# Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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LWB(WW)278	0895	WONG Kwok-kin	170	Social Security
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<u>LWB(WW)296</u>	1067	WONG Sing-chi	170	Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
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LWB(WW)302	2055	WONG Sing-chi	170	Social Security
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LWB(WW)307	2060	WONG Sing-chi	170	Services for Elders
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LWB(WW)310	2064	WONG Sing-chi	170	Young People
LWB(WW)311	2066	WONG Sing-chi	170	Services for Offenders
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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)001** 

Question Serial No. 0731

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

## **Question**:

The provision for social welfare for 2010-11 is higher than the original estimate for 2009-10. What is the detailed apportionment of such provision? Does it include assistance for the "four have-nots", i.e. people who do not have a job, do not recive CSSA payments, do not own properties and do not live in public housing flats?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

### Reply:

The estimated social welfare expenditure in 2010-11, at \$39,687 million, is \$428 million, higher than the original estimate for 2009-10. The distribution of the provision is as follows:

	2010-11
Service Areas	Estimate
	(\$ million)
(a) Family and Child Welfare	1,764
(b) Social Security	28,298
(c) Services for Elders	4,014
(d) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	3,523
(e) Services for Offenders	306
(f) Young People	1,546
(g) Other welfare related expenditures, including provision for women's interests	236
Total provision	39,687

All Hong Kong residents in need, irrespective of whether they can benefit directly from the special one-off relief measures announced in the 2010-11 Budget, enjoy equal access to social welfare services.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)002

Question Serial No. 0704

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

## Question:

As stated in paragraph 140 of the Budget, the Government will provide additional funding of about \$4 million to extend the District-based Scheme on Carer Training. Will the Administration advise how many service units have participated in the Scheme so far? Please also list out the names of the participating units, their dates of joining the Scheme and the respective numbers of volunteer carers of elders trained under the Scheme as at 28 February 2010.

Name of service units already joined the District-based Scheme on Carer Training	Date of joining the Scheme	Number of volunteer carers of elders trained under the Scheme as at 28 February 2010

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

#### Reply:

The District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) was first introduced in 2007. Eleven District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) joined the Scheme in October 2007. The number of carers they had trained as of end-December 2009 is as follows:

	DECCs which joined the Scheme in 2007	No. of carers trained as of end-Decembe r 2009 (Note)
	Eastern and Wan Chai	
1.	Hong Kong Society for the Aged Eastern DECC	

2.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	
	Fong Shu Chuen DECC	379
3.	St. James' Settlement	
	Wan Chai DECC	
4.	Wan Chai Methodist	
	Centre for the Seniors	
	Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	
5.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui	
٥.	Wong Tai Sin DECC	
6.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	
0.	Choi Hung Community Centre for Senior Citizens	289
7.	Ho Chui District Community Centre for Senior Citizens	
8.	Haven of Hope	
0.	District Elderly Community Service – Kin Ming Centre	
	Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	
0	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	
9.	Wong Cho Tong DECC	
10.	The Salvation Army	308
10.	Yau Ma Tei Multi-service Centre for Senior Citizens	
11.	Mong Kok Kai Fong Association	
11.	Chan Hing Social Service Centre	
	Total:	976

Note: The number of carers trained as of 28 February 2010 is not available.

Another 22 DECCs joined the Scheme in March 2009. Please refer to the list at **Annex 1**. Since their training programmes were completed in February 2010, the final number of carers trained is not yet available. Nevertheless, we estimate that about 1 500 additional carers have been trained.

In view of the positive response of DECCs to the Scheme, we have decided to extend it to cover all Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) in the territory from April 2010. A total of 81 elderly centres (listed at <u>Annex 2</u>) have applied for participation in the extended Scheme. We expect that 4 860 more carers will be trained in a year's time.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
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	District Elderly Community Centres which joined the Scheme in 2009
1.	St. James' Settlement
	Central and Western District Elderly Community Centre
2.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Western District Elderly Community Centre
3.	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
	Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre
4.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
	Ming Yue District Elderly Community Centre
5.	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre
	Jockey Club Wong Chi Keung District Elderly Community Centre
6.	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre
	Southern District Elderly Community Centre
7.	Hong Kong Christian Service
	Wan Hon District Elderly Community Centre
8.	Po Leung Kuk
	Lau Chan Siu Po District Elderly Community Centre
9.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Holy Carpenter Church District Elderly Community Centre
10.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Lok Man Alice Kwok Integrated Service Centre
11.	Caritas - Hong Kong
	Caritas Cheng Shing Fung District Elderly Centre (Sham Shui Po)
12.	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
	Sham Shui Po District Elderly Community Centre
13.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
	Wilson T S Wang District Elderly Community Centre
14.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Sha Tin Multi-service Centre for the Elderly
15.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Ma On Shan District Elderly Community Centre
16.	Salvation Army
	Tai Po Integrated Services for Senior Citizens
	Tai Po Multi-service Centre for Senior Citizens
17.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
	Ellen Li District Elderly Community Centre
18.	Caritas - Hong Kong
	Caritas District Elderly Centre - Yuen Long
19.	Pok Oi Hospital
	Mrs Wong Tung Yuen District Elderly Community Centre
20.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Lady Maclehose Centre Dr Lam Chik-suen District Elderly Community Centre
21.	Yan Oi Tong
<u> </u>	Woo Chung District Elderly Community Centre
22.	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
	Tuen Mun District Integrated Services for the Elderly

