch a similar trainee programme for training 20 museum curators under Programme (3) – Heritage and Museums at a total cost of about \$6.8 million.

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HAB205

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2646

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

To further provide convenience to the audience of various performing arts programmes, will the Department consider allocating resources for exploring the upgrading of the existing Urban Ticketing System to cater for their needs, including the needs of the audience from overseas? If it will, what are the relevant work plan and the estimated expenditure? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) strives to enhance the Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) continuously so as to better serve the changing needs of event presenters and the audience, including those from overseas and the Mainland. To this end, the following system enhancements will be implemented in 2010-11 or are under active planning:

- (a) to facilitate customers, particularly those outside Hong Kong, to purchase tickets through the Internet without waiting for the delivery of tickets by post, ticket dispensing machines (TDMs) will be installed at all LCSD's performing arts venues. Patrons who purchase tickets through the Internet or telephone with credit card payment can collect their tickets at the venue from the TDMs on or before the event date. New TDMs are being installed at the venues and the installation will be completed within 2010-11;
- (b) to facilitate Mainland visitors to purchase tickets while they are in Hong Kong, arrangements are being made to enable the acceptance of ChinaUnion Pay (CUP) credit cards at URBTIX outlets within 2010-11; and

- (c) to facilitate Mainland residents to purchase tickets through the Internet or telephone using credit cards, the Department and the contractor of the URBIX service are actively exploring with the parties concerned the feasibility of accepting CUP card for payment purpose.

The contractor of the URBIX service will bear the system development costs for the above enhancements.

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HAB206

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2647

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Department consider giving more support to the artists and arts groups from a disadvantaged background (such as persons with disabilities), including providing more time slots for performance and training opportunities, so as to help them integrate into society through participation in arts activities? If it will, what are the relevant work plan and the estimated expenditure? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has all along been providing support to arts groups of the disadvantaged and persons with disabilities or rehabilitation agencies in their organisation of performing arts programmes, workshops or exhibitions so as to provide opportunities for the disadvantaged and persons with disabilities to develop their artistic potential. In 2010-11, the LCSD will co-operate with the Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong in the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme project *Dancing Keys*. It will also support the Theatre of the Silence in presenting public performances of the drama *Room 101* and giving a visual-physical theatre performance. The relevant direct production cost is about \$160,000. Support in terms of free venue and ticketing services will also be provided by the Department.

In the 2009/2010 school year, 4 070 students from 41 special schools will participate in the School Culture Day Scheme (SCDS) organised by the Department to attend arts activities held at LCSD cultural venues. Apart from that, there will be a total of 860 students from seven special schools participating in the School Arts Animateur Scheme (SAAS), through which artists will visit the schools to conduct a series of training activities including introductory

performances, workshops, finale performances, etc. Most of the SCDS events are free of charge. As for workshops under the SAAS, a 50% discount on workshop fees is offered to students of special schools.

In addition, the LCSD also offers a 50% discount on admission tickets to persons with disabilities and a pre-set quota of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients to encourage them to attend regular performing arts programmes.

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HAB207

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3044

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Department has indicated that it would enhance the feeder system of the national sports associations (NSAs) in 2010-11. What are the relevant work plans and the estimated expenditure? What criteria will be adopted by the Department for determining the distribution of these resources among the NSAs for sports training? In parallel, will the Department, in light of the Audit Commission's value-for-money audit and observations on the allocation and use of sports resources, consider the governance standard of the NSAs that are applying for resources when it allocates the resources? If it will, what are the specific criteria? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has set aside \$18 million per annum from 2010-11 onwards for the implementation of enhanced feeder programmes by 21 national sports associations (NSAs) and two sports associations for disabled athletes. The funding will provide resources for young and upcoming athletes to attend more local and overseas international competitions, as well as intensified youth training and squad training programmes.

The 21 sports covered by this initiative are those whose athletes have achieved a relating higher level of performance in international junior competitions, indicating that the feeder programmes implemented by their NSAs have the potential and capability to deliver results. The NSAs concerned will be invited to submit proposals for enhancement of their feeder programmes. The proposals will be assessed having regard to factors such as the viability of the training programmes and the performance goals set by the NSAs.

In the light of the Audit Report, in January 2010, LCSD started a comprehensive review of the Sports Subvention Scheme with a view to streamlining procedures, enhancing accountability and improving overall effectiveness and efficiency. One of the issues under review is to examine ways to link the allocation of annual subvention more effectively to the performance of individual NSAs, including their governance standards and the achievement of targets set under the Subvention Agreement signed with LCSD.

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HAB208

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3045

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As reflected by some national sports associations and professional sports teams, there are insufficient venues for them to conduct more intensive training and the standards and performances of athletes have been affected. Will the Department consider providing more sessions at venues for hire by national sports associations and professional sports teams and expedite the construction of new sports facilities when necessary? If it will, what are the relevant details? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In promoting the further development of sport in Hong Kong, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) accords priority to national sports associations (NSAs) and professional sports teams in the use of LCSD's sports facilities by allowing them to make block booking three to 12 months in advance for organising competitions and training programmes. To strike a balance between meeting the demand for the use of sports facilities by the NSAs and sports teams on the one hand and members of the public on the other, LCSD implements a quota system under which up to one-third of the peak hour sessions may be block-booked by NSAs and sports organisations. The Department will continue to explore the possibility of making available more sessions to the NSAs to better meet their training needs.

LCSD will continue to provide new facilities to support the further development of sport. In providing such facilities, LCSD will take into account factors such as the views of District Councils, community characteristics and interest, the availability of existing facilities, the demography of the local population and the availability of resources. New facilities to be

provided in the next five years include: six swimming pools complexes, nine soccer pitches and seven sports centres.