	Elderly centres which will join the Scheme in April 2010
1.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
1.	St. Luke's Settlement Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
2.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	St. Matthew's Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
3.	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong
	Chai Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
4.	Hong Kong Macao Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist Church
	Siu Sai Wan Social Centre for the Elderly
5.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Holy Nativity Church Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
6.	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Ltd
	Wan Ho Kan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
7.	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre
	Fong Wong Wun Tei Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
8.	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre
	Lam Yingwah Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
9.	Chinese Rhenish Church - Hong Kong Synod
	Mrs Mann Tai Po Rhenish Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
10.	Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Ltd.
	Lei Fook Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
11.	Hong Kong PHAB Association
	Stanley/Shek O Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
12.	Salvation Army
	Wah Fu Centre for Senior Citizens
13.	Hong Kong Buddhist Association
	Buddhist Cheung Miu Yuen Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
14.	Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong
	Hing Tin Wendell Memorial Church Alison Lam Elderly Centre
15.	Caritas - Hong Kong
1.5	Caritas Kwun Tong Elderly Centre
16.	Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Ltd.
17	Lam Tin Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
17.	Hong Kong Society for the Aged
1.0	Kai Yip Neighbourhood Centre for the Elderly
18.	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Ltd
10	Ngau Tau Kok Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
19.	Po Leung Kuk
20	Lau Chan Siu Po Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
20.	Sik Sik Yuen  He Wing Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens
21.	Ho Wing Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens  Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (Hong Kong) Ltd.
41.	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (Hong Kong) Ltd. Po Lam Baptist Church Bradbury Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
22.	Caritas - Hong Kong
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23.	Caritas Sai Kung Elderly Centre Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Ltd.
23.	Bradbury King Lam Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
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24.	Po Leung Kuk
2-7.	Wong Yau Cheung Memorial Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
25.	Po Leung Kuk
23.	Vicwood K.T. Chong Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
26.	Caritas - Hong Kong
20.	Caritas Tung Tau Elderly Centre
27.	Hong Kong Buddhist Association
27.	Buddhist Ching Hang Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
28.	Hong Kong Macao Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist Church
20.	San Po Kong Social Centre for the Elderly
29.	Kowloon City Baptist Church
,	Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
30.	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Ltd
	Choi Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
31.	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Ltd
	Tsz Fung Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
32.	Salvation Army
	Chuk Yuen Centre for Senior Citizens
33.	Sik Sik Yuen
	Ho Ping Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens
34.	Sik Sik Yuen
	Ho Yee Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens
35.	Sik Sik Yuen
	Ho Fu Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens
36.	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association
	Buddhist Ho Wong Cheong Po Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
37.	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
	Senior Citizen Centre (Kowloon City)
38.	Yan Chai Hospital
	Ng Wong Yee Man Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
39.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
	Oi Man Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
40.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Kei Oi Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
41.	Pok Oi Hospital
	Mr Kwok Hing Kwan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
42.	Sik Sik Yuen
	Ho Chak Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens
43.	Yan Chai Hospital
4 .	Tang Bik Wan Memorial Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
44.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
4.7	Chan Tak Sang Memorial Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
45.	Salvation Army
	Mong Kok Integrated Service for Senior Citizens –
4 -	Hoi Lam Centre for Senior Citizens
46.	Po Leung Kuk
47	Lo Yau Yuk Sheung Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
47.	Sik Sik Yuen
	Ho Wong Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens

48.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
	Yau Tsim Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
49.	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong
	Tin Ping Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
50.	Chinese Rhenish Church - Hong Kong Synod
	Sha Tin Rhenish Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
51.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Chung On Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
52.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Sheen Hok Charitable Foundation Kwan Shon HingYu Chui Neighbourhood Elderly
	Centre
53.	Hong Kong Society for the Aged
	Mr Wong Wha San Memorial Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
54.	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
	Ma On Shan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
55.	Sik Sik Yuen
	Ho Tai Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens
56.	Yan Oi Tong
50.	Hong Kong Toi Shan Association Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
57.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
37.	Tai Po Baptist Church Au Cheung Sau Fong Elderly Neighbourhood Centre
58.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
56.	Tai Wo Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
59.	Sik Sik Yuen
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Ho Hong Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens  60. Yan Oi Tong	
00.	Pang Hung Cheung Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
61.	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (Hong Kong) Ltd.
01.	Cheung Hong Baptist Church Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
62.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
02.	Tsing Yi Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
63.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
03.	Lai Yiu Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
64.	Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Ltd.
04.	Cheung Hang Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
65.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
05.	Kwai Chung Elderly Service Centre
66.	Hong Kong Buddhist Association
00.	Buddhist Foo Wong Hop Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
67.	Hong Kong Society for the Aged
07.	Kwai Hing Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
68.	Po Leung Kuk
06.	
69.	Mrs Chao King Lin Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
09.	Salvation Army Tai Wo Hay Centra for Senior Citizens
70	Tai Wo Hau Centre for Senior Citizens  Van Chai Hagnital
70.	Yan Chai Hospital
71	Mr & Mrs Yeung Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
71.	Hong Kong Society for the Aged
	Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northwest Neighbourhood Elderly Centre

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
Mrs Wang Li Ming Tzun Tsuen Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Yan Chai Hospital
Fong Yock Yee Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Yan Oi Tong
Ng Kam Yuk Memorial Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Caritas - Hong Kong
Tin Yuet Elderly Centre
Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
Tin Shui Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Pok Oi Hospital
Chan Ping Memorial Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Yan Oi Tong
Tin Ka Ping Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Hong Kong Society for the Aged
Chai Wan District Elderly Community Centre
Hong Kong Society for the Aged
Chan Tseng Hsi Kwai Chung District Elderly Community Centre
Hong Kong Society for the Aged
Tsuen Wan District Elderly Community Centre

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)003** 

Question Serial No. 0705

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

On the \$4 million funding to extend the District-based Scheme on Carer Training, how many volunteer-carers are expected to benefit from the Scheme in the coming year (i.e. 2010-11)? What will be the additional expenditure and staffing requirement involved? And does the additional funding cover the costs for extra manpower to be hired by district elderly community centres and neighbourhood elderly centres?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

### Reply:

The District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) was first introduced in 2007. In view of the positive response of the District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) to the Scheme, we have decided to extend it to cover all Neighbourhood Elderly Centres in the territory from April 2010. In addition to the 33 DECCs which have already participated in the Scheme and provided training to over 2 400 carers, a total of 81 elderly centres have applied for participation in the extended Scheme. We expect that an additional 4 860 carers will be trained in a year's time.

The total funding requirement of the extended Scheme is \$4.05 million. Each elderly centre will be allocated seed money of \$50,000 to run carer training programmes in collaboration with community organisations and to develop carer services. The provision has taken into account the additional expenditure that elderly centres have to incur in implementing the Scheme.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)004** 

Question Serial No. 0706

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

Regarding the \$4 million funding to extend the District-based Scheme on Carer Training in 2010-11, will there be additional funding to cover the insurance costs for trained volunteer-carers who provide home-based service?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

## Reply:

Under the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme), each participating elderly centre will be allocated seed money of \$50,000 to run carer training programmes in collaboration with community organisations.

The centres are also encouraged to develop carer services by engaging those who have completed the training programmes to work as volunteers or paid carer-helpers. As stipulated in the application guidelines for the Scheme, the participating centres are required to provide insurance for their projects, participants, instructors, carer-helpers, etc., and are responsible for all legal liabilities arising from the implementation of the projects.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)005** 

Question Serial No. 2166

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

The Administration indicated in paragraph 140 of the Budget Speech that an additional funding of \$4 million will be provided to extend the District-based Scheme on Carer Training. Based on the current cost of \$50,000 per programme, the provision is only sufficient for implementation of 80 programmes, which is not enough to cope with the increasing demand for carer training service. Will the Administration inform this Committee why the amount of funding can only be \$4 million? How is such an amount of funding arrived at?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

#### Reply:

The District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) was first introduced in 2007 and implemented through the District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs). In view of the centres' positive response, we have decided to extend it to cover all Neighbourhood Elderly Centres in the territory from April 2010. A total of 81 elderly centres have already applied for participation in the extended Scheme. As each of them will be allocated seed money of \$50,000 to run carer training programmes in collaboration with community organisations and to develop carer services, their total funding requirement is \$4.05 million.