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HAB209

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3046

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Department has indicated that it will conduct a comprehensive review of the sports subvention system in 2010-11. What are the relevant work plans, specific procedures, work schedule and estimated expenditure for the review? Will the review include measures to enhance the corporate governance standard of the subvented national sports associations, and the monitoring and auditing mechanisms for the use of the subventions? If it will, what are the specific details? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In January 2010, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) started a comprehensive review of the Sports Subvention Scheme (the Scheme) with a view to streamlining procedures, enhancing accountability and improving overall effectiveness and efficiency. The review is examining issues relating to the allocation of subvention, LCSD's monitoring work, and national sports associations' (NSAs) reporting requirements, internal control and compliance under the Scheme; as well as the necessary manpower and financial resources required to implement the recommendations of the review. To enhance governance and monitoring under the Scheme, the review will recommend measures to: (a) help NSAs improve internal controls and compliance with guidelines promulgated under the Scheme through, for example, development of best practices and codes of conduct; and (b) strengthen LCSD's monitoring role through, for example, rationalisation of the current reporting requirements and development of a computerised system to improve efficiency.

LCSD is conducting the review through internal deployment of resources. The review is expected to be completed in early 2011.

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HAB210

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3047

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Department increase the number of its frontline staff responsible for greening work, management and caring of trees in 2010-11? If it will, what are the details of the number, ranks and duties of the staff involved? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will strengthen its manpower for tree management and maintenance through re-organising, creating and upgrading posts in the tree and landscape teams, resulting in a net increase of ten civil service posts. These new posts will be created in civil service grades including: Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Clerical Officer. Their duties will include review of current practices, formulation of improved measures to strengthen tree maintenance and care, implementation of new tree risk assessment arrangements, as well as improvement in tree record keeping to guide future maintenance works or remedial actions. In addition, the Department will provide members of the tree teams with dedicated training to enhance their expertise and capability, as well as enhanced equipment to support their duties.

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HAB211

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3048

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Department allocate additional resources for the procurement of a greater amount of more advanced apparatus and equipment to improve its work on the management, maintenance, inspection and restoration of trees in 2010-11? If it will, what are the relevant details, including the estimated expenditure, and the type and quantity of device to be procured? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will allocate an additional \$9 million for the procurement of advanced arboricultural equipment to enhance the Department's tree inspection, management and maintenance work. This includes: among other things, 18 tomographs, 19 resistographs and 16 additional sets of tree work equipment (e.g. personal protective equipment and tree climbing equipment).

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HAB212

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3049

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Department allocate resources in 2010-11 to enhance the training for frontline staff responsible for tree management with a view to improving their professional competence? If it will, what are the relevant action plan and the estimated expenditure? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will allocate \$3.7 million to enhance the training of frontline staff responsible for tree management with a view to improving their professional knowledge and expertise. The training programmes will provide more than 1 200 training places and include primarily in-house training on technical aspects of tree planting, tree care and maintenance as well as locally commissioned courses such as the training of Certified Arborist, Certified Tree Risk Assessor and Certified Tree Worker.

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HAB213

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3050

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the current practice, apart from the practice notes on tree management developed by the bureau, separate guidelines on tree management have also been drawn up by departments responsible for tree management. Will the Department allocate resources for reviewing and revising its internal guidelines on tree management in 2010-11? If it will, what are the details of the action plan for the review and the estimated expenditure? If not, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department reviews and revises the departmental guidelines on tree management regularly. In 2010-11, the Department will work with the new Tree Management Office set up under the Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section of the Development Bureau to review and update the guidelines. The Department will conduct the review through internal deployment of resources.

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HAB214

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

0162

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has planned to create 162 non-directorate posts and one directorate post in 2010-11. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the expenditure involved in the creation of the new posts?
- (b) Are the new posts permanent posts? If not, what kind of posts are they?
- (c) What are the titles and duties of the new posts?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The estimated salary provision for the net increase of 162 non-directorate posts and one directorate post in 2010-11 is \$47.2 million per annum. All of them are permanent civil service posts. The directorate post to be created is an Analyst/Programmer grade (D1) post; while the non-directorate posts cover ten different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant and Artisan. The staff concerned will be responsible for providing leisure and cultural services in such areas as swimming pools, parks, sports centres and preservation of cultural heritage, as well as general and technical support for the Department.

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Date 15 March 2010

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

HAB215

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

0178

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please list the following information on the procurement of services of employment agencies (EAs) by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10) and 2010-11 (as shown in the table below):

- (a) the number of contracts signed with the EAs;
- (b) the contract sum and term of service for each EA;
- (c) the number of workers supplied by each EA and their duties;
- (d) details of the workers' salaries payable by each EA. What is the range of monthly salaries and that of daily or hourly wages?
- (e) with regard to the above information, please provide the respective numbers and percentages of change for each year:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Number of contracts signed with EAs	()	()	()	()
Contract sum for each EA	()	()	()	()
Term of service for each EA	()	()	()	()
Number of workers supplied by each EA and their duties	()	()	()	()
The workers' salaries (maximum, median and minimum salaries) payable by each EA	()	()	()	()

() *percentage of change*

- (f) the proportion of workers supplied by the EAs in the existing staff in the department;
and

- (g) the proportion of expenditure on procuring the services of the EAs in departmental expenses.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) Number of agency workers, contracts and duties of the agency workers

As at 30 September 2009 ^{Note 1}, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had some 230 service contracts engaging a total of 299 agency workers. The periods of these service contracts ranged from two months to 24 months, with the majority of them (85%) lasting for 12 months or less. The agency workers were mainly engaged to assist in meeting short-term service demands or service needs which entail irregular work pattern, including –

- (i) assisting in the organisation of short-term leisure and cultural programmes / projects, e.g. the Hong Kong International Film Festival, the Silk Road Arts Festival, arts and crafts fairs, exhibitions, Flower Show, etc.;
- (ii) assisting in data collection and processing work, e.g. editing of film materials, data verification, cataloguing and input, etc.;
- (iii) filling short-term manpower gap pending the appointment of civil servants and / or Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff; and
- (iv) providing stage management and technical support services in the performance venues.