The Government provides seed money to elderly centres to help them kick-start the training programmes and services, so that the centres will be in a better position to mobilise social resources, such as volunteers or donations, etc., to continue the programme on a self-financing basis in the long run. As the elderly centres will partner with community organisations, they can also capitalise on the synergy between them to sustain the development of the Scheme.

The 81 centres mentioned above will be additional to the 33 DECCs which have joined the Scheme earlier. To date, the Scheme has already trained over 2 400 carers. We expect that 4 860 more carers will be trained in a year's time.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)006** 

Question Serial No. 2176

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

In 2010-11, the Administration will increase its funding to the Labour and Welfare Bureau by 21.4% for promoting women's interests. Please inform this Committee how the funding will be used in the following four areas, namely:

- (a) preparation of the third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in Hong Kong;
- (b) promotion of the implementation of "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" in various policy areas, and the establishment and promotion of the "Gender Focal Points Network" in Government departments;
- (c) provision of gender-related training to civil servants; and
- (d) provision of support to the Women's Commission.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

#### Reply:

The Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), adopted a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education, to promote the well-being and interests of women in Hong Kong. We also collaborate closely with women's groups and non-governmental organisations in taking forward our initiatives.

The increase in provision for Programme (3) of Head 141 in 2010-11 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenses for supporting initiatives taken forward by the WoC. These initiatives include assisting the Government in the preparation of the third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in Hong Kong and the

associated publicity activities for promoting CEDAW; the implementation of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme for the continuing education of women; the pursuit of gender-related studies as well as the organisation of public education initiatives for promoting gender awareness, etc.

Resources required for promoting and implementing gender mainstreaming (including collaboration with gender focal points) and providing gender-related training to civil servants are absorbed within the existing provisions of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)007** 

Question Serial No. 2552

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

## **Question**:

Would the Administration please inform this Committee if it has allocated resources in 2010-11 for the formulation of a long-term welfare blueprint? If not, what are the reasons?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

## Reply:

The Administration has undertaken to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong through the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC). As part of the study process, SWAC plans to launch a new round of more in-depth consultation with the sector and relevant stakeholders within the second quarter of 2010 and a consultation paper for that purpose is near completion. The expenditure involved in the welfare planning exercise will be aborbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)008

Question Serial No. 2566

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

Could the Administration inform this Committee of the amount of funding approved under the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund in each year since its inception in 2002? Could the Administration set out in detail the programmes and projects approved for funding in each year? What is the current surplus of the Fund and how will it be used? Will a review be conducted in future on the criteria for approving projects?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

## Reply:

The \$300 million Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) was set up in 2002 as a seed fund to promote social capital development and cross-sectoral collaboration. As at end-February 2010, the CIIF has approved a total of 15 batches of applications and allocated about \$200 million to support over 200 projects. The uncommitted balance of the Fund stood at around \$100 million which will be used to support projects to be approved in future batches. The eligibility criteria of the CIIF were approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2002. The Administration has no plan to revise the criteria which have proved to be effective in shortlisting worthwhile projects for support under the Fund. A table showing the number of projects approved, the amount involved and the nature of projects by batch of applications from 2002-03 to 2009-10 is at Annex.

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## Number of CIIF projects approved, amount involved and nature of projects by batch of applications from 2002-03 to 2009-10

		Name ban of			Na	ture of projec	ts <sup>(1)</sup>		
Financial	Batch of	Number of	<b>CIIF</b> funding	Neighbourhood	Mentorship	Cooperatives	Tripartite	After-	Others
Year	applications	projects approved	approved (\$)	Networks	Programme		Partnership	School	(2)
		approved						Care	
2002-03	1	17	12,026,976	9	2	7	1	5	1
	2	15	14,223,780	7	1	4	0	3	1
2003-04	3	17	16,820,000	7	5	5	0	2	0
	4	11	8,149,700	3	6	4	1	2	0
2004-05	5	10	9,765,505	3	2	4	1	3	0
	6	15	8,285,570	0	8	0	13	8	0
2005-06	7	9	6,460,000	0	0	5	8	4	0
	8	10	7,750,000	1	0	3	7	6	0
2006-07	9	14	9,250,000	9	6	1	3	7	3
	10	14	10,925,760	7	6	3	4	5	2
2007-08	11	17	15,754,420	7	4	4	3	4	2
	12	29	43,928,470	24	4	2	4	9	1
2008-09	13	13	18,923,000	9	1	2	4	4	2
	14	20	18,750,000	9	7	3	11	6	8
2009-10	15	9	7,604,000	4	1	3	1	1	2

## Note:

- (1) Some of the CIIF projects may be of more than one nature.
- (2) "Others" include employment, social integration, capacity building projects, etc.

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)009** 

Question Serial No. 2447

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

## **Question**:

Please provide details of the consultations on policy making and assessment under all programmes in the following format. Using the table below, please provide information on the consultations for which funds had been allocated in 2009-10:

Name/subject	Revised	Progress of	Mode of	The	For consultations
of consultation	estimate (\$)	consultation	consultation (e.g.	Administration's	already
		(under	by means of	follow-up actions	completed, were
		planning/	written	on the consultation	the results
		in progress/	submissions,	results and the	publicised? If so,
		completed)	consultation	progress made (if	what were the
			sessions, focus	applicable)	channels? If not,
			groups), number		why not?
			of consultation		
			exercises, name		
			of organisations		
			and number of		
			people consulted/		
			to be consulted		

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

## Reply:

Details of the consultation on policy making and assessment conducted by the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2009-10 are as follows –

Name/subject of consultation	Revised estimate (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organisations and number of people consulted/ to be consulted	The Administration's follow-up actions on the consultation results and the progress made (if applicable)	For consultations already completed, were the results publicised? If so, what were the channels? If not, why not?
Consultation on the study on residential care services for the elderly led by the Elderly Commission	Not applicable <sup>1</sup>	In progress	Meetings with the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Welfare Services and 23 deputations were held in early 2010.	The Government will continue to listen to views on the study report through different channels. At this stage, we have no definite stance or timetable for implementation of any specific recommendation of the study.	Not applicable.
Consultation on the recommendation of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (LRC) in its Report on Child Custody and Access to apply the "shared parental responsibility model" in Hong Kong	Not applicable <sup>1</sup>	In progress	Meetings with major stakeholders including social workers, women's groups and the Law Society of Hong Kong in 2009-10 to discuss and exchange views on the LRC's recommendation. The LegCo Panel on Welfare Services was briefed in February 2010.	The Government will continue to consult other major stakeholders (such as children's and men's groups) and study the overseas experiences in implementing the model before coming to a view on way forward with the LRC's recommendation.	Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consultation was carried out through established channels and expenditure was subsumed under provisions for the relevant programmes.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)010** 

Question Serial No. 2448

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

## **Question**:

Please provide details of the consultations on policy making and assessment under all programmes in the following format. Has provision been earmarked for holding consultations in 2010-11? If so, please provide the following details.

Name/subject of consultation	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation	For consultations scheduled for completion in the financial year 2010-11, will the results be publicised?
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			of consultation	results be publicised?
			exercises, name of	If not, what are the
			organizations and	reasons?
			number of people	
			consulted/ to be	
			consulted	

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

## Reply:

Details of the consultation on policy making and assessment to be conducted by the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2010-11 are as follows –

Name/subject of consultation	Estimated expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organizations and number of people consulted/ to be consulted	For consultations scheduled for completion in the financial year 2010-11, will the results be publicised? If not, what are the reasons?
Consultation on the study of the long-term social welfare planning for Hong Kong by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Around \$50,000	Under planning	A consultation paper will be released and written submissions will be invited. Several consultation sessions with the welfare sector and relevant stakeholders will be arranged. Details are being worked out.	Taking into account comments and views from the sector and stakeholders, SWAC will draw up and submit its recommendations to the Government. The recommendations are expected to be made public.
Consultation on the recommendation of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (LRC) in its Report on Child Custody and Access to apply the "shared parental responsibility model" in Hong Kong	Not applicable <sup>1</sup>	In progress	Meetings with major stakeholders including social workers, women's groups, children's groups, men's groups and the Law Society of Hong Kong, to discuss and exchange views on the LRC's recommendation. The Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services was briefed in February 2010.	The Government will consider and decide on way forward with the LRC's recommendation having regard to the views of major stakeholders and overseas experiences in implementing the "shared parental responsibility model". Our response to the LRC will be made public.