[Note 1 : Information on the use of agency workers is kept by individual venues / offices and there is no single division / section in the Department which keeps complete records of such information centrally. The information provided in this reply was a snapshot of the situation as at 30 September 2009 in response to a special survey conducted by the Civil Service Bureau. The Department had taken a few weeks' time to gather and analyse relevant information from individual venues / offices to provide a snapshot as at 30 September 2009.]

- (b) Salary of the agency workers

The contracts LCSD entered into with employment agencies specify the service fee charged by the latter in providing agency workers. The Department normally does not specify the wages of agency workers, except with regard to the wages of

non-skilled workers ^{Note 2}. Hence the Department is unable to provide the information requested.

[Note 2 : As a measure to protect non-skilled workers, the Administration promulgated a mandatory requirement on wage rates for government service contracts in May 2004. Under this requirement, service providers are required to offer monthly wages to non-skilled workers which are no less than the average monthly wages for the relevant industry/occupation as published in the latest Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics at the time when tenders are invited. This requirement applies to service contracts in respect of supply of non-skilled agency workers.]

(c) Proportion of agency workers as compared with the manpower of LCSD

As at 30 September 2009, agency workers accounted for about 3% of the total manpower of LCSD.

(d) Expenditure for procuring the services of employment agencies

As 30 September 2009, the total contract value of the above-mentioned agency service contracts was about \$32 million, representing 0.6% of the approved estimate of LCSD in 2009-10.

(e) Other services

Apart from the above agency workers, LCSD has also engaged agency services to provide supplementary manpower support in respect of information technology (IT) and public library services.

(i) IT service

The Department has secured supplementary IT manpower through technical service providers engaged under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (hereafter referred to as "T-contract staff"). As at 30 September 2009, LCSD engaged some 50 T-contract staff to assist in developing computer systems and programmes or managing specific IT projects. This arrangement allows the Department to tap the latest market expertise in developing IT systems and programmes, and better manage their fluctuating IT manpower requirements. It also enables technology transfer between the Department's IT staff and IT professionals in the private sector.

(ii) Public library service

The engagement of manpower from employment agencies (hereafter referred to as “service bureau staff”) to supplement the provision of frontline service in public libraries dated back to the former Urban Council days. Service bureau staff assist the core workforce (comprising civil servants and NCSC staff) in the public libraries to deliver counter and customer services, sort and shelve library materials, perform patrol and other miscellaneous duties. The supplementary support services are provided on a man-hour basis, and are usually required during peak-demand periods, such as lunch hours, after-school hours, weekends and public holidays.

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

HAB216

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

1332

Programme:Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural ServicesDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion :

Please provide the following information on the employment of temporary staff to provide services:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Breakdown of the number of temporary staff employed	()	()	()	()
Breakdown of posts taken up by temporary staff employed	()	()	()	()
Breakdown of salaries of temporary staff employed	()	()	()	()
Benefits of temporary staff employed	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of temporary staff in years, months and days	()	()	()	()
Percentage of temporary staff employed in the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hingReply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has not employed any temporary staff in the past few years and has no plans to do so in 2010-11.

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HAB217

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

1333

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff to provide services:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Breakdown of the number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Breakdown of posts taken up by NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Breakdown of salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Benefits of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff in years	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff who may convert to civil servants on permanent terms	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff who had chances for conversion but failed to do so	()	()	()	()
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Breakdown of the number, posts and salaries of Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff in Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

(a) Number of NCSC Staff

No. of NCSC staff as at -		
<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>	<u>1.1.2008</u>
1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303 (-14.6%)	1 525

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

The figure for 2010 (1 359) includes 102 NCSC staff, all employed for one year or less, to promote precautionary measures against Human Swine Influenza in major leisure and cultural venues.

Other than the above, NCSC staff employed by LCSD are primarily responsible for providing support services in leisure and cultural venues/offices, such as general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology service.

(b) Percentage of NCSC staff versus civil servants

Position as at -		
<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>	<u>1.1.2008</u>
16% (0%)	16% (-11.1%)	18%

Figures in () denote year-on-year change

(c) Salaries of NCSC Staff

Monthly salary	No. of NCSC staff as at -		
	<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>	<u>1.1.2008</u>
\$30,000 or above	57 (+7.5%)	53 (+103.8%)	26
\$16,000 - \$29,999	258 (+13.2%)	228 (+6.0%)	215
\$8,000 - \$15,999	951 (-0.6%)	957 (-17.2%)	1 156
Below \$8,000	93(+43.1%)	65 (-49.2%)	128
Total	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303 (-14.6%)	1 525

Figures in () denote year-on-year change

The majority of the NCSC staff (89%) are receiving monthly salaries within the range of \$8,000 to \$29,999.

Benefits of NCSC staff

The terms and conditions, including fringe benefits, which are offered to NCSC staff in the Department follow the principles governing the employment of NCSC staff under the NCSC Staff Scheme, i.e. the terms offered are no less favourable than those provided for under the Employment Ordinance (EO), and no more favourable than those applicable to civil servants in comparable civil service ranks or comparable levels of responsibilities. Generally speaking, LCSD offers better employment terms than those under the EO in a number of areas including end-of-contract gratuity, annual leave, full pay maternity leave, supplementary paid sick leave in addition to the sick leave entitlement under the EO.