Consultation is carried out through established channels and expenditure is subsumed under provision for the relevant programmes.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)011** 

Question Serial No. 1281

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Bureau will "enhance tripartite partnership among the business community, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Government." Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the efforts and the progress made in this regard in the previous year (i.e. 2009-10), and whether there are any concrete plans to further enhance tripartite partnership among the business community, NGOs and the Government?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Federick

## Reply:

The Administration has launched various initiatives to promote tripartite partnership that emphasises the collaboration among the business sector, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Government in recent years. The initiatives and their latest progress are as follows –

- (a) Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF): The \$300 million CIIF was set up in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects that create social capital through encouraging mutual support in the neighbourhood, community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration. As at end-February 2010, the CIIF has allocated about \$200 million to support over 200 projects.
- (b) Partnerhsip Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD): Since its inception in 2005, through funding support on a matching basis, the \$200 million PFD has been promoting tripartite partnership among the business community and the welfare sector and the Government in helping the disadvantaged. As at end-February 2010, more than \$100 million has been approved under the PFD for implementing over 280 welfare projects.
- (c) Child Development Fund (CDF): The \$300 million CDF was established in 2008. It draws on and consolidates resources from the family, the private sector, the

community and the Government in support of the longer-term development of children from a disadvantaged background, with a view to reducing intergenerational poverty. The first batch of pioneer projects was launched in December 2008, benefiting a total of 750 children. The Government will roll out the second batch projects in the first half of 2010, benefiting another 1 500 needy children. We expect that CDF will eventually benefit not less than 13 600 children.

The Administration will continue to promote the development of tripartite partnership through the above initiatives. The Financial Secretary has also proposed in the Budget Speech 2010-11 that \$200 million be injected into the PDF to encourage further cross-sector collaboration to help the disadvantaged.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)012

Question Serial No. 1282

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Under the Matters Requiring Special Attention, the Bureau states that it will "map out the way forward in the light of the outcome of the review on the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong for the Old Age Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme". Will the Bureau inform this Committee of the latest progress of the work, and whether consideration will be given to further relax the limit of absence from Hong Kong under the Old Age Allowance, and if not what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

We are conducting an in-depth review to look into the feasibility of further relaxing the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong for recipients of Old Age Allowance, and will release the findings as soon as possible upon completion of the review.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)013** 

Question Serial No. 1283

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

In the Budget Speech (paragraph 122) of last year (i.e. 2009-10), it was mentioned that the Administration would "closely monitor the spending situation and make an injection when necessary to ensure that the Fund (Community Investment and Inclusion Fund) can continue to perform its social function." Would the Administration please inform this Committee whether an assessment of the spending situation of the Fund has been conducted? If yes, what is the result? Will the Administration consider making an additional injection and allocating additional resources to match the expansion of the Fund and the increased workload?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Federick

#### Reply:

The \$300 million Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) was set up in 2002 as a seed fund to promote social capital development and cross-sectoral collaboration. As at end-February 2010, the CIIF has allocated about \$200 million to support over 200 projects and the actual payment made amounted to about \$100 million. The Administration will closely monitor the spending situation and consider in due course when an injection may be needed.

As mentioned in the Finance Committee Agenda Item upon the establishment of the CIIF in 2002, the then Health and Welfare Bureau (and Labour and Welfare Bureau with effect from July 2007) would serve as the Secretariat for the CIIF Committee to ensure effective co-ordination amongst the departments involved. Over the years, the Administration has allocated additional resources to increase the manpower of the Secretariat and enhance publicity on the CIIF and the concept of social capital. The Administration will continue to keep under review the staffing requirements of the Secretariat in light of the future development of the Fund.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)014** 

Question Serial No. 1284

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Bureau will "oversee the provision of additional residential care places for the elderly pursuant to the novel multi-pronged approach to be adopted for this purpose". Would the Administration inform this Committee what novel multi-pronged approach would be adopted for the provision of additional residential care places for the elderly in face of the current serious shortage of such places?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

In view of the relatively long waiting time for subsidised residential care places, especially nursing home (NH) places, and the limited supply of NH places in the private market, the Government has decided to focus its effort on increasing the provision of NH places, as well as long-term care (LTC) places offering a continuum of care which can cater for the needs of frail elders requiring nursing care. We will adopt a novel multi-pronged approach to accelerate the provision of such places. Relevant measures include -

- (a) increasing the ratio of NH places in existing contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) from 50% on average to 90%;
- (b) purchasing vacant NH places from self-financing NHs and RCHEs; and
- (c) utilising available space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide more LTC places which offer a continuum of care.

In parallel, the Social Welfare Department will continue to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places through the development of new contract RCHEs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)015

Question Serial No. 1285

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Regarding "(the Bureau will) study with the Elderly Commission the development of community care services for the elderly with a view to facilitating 'ageing in place" under Matters Requiring Special Attention, will the Administration inform this Committee the expected time frame for consultation and implementation of specific policy measures, given that the study report has been completed and published earlier?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

In view of the ageing trend and growing life expectancy of our population, the Elderly Commission (EC) initiated a study in 2008 on the long-term planning of residential care services for the elderly. The study was completed in late 2009. EC presented the study findings to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 January 2010 and also listened to the views of a number of deputations on the study findings on 6 February 2010.