Length of employment of NCSC staff in years

	No. of NCSC staff as at -		
	<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>	<u>1.1.2008</u>
5 years or more	601 (-21.3%)	764 (-18.3%)	935
3 years to less than 5 years	190 (+22.6%)	155 (+103.9%)	76
Less than 3 years	568(+47.9%)	384 (-25.3%)	514
Total	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303 (-14.6%)	1 525

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Number of NCSC staff who may convert to civil servants on permanent terms and their chances for conversion

It is the government's established policy to fill civil service vacancies through an open, fair and competitive recruitment process. In filling civil service openings through open recruitment, the Government welcomes all interested candidates who meet the relevant basic entry requirements to apply for the jobs, and compete on the basis of their overall merits. Generally speaking, NCSC staff who have met the basic entry requirements of the job and possess working experience relevant to the job should enjoy a competitive edge over other candidates in the selection process.

For the various civil service open recruitment exercises conducted by LCSD for departmental grades since June 2006, the Department received a total of 675 qualified applications from the Department's NCSC staff. About 520 of these NCSC staff have been found suitable for appointment, among whom some 440 have been offered appointment as civil servants as at 1 March 2010. Those who are found suitable for appointment but not yet offered civil service appointments will be put on a waiting list and be offered appointment as and when vacancies arise thereafter. Relevant figures are set out in the table below.

	Civil service open recruitment exercises for Departmental grades in LCSD conducted in [^] -		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
No. of qualified applications from NCSC candidates	181	201	293
No. of NCSC candidates found suitable for appointment	138	164	219
No. of NCSC candidates who were offered civil service appointment (as at 1.3.2010)	123	138	182

[^] *Recruitment exercises convened in 2009-10 have yet to be concluded.*

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

HAB218

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

1334

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on outsourced services (including property management, security, cleansing, telecommunications and information technology, statistics, etc., but excluding construction works) in the format set out below:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Contents of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Value of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Number of workers employed under outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Number of outsourced service contracts that can be replaced by employment of permanent staff by the Government	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The following table sets out the information on major outsourced service contracts of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as at the relevant dates of the financial years 2009-10, 2008-09 and 2007-08:

	2010-11	2009-10 [as at 28.2.2010]	2008-09 [as at 31.3.2009]	2007-08 [as at 31.3.2008]
Contents of outsourced service contracts	(Note 1)			
Number of outsourced service contracts	Not available	248 (-3.9%)	258 (+12.7%)	229
Value of outsourced service contracts (in \$ million)	Not available	2,847 (-5.1%)	2,999 (+8.1%)	2,775
Number of workers employed under outsourced service contracts – (Note 2)	Not available	10 100 (+1.0%)	10 000 (+12.4%)	8 900
Number of outsourced service contracts that can be replaced by employment of permanent staff by the Government	Not available	Nil		

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Note (1) The provision of outsourced services mainly covers cleansing services, security services, horticultural maintenance services, information technology project and supporting services, sound and lighting services, sports centre and other venue management, shark prevention net services, design and exhibition services, printing, information technology product maintenance, telecommunication services and vehicle maintenance.

(2) The figure represents the total number of workers provided by contractors under outsourced services contracts with LCSD in which the numbers of working posts to be manned by contractors have been specified.

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

HAB219

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1701

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the management of museums, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- a. How many museums were managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2009-10?
- b. What were the respective annual attendance at each museum in the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10)?
- c. What is the number of staff currently employed by each museum? What are the respective numbers of staff employed on civil service terms, on contract terms or under outsourced contracts in each museum?
- d. Does each of the aforementioned museums have enough manpower to engage in its daily operation? If not, what is the shortfall in manpower in each of these museums?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- a. There are 14 museums and one film archive managed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2009-10.
- b. The annual attendance of each of the museums and film archive from 2007-08 to 2009-10 (as at 28 February 2010) is shown as follows:

Museums / Film Archive	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (as at 28 February 2010)
1. Hong Kong Museum of Art	Note 1 621 700	294 800	311 400
2. Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware*	182 300	167 200	148 600
3. Hong Kong Museum of History	619 000	688 800	578 200
4. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	152 100	131 000	112 800
5. Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	135 700	87 800	99 900
6. Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery* Note 2	191 700	188 100	94 700
7. Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum*	40 400	38 500	30 400
8. Law Uk Folk Museum*	21 000	18 100	12 800
9. Hong Kong Heritage Museum	474 400	393 600	429 800
10. Sam Tung Uk Museum*	181 100	162 300	102 800
11. Hong Kong Railway Museum*	275 700	252 900	194 900
12. Sheung Yiu Folk Museum*	53 900	63 700	50 100
13. Hong Kong Science Museum	1 184 400	1 045 500	945 200
14. Hong Kong Space Museum	782 000	570 700	602 900
15. Hong Kong Film Archive (the Exhibition Gallery and resource centre only)*	133 000	207 400	242 100

* Free admission

- c. The respective numbers of staff currently working in each museum, including the workers provided by contractors under outsourced services contracts e.g. cleansing, security and venue management, are as follows-

	Staff on civil service terms Note 3	Staff on contract terms Note 3	Workers under outsourced service contracts Note 4
1. Hong Kong Museum of Art	63	11	98
2. Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	12	1	22
3. Hong Kong Museum of History	46 Note 5	34 Note 5	108
4. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	8	8	-
5. Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	2 Note 6	3 Note 6	55 Note 7
6. Hong Kong Heritage Museum	49 Note 8	21 Note 8	118 Note 9
7. Sam Tung Uk Museum	7	-	-

8. Hong Kong Railway Museum	3	1	-
9. Hong Kong Science Museum	67	32	169 ^{Note 10}
10. Hong Kong Space Museum	54	17	28
11. Hong Kong Film Archive	15	36	22
12. Others ^{Note 11}	25	11	-
Total	351	175	620

- d. There is generally sufficient manpower for the management and operation of the aforesaid museums though a number of vacancies in the museums will need to be filled and will be filled shortly. The Department will suitably deploy resources to support new museum services when necessary.

Notes

1. The exceptionally high attendance of Hong Kong Museum of Art in 2007-08 was due to the presentation of three very well received blockbuster exhibitions, namely “A Pioneer of Modern Chinese Painting: The Art of Lin Fengmian”, “The Pride of China: Masterpieces of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy of the Jin, Tang, Song and Yuan Dynasties from the Palace Museum” and “Treasures of the World’s Cultures from the British Museum” for celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR.
2. Open since 29 September 2007.
3. For staff serving in more than one museum are included in their respective major museums.
4. Including outsourced contract services for cleansing, security and venue management as appropriate. The figures represent the total number of workers provided by contractors under outsourced service contracts with LCSD museums in which the numbers of working posts to be manned by contractors have been specified.
5. Including staff of Law Uk Folk Museum and Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum accommodated in this Museum.
6. Including staff of Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery accommodated in this Museum.
7. Including outsourced contract services for Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery.
8. Including staff of Sheung Yiu Folk Museum accommodated in Hong Kong Heritage Museum.
9. Including outsourced contract services for Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.
10. Including outsourced contract services for Hong Kong Science Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum and Law Uk Folk Museum.
11. Including the Heritage and Museum Services Section and Central Conservation Section of the department serving the Heritage and Museums Division which manages all the above museums.

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Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB220

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1702

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What were the respective numbers of sports centres (arena), artificial turf pitches and tennis courts managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2009-10? What is the distribution of the above venues throughout the 18 districts? What were their respective usage rates in the 18 districts?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In 2009-10, there were 87 sports centres (arena), 24 artificial turf pitches and 260 tennis courts under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The distribution of these facilities in the 18 districts and their average usage rates are at Annexes I to III.

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Annex I to Reply Serial No. HAB220

Usage of Sports Centre (Arena) in 2009

District	Venues	Average Usage Rate (%)
Hong Kong Central and Western	1 Hong Kong Park Sports Centre 2 Smithfield Sports Centre 3 Shek Tong Tsui Sports Centre 4 Sheung Wan Sports Centre 5 Western Park Sports Centre	89% 80% 79% 85% 73%
Wan Chai	6 Harbour Road Sports Centre 7 Lockhart Road Sports Centre 8 Wong Nai Chung Sports Centre	86% 90% 88%
Eastern	9 Chai Wan Sports Centre 10 Island East Sports Centre 11 Java Road Sports Centre 12 Quarry Bay Sports Centre 13 Sai Wan Ho Sports Centre	86% 89% 96% 87% 93%
Southern	14 Wong Chuk Hang Sports Centre 15 Aberdeen Sports Centre 16 Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre 17 Stanley Sports Centre 18 Yue Kwong Road Sports Centre	68% 80% 71% 60% 68%
Kowloon Yau Tsim Mong	19 Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 1 20 Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 2 21 Fa Yuen Street Sports Centre 22 Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre 23 Kwun Chung Sports Centre 24 Kowloon Park Sports Centre	88% 93% 91% 74% 80% 84%
Sham Shui Po	25 Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre 26 Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre 27 Pei Ho Street Sports Centre 28 Po On Road Sports Centre 29 Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre	77% 84% 80% 78% 71%

Usage of Sports Centre (Arena) in 2009

District	Venues	Average Usage Rate (%)
Kowloon City	30 Fat Kwong Street Sports Centre	72%
	31 Hung Hom Municipal Services Building Sports Centre	79%
	32 Kowloon City Sports Centre	81%
	33 To Kwa Wan Sports Centre	80%
Wong Tai Sin	34 Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre	71%
	35 Choi Hung Road Sports Centre	72%
	36 Chuk Yuen Sports Centre	77%
	37 Kai Tak East Sports Centre	74%
	38 Morse Park Sports Centre	81%
	39 Ngau Chi Wan Sports Centre	82%
	40 Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre	76%
Kwun Tong	41 Chun Wah Road Sports Centre	73%
	42 Hiu Kwong Street Sports Centre	76%
	43 Kowloon Bay Sports Centre	84%
	44 Lam Tin South Sports Centre	73%
	45 Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre	78%
	46 Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre	71%
	47 Shun Lee Tsuen Sports Centre	71%
	48 Shui Wo Street Sports Centre	79%
New Territories Islands	49 Cheung Chau Sports Centre	58%
	50 Mui Wo Sports Centre	41%
	51 Peng Chau Sports Centre	40%
	52 Praya Street Sports Centre	64%
Kwai Tsing	53 Cheung Fat Sports Centre	74%
	54 Fung Shue Wo Sports Centre	77%
	55 Lai King Sports Centre	79%
	56 North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre	74%
	57 Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre	84%
	58 Tai Wo Hau Sports Centre	80%
	59 Tsing Yi Sports Centre	84%
Tsuen Wan	60 Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre	82%

Usage of Sports Centre (Arena) in 2009

District	Venues	Average Usage Rate (%)
	61 Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre 62 Wai Tsuen Sports Centre 63 Yeung Uk Road Sports Centre	84% 84% 81%
Tuen Mun	64 The Jockey Club Tuen Mun Butterfly Beach Sports Centre 65 Leung Tin Sports Centre 66 Tai Hing Sports Centre 67 Yau Oi Sports Centre	74% 77% 84% 82%
Yuen Long	68 Fung Kam Street Sports Centre 69 Long Ping Sports Centre 70 Tin Shui Sports Centre 71 Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre	89% 85% 77% 78%
Sha Tin	72 Hin Keng Sports Centre 73 Heng On Sports Centre 74 Mei Lam Sports Centre 75 Ma On Shan Sports Centre 76 Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre	87% 93% 87% 92% 93%
Tai Po	77 Fu Heng Sports Centre 78 Fu Shin Sports Centre 79 Tai Po Hui Sports Centre 80 Tai Po Sports Centre 81 Tai Wo Sports Centre	81% 83% 82% 84% 84%
North	82 Lung Sum Avenue Sports Centre 83 Tin Ping Sports Centre 84 Wo Hing Sports Centre	84% 87% 82%
Sai Kung	85 Po Lam Sports Centre 86 Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre 87 Tsui Lam Sports Centre	87% 80% 76%
TOTAL		79%

Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB220

Usage of Artificial Turf Pitch in 2009

District	Venues	No. of pitch	Average Usage Rate (%)
Hong Kong			
Wan Chai	1 Happy Valley Recreation Ground	4	74%
Eastern	2 Quarry Bay Park	2	86%
Southern	3 Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	1	74%
Kowloon			
Yau Tsim Mong	4 Boundary Street Recreation Ground	1	83%
	5 Cherry Street Park	1	95%
Kowloon City	6 Kowloon Tsai Park	2	81%
Wong Tai Sin	7 Lok Fu Recreation Ground	1	77%
	8 Morse Park	2	67%
Kwun Tong	9 Kowloon Bay Park	1	80%
	10 Shun Lee Tsuen Park	1	74%
New Territories			
Islands	11 Man Tung Road Park	1	76%
Tuen Mun	12 Wu Shan Recreation Ground	1	56%
Sha Tin	13 Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	1	74%
	14 Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	1	69%
Tai Po	15 Kwong Fuk Football Ground	1	67%
	16 Kwong Fuk Park	1	74%
North	17 Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	1	81%
Sai Kung	18 Po Tsui Park	1	55%
TOTAL		24	75%

Annex III to Reply Serial No. HAB220

Usage of Tennis Courts in 2009

District	Venues	No. of courts	Average Usage Rate (%)
Hong Kong			
Wan Chai	1 Bowen Road Tennis Courts	4	75%
	2 Causeway Bay Sports Ground	6	86%
	3 Hong Kong Tennis Centre	17	84%
Eastern	4 Chai Wan Park	6	68%
	5 Quarry Bay Park	8	77%
	6 Sai Wan Ho Playground	4	79%
	7 Victoria Park	14	87%
Southern	8 Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre	8	77%
Kowloon			
Yau Tsim Mong	9 Cherry Street Park	4	63%
	10 King's Park Recreation Ground	6	73%
Sham Shui Po	11 Lai Chi Kok Park	5	70%
	12 Shek Kip Mei Park	8	65%
	13 Tung Chau Street Park	5	56%
Kowloon City	14 Ho Man Tin Sports Centre	2	62%
	15 Junction Road Park	6	68%
	16 Ko Shan Road Park	4	60%
	17 Ma Tau Wai Service Reservoir Playground	4	27%
	18 Tin Kwong Road Tennis Court	4	78%
Wong Tai Sin	19 Choi Hung Road Playground	5	57%
	20 Morse Park	6	68%
	21 Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground	4	61%
	22 Shek Ku Lung Road Playground	4	55%
Kwun Tong	23 Hiu Ming Street Playground	3	56%
	24 Hong Ning Road Park	4	51%
	25 Jordan Valley Playground	4	73%
	26 Ping Shek Playground	4	51%
	27 Sin Fat Road Tennis Courts	4	58%
	28 Shun Lee Tsuen Park	2	44%
New Territories			
Islands	29 Cheung Chau Park	3	22%

District	Venues	No. of courts	Average Usage Rate (%)
Kwai Tsing	30 Kwai Shing Playground	3	48%
	31 North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre*	1	72%
	32 Shek Lei Street Tennis Courts	2	33%
	33 Tsing Yi Park	7	49%
Tsuen Wan	34 Mei King Playground#	2	0%
	35 Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	4	49%
	36 Shing Mun Valley Park	2	45%
	37 Sha Tsui Road Playground	3	57%
Tuen Mun	38 Tsuen King Circuit Playground	4	42%
	39 Tsuen Wan Park	4	60%
	40 Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	6	46%
	41 Tsing Sin Playground	4	25%
Yuen Long	42 Wu Shan Tennis Courts	3	37%
	43 Sai Ching Street Tennis Courts	6	48%
	44 Tin Shui Wai Park	2	44%
Sha Tin	45 Shui Pin Tsuen Playground#	1	0%
	46 Hin Tin Playground	4	65%
	47 Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	2	57%
	48 Siu Lek Yuen Road Playground	4	66%
	49 Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	6	58%
Tai Po	50 Yuen Wo Playground	6	56%
	51 Tai Po Sports Ground	6	63%
North	52 Wan Tau Kok Playground	3	57%
	53 North District Sports Ground	6	47%
	54 Wo Hing Sports Centre*	1	62%
Sai Kung	55 Fanling Temporary Tennis Courts#	2	0%
	56 Po Tsui Park	6	63%
	57 Sai Kung Tennis Courts	2	54%
TOTAL		260	58%

* Indoor Court

Free tennis courts, no usage rates are provided.

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

HAB221

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1731

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has planned to open the reprovisioned Tung Chung Public Library in 2010-11. In this connection, will the Government provide the following information:

- (a) Will the existing library at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung cease operation immediately upon the commissioning of the new Tung Chung Public Library? If it will, what are the relevant schedule and details? If not, what are the details?
- (b) What was the utilisation rate of the existing library at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung in 2009? What was the number of staff employed? What was the expenditure incurred?
- (c) What is the estimated number of staff to be employed in the new Tung Chung Public Library? And what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The existing Tung Chung Public Library at Yat Tung Estate is a small library temporarily set up in 2004 to serve the Tung Chung residents pending the completion of a new district library. The new Tung Chung Public Library is scheduled to commence operation in mid-2010, and the temporary library at Yat Tung Estate will be closed at about the same time.