In gist, EC agrees with the consultant's recommendation that there is a need to further enhance community care services in Hong Kong. This is in line with EC's objectives of encouraging "ageing in place" and "active ageing", and is also consistent with the international trend and the policy of the Government. In this connection, EC has decided to conduct an in-depth study on how to strengthen community care services for the elderly through a more flexible and diverse mode of service delivery, with a view to giving better support to elders who age at home.

The Government generally agrees with the overall thrust of the study report. In tandem with EC's study on community care services, the Government will launch a pilot scheme in 2010-11 to provide tailor-made home care services for elders who are staying at home waiting for nursing home places. As regards the other recommendations of the study report (such as introducing a selection mechanism for the allocation of subsidised long-term care services and requiring elders to use community care services before

enrolling for residential care places), since they will have an impact on the established service matching mechanism for subsidised long-term care services, the Government has to examine the recommendations thoroughly. At this stage, we have no definite stance or timetable for implementation of any specific recommendation.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)016** 

Question Serial No. 1286

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Regarding "(the Bureau will) continue to work with the Elderly Commission to promote active ageing and disseminate related messages" under Matters Requiring Special Attention, will the Administration inform this Committee the expenditure used by the Elderly Commission in implementing the Elder Academy Scheme in the past year (i.e. 2009-10) and the estimated expenditure in the coming year? Has any assessment been made on the effectiveness of the Scheme since its launch in 2007?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

The actual expenditure on the Elder Academy Scheme (the Scheme) in 2009-10 was \$4.6 million, and the estimated expenditure on the Scheme in 2010-11 is \$1.3 million which will be funded by the Elder Academy Development Foundation held under trust by the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated. The decrease is mainly due to a one-off sponsorship to 75 elder academies in 2009 for organising activities which promoted inter-generational harmony, and the likely slower increase in the number of academies as the Scheme matures.

A review of the 32 elder academies set up in the first phase of the Scheme was completed in 2008. All organisers agreed that the Scheme provided a platform for students to learn through service and could broaden their perspectives. Courses run by the elder academies also enabled elders to acquire new knowledge, and could widen their social network and improve their self-confidence and self-image. More importantly, both elders and young students could understand each other better through communication and experience sharing. The Scheme has therefore achieved its purpose of encouraging lifelong learning among elders and promoting inter-generational harmony.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Elderly Commission will continue to monitor the Scheme and evaluate its effectiveness through different channels, such as meetings with stakeholders and reports submitted by organisers.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)017** 

Question Serial No. 1287

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Bureau will "continue to oversee the implementation of the Child Development Fund pioneer projects". Will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest position of the implementation of the projects? What is the expenditure on the projects run by non-governmental organisations?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

The first batch of seven Child Development Fund (CDF) pioneer projects, rolled out in December 2008 by six operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs), is in good progress.

A total of 750 children were recruited to the projects. The drop-out rate is less than 1%, and the majority of them can meet the target of the savings programme. The operating NGOs have also secured sufficient funding from the private sector for matching the children's savings and have recruited sufficient mentors to guide the children. More than 300 training programmes have been organised for the participating children, their parents and mentors.

To benefit more needy children from a disadvantaged background, the Government will roll out a second batch of 15 projects in the first half of 2010 covering another 1 500 needy children. The application period for NGOs to run these projects ended in February 2010. Vetting of the proposals is now in progress.

The estimated expenditure of the CDF for 2009-10 is \$6.237 million while the provision in 2010-11 is \$18.128 million. The provision covers the cost for training programmes for the participating children, their parents and mentors and administrative cost for the operating NGOs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)018

Question Serial No. 1289

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Concerning the aim of "facilitating the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives into the process of policy making where appropriate" as mentioned in the Brief Description, could the Administration inform this Committee of the specific policies and measures that incorporated women's needs and perspectives in the past year (i.e. 2009-10) and those expected to do the same in the coming year, and the expenditure and manpower involved in the above work last year (i.e. 2009-10) and those for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. The WoC has developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officials in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a more systematic way, so that women and men will have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. We have applied the Checklist to over 30 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as health care reform, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, design of facilities in public buildings and the Qualification Framework.

Taking into account the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and in implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, the WoC has recently reviewed the Checklist. The review was subsequently completed in late 2009 and the revised Checklist was issued to provide better assistance to Government officials in applying gender mainstreaming in different policy and

programme areas. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to the Victim Support Programme under the Social Welfare Department (SWD), a new initiative announced in the Budget Speech this year to strengthen support for victims of domestic violence, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. We are also discussing with the Home Affairs Department and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to explore whether they can apply the revised Checklist to their relevant policy and programme areas. Moreover, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued a memorandum in February 2010 to all Directors of Bureaux and Heads of Departments on the importance of applying gender mainstreaming in their policy and programme areas, and solicited bureaux and departments' support in further applying the revised Checklist.