- (b) The existing Tung Chung Public Library at Yat Tung Estate has 490 000 items of library materials lent out and 530 000 attendance in 2009. It is served by eight staff, including one Assistant Librarian, one Library Officer and six Library Assistants, with an annual recurrent expenditure of about \$3.3 million.
- (c) The new Tung Chung Public Library will be a full-fledged district library served by 22 staff, including one Librarian, three Assistant Librarians, two Library Officers and 16 Library Assistants. The estimated annual recurrent expenditure involved is about \$12 million. Its staffing requirements will be partially met by redeploying the staff at the temporary library at Yat Tung Estate.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB222

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2245

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Given that a number of water sports accidents occurred in 2009, how much resources will the Administration earmark for carrying out publicity programmes to promote public awareness of water sports safety?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The Administration attaches great importance to water sports safety. Each year, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launches extensive publicity campaigns and organises promotional activities to promote water sports safety in public swimming pools, gazetted beaches and water sports centres. The publicity programmes include the broadcasting of Announcements in the Public Interest on television and radio, distribution of swimmers' handbooks and safety guidelines on water sports activities to the public, display of posters and publicity banners, promotion of water safety through LCSD's webpage and GovHK, and regular announcement at public swimming pools and beaches to raise swimmers' awareness of swimming safety. LCSD launches the Water Safety Campaign each year in collaboration with the Hong Kong Life Saving Society and invites students from primary and secondary schools to take part in the Water Safety Poster Design and Slogan Competitions. Besides, the Water Safety Afloat Educational Seminar jointly organised by the Marine Department, the Hong Kong Police Force and LCSD aims at promoting public education and awareness of safety afloat. In 2010-11, an estimated \$110,000 is earmarked for carrying out publicity programmes to promote public awareness of water sports safety.

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

HAB223

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Question Serial No.

2156

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the 2010-11 Estimate, the number of Neighbourhood Level Community Development Project (NLCDP) teams will be reduced from 18 to 17, while that of group and community work units in district community centres will remain unchanged. If the annual subsidy for individual NLCDP teams is \$1.4 million, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reason(s) why the provision for Programme (6) Community Development in 2010-11 will be reduced by as much as \$3.3 million?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The financial provision for Community Development under the subvented sector for 2010-11 is \$144.9 million which is \$3.3 million lower than the revised estimate for 2009-10. This is mainly due to the termination of service of one NLCDP team as agreed with the operating non-governmental organisation and the full year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment.

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Name in block letters Patrick T K Nip

Post Title Director of Social Welfare

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB224

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Question Serial No.

2555

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration please inform this Committee whether it has any plan to close the Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) in the coming 5 years (i.e. by 2014-15)? If yes, please list out the year in which the projects will be closed and the reasons for the closure. After the closure, how will the original provision be used?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

According to the prevailing policy as agreed with the operating non-governmental organisations, individual NLCDPs will terminate their services upon the completion of clearance or redevelopment of their serving area and resources released from terminated NLCDPs would be used to fund projects meeting the policy objectives of community development under the purview of the Home Affairs Bureau. The Administration does not have plan to terminate the NLCDPs in the coming five years.

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Name in block letters Patrick T K Nip

Post Title Director of Social Welfare

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB225

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Question Serial No.

1697

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the details of the modernisation works of community centres (CCs) to be launched by the Administration in 2009-10 and 2010-11? What is the expenditure involved? How many CCs are involved? What is the manpower required and where are they deployed?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Social Welfare Department sought funding of \$104.86 million from the Lotteries Fund for modernising 11 CCs to upgrade their physical environment and facilities. The grant will be allocated as a lump sum and the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will be given flexibility to upgrade and modernise their centre premises which include up-to-date fitting out works and facilities, as well as furniture and equipment to attract more service users and meet their changing needs.

The modernisation works for CCs are expected to be completed by end of 2010-11. As agreed with the operating NGOs, there will be no additional recurrent financial implications or additional staffing arising from the modernisation works. It is envisaged that the project works can create jobs for manual workers, in particular those who are engaged in the furnishing, construction and repair industries as well as the related professionals.

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Name in block letters _____ Patrick T K Nip _____

Post Title _____ Director of Social Welfare _____

Date _____ 19 March 2010 _____

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

HAB226

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Question Serial No.

1698

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the expenditure involved for the Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) in 2010-11? What is/are the reason(s) for the reduction of NLCDPs teams from 18 teams in the 2008-09 Actual and 2009-10 Revised Estimate to 17 in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The recurrent subvention for NLCDPs in 2010-11 Estimate is \$24.97 million. The number of NLCDPs is reduced from 18 to 17 teams in 2010-11 upon the completion of the redevelopment of the Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate whereby the NLCDP team serving there was terminated in February 2010 according to the prevailing policy.

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Name in block letters Patrick T K Nip

Post Title Director of Social Welfare

Date 17 March 2010

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

HAB227

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Question Serial No.

2062

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the effectiveness of the Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT) in last year (2009-10), and the details of the Team, the estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure involved for this year (2010-11)?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

The CSNT commenced operation in July 2003 to serve ex-offenders, ex-mentally ill persons and street sleepers in West Kowloon with the aim to reintegrate them into the community through outreaching, support, casework and group work services. Special attention has been given to those who are not aware of social welfare services available or are unmotivated to receive such services. The agreed level of newly reached individuals for the service is 400 in a year.

In 2009-10, the CSNT fulfilled all the service performance requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreement. The estimated expenditure for the CSNT in 2010-11 is \$1.5 million.

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Post Title _____ Director of Social Welfare

Date _____ 17 March 2010

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

HAB228

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Question Serial No.

2065

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the Administration, the modernisation works of community centres (CCs) will be launched. Please inform this Committee of the details of the works, their locations by districts and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

The Social Welfare Department sought funding of \$104.86 million from the Lotteries Fund for modernising 11 CCs to upgrade their physical environment and facilities. The grant will be allocated as a lump sum and the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will be given flexibility to upgrade and modernise their centre premises which include up-to-date fitting out works and facilities, as well as furniture and equipment to attract more service users and meet their changing needs.

The beneficiary CCs include two in Central and Western District, two in Southern District, and one each in Wan Chai District, Kowloon City District, Kwun Tong District, Yau Tsim Mong District, Kwai Tsing District, Tuen Mun District and Yuen Long District.

The modernisation package for CCs is expected to be completed by end of 2010-11. As agreed with the operating NGOs, there will be no additional recurrent financial implications or additional staffing arising from the modernisation works.

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Post Title _____ Director of Social Welfare _____

Date _____ 17 March 2010 _____

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

HAB229

Head: 33 – Civil Engineering and
Development Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3158

Programme: (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the Matters Requiring Special Attention under this Programme, the Department will complete the revised design of Lung Mei Beach at Tai Po. Please advise:

- (a) The working progress, time for completion, implementation programme and related expenditures for the coming year.
- (b) In view of the overwhelming views expressed by green groups regarding the ecological value at Lung Mei, has the Administration consulted and considered the views of green groups during the revision of design? If yes, which recommendations of the groups were adopted by the Department? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

- (a) The revised design of Lung Mei Beach is due for completion by the end of 2010. The estimated expenditure on design work in 2010-11 is \$0.23 million. Upon completion of the design, we will map out the implementation programme and work out the estimated expenditure for the relevant works.
- (b) We have consulted green groups and have taken on board the following recommendations of the Advisory Council on the Environment in the revised design:
 - (1) reducing the footprint of the project, particularly the size of the car park and reclamation work, to minimise the potential ecological impact; and

- (2) providing downward street lighting without flares to minimise the impact on star-watching activities.

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Name in block letters _____ JOHN S V CHAI _____

Post Title _____ Director of Civil Engineering and Development _____

Date _____ 19 March 2010 _____

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

HAB230

Head: 703 – Buildings Subhead: 3059RE Construction of an annex
building for Ko Shan Theatre

Question Serial No.

0714

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It was mentioned in Paragraph 123 of the Budget Speech that the Administration planned to request the Legislative Council to approve funding of approximately \$730 million for constructing an annex building with a medium-sized theatre and training facilities at the Ko Shan Theatre. Please advise on the details of the plan and the expenditure items.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The project is now under detailed design stage and is scheduled for submission to the Public Works Subcommittee in mid 2010. Work is expected to start in end 2010, subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee. Detailed breakdown of the cost estimate will be prepared upon completion of detailed design.

The proposed scope of the project includes :

- (a) an auditorium with seating capacity of 600 and a stage equipped with a fly tower;
- (b) one large and two small rehearsal rooms;
- (c) three practice rooms with sound insulation;
- (d) one exhibition hall;
- (e) one photographic studio;
- (f) one resource centre;
- (g) one multi-purpose function room;
- (h) one tea house;
- (i) one souvenir shop; and
- (j) other supporting and ancillary facilities.

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Name in block letters Mrs Marigold LAU

Post Title Director of Architectural Services

Date 18 March 2010

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

HAB231

Head: 703 – Buildings Subhead: 3263RS Improvement works for
Mong Kok Stadium

Question Serial No.

3143

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the Administration, the approved estimate for improvement works for Mong Kok Stadium is \$275.5 million. With a balance of \$260.5 million over the 2009-10 revised estimate, why does the estimated expenditure for 2010-11 stand at \$60 million only? What is the timetable for drawing down the remaining provision? How can the progress of works speed up to keep in line with the Government's pledge to promote local sports development?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

Improvement work on Mong Kok Stadium started in September 2009 and is scheduled to be completed by September 2011. The progress of the construction work is on schedule. The estimated expenditure of \$60 million for 2010-11 is mainly for the construction of concrete structural works including the foundations and superstructures. We expect that most of the high-cost works and finishing items, such as the spectator stands and covers, will be paid for in 2011-12 and thereafter. We will monitor the project progress and review the financial position as appropriate.

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Date _____ 18 March 2010

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

HAB232

Head: 703 – Buildings Subhead: 3059RE Construction of an annex
building for Ko Shan Theatre
3176SC Joint-user complex at Bailey
Street, To Kwa Wan Reclamation

Question Serial No.

3010

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The major capital projects expected to commence in 2010-11 include the “construction of an annex building for Ko Shan Theatre” and a “joint-user complex at Bailey Street, To Kwa Wan Reclamation”. What are the details of these two projects (including the anticipated construction commencement and completion dates, specific estimated expenditure, and the employment opportunities to be created for grass-root workers and the middle class)?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

For “Construction of an annex building for Ko Shan Theatre”, the project is now under detailed design stage and construction works is planned to start in end 2010 and complete in mid 2013, subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee.

The estimated project cost is approximately \$730 million. Detailed design is still in progress. We plan to submit a funding application for the project to the Public Works Subcommittee in mid 2010.

We estimate that the proposed works will create about 378 jobs (330 for labourers and 48 for professional/technical staff) providing a total employment of 10 886 man-months.

For the “Joint-user complex at Bailey Street, To Kwa Wan Reclamation”, the construction works is planned to start in July 2010 and complete in February 2013. The approved project estimate is \$476.4 million. We estimate that the proposed works will create about 288 jobs

(270 for labourers and other 18 for professional/technical staff) providing a total employment of 7 000 man-months.

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