Apart from adopting the Checklist, staff of many bureaux and departments have also applied the gender mainstreaming concept in the course of their daily work, taking into account the needs and perspectives of both genders. Some examples include vocational training for adult offenders, first aid services, provision of leisure and cultural services, procurement of uniform and accoutrements for frontline disciplinary service officers, the Continuing Education Fund, the Central Fund for Personal Computer, and the Tamar Development Project.

To facilitate promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has set up a network of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in all bureaux and departments since 2003. The GFPs serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments and as the liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of officers in their respective organisations.

Following the advice of the GFPs, we have continued with our on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. Over 4 300 civil servants of different grades and ranks have attended various classroom gender-related training. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, ArchSD and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. In addition, gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the GFPs, and the Customs and Excise Department and SWD have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programmes.

In addition, LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants in early 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender mainstreaming and its application and hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out nearly 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of the LWB in

July 2009 to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. We are also developing an online training course on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues which will be launched before April 2010 to assist all civil servants to understand the gender mainstreaming concept and other related knowledge in a more flexible manner.

Resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of the LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)019

Question Serial No. 1290

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is stated in the Brief Description that the Administration aims to "enhance the community's sensitivity to and understanding of gender-related issues and reduce gender stereotyping as well as facilitate exchange of views and ideas on women's matter". Would the Administration inform this Committee of whether the Administration made any assessment in the past on the level of public's sensitivity to and understanding of gender-related issues; and what specific initiatives/programmes the Administration had in the previous year (i.e. 2009-10) to enhance the community's sensitivity to and understanding of gender-related issues? Has the Administration reviewed the effectiveness of the relevant work in the past? If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

### Reply:

Over the past years, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has worked closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) to organise various territory-wide public education programmes seeking to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society and raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These include organising conferences and seminars, roving exhibitions, producing posters, videos, TV drama series, interactive school dramas and commissioning radio programmes to promote awareness of gender issues, as well as organising essay competitions, debate competition, and celebration events for the International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March every year.

In early 2009, the LWB supported the WoC in conducting a survey on community perception of gender issues. While the study revealed that gender stereotyping still existed, the younger age groups were more receptive to the concept of gender equality. With the support of the LWB, the WoC is now conducting a territory-wide household survey to assess the current status and public's perception of women in Hong Kong in the areas of family, economic participation and social participation. The survey result is expected to be ready by end-2010.

In August 2009, the LWB assisted the WoC in organising its third large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" to review Hong Kong's implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Conference was attended by over 500 people and provided a platform for representatives of women's groups, relevant non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, government officers and students to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as to exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in Hong Kong.

We also launched a short video filming competition on gender awareness for secondary students in December 2009. It aims to enhance students' gender awareness and sense of gender equality, as well as to arouse the community's awareness of and reflections on how gender prejudice and gender stereotyping are impacting our society today. The LWB assisted the WoC in organising a luncheon talk on "Women's Participation – An Economic Development Imperative" on 8 March 2010 to celebrate the IWD 2010 with around 300 participants to enhance the community's sensitivity to, and understanding of, gender-related issues.

With the joint efforts of the WoC, women's groups and different sectors of the community, the community's participation in and understanding of gender-related issue has been enhanced, as witnessed by the increasing number of participants attending the WoC activities such as the 2009 Conference and the IWD celebration events.

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Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)020** 

Question Serial No. 1291

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

With respect to the studies conducted for welfare-related policy formulation, can the Administration list in detail the studies conducted and the expenditure incurred for each study in the past year (i.e. 2009-10), and the studies to be conducted in the coming two years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2011-12) and the estimated financial provision for each study?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

(1) The studies conducted and the expenditure incurred for each study in the past year (i.e. 2009-10) are as follows –

Scope of Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Expenditure in 2009-10 (\$'000)
A study about the preference of old age home residents in receiving end-of-life care	From 2007 to 2010	145
A study to investigate the factors that affect long-term care use in Hong Kong	From 2007 to 2010	20
A study to develop a tool to identify high-risk elders and to look into the effects of structured emergency department intervention on hospitalisation	Commenced in 2007 and expected to be completed in 2010	556
Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	Commenced in 2008 and expected to be completed in 2012	700

(2) The studies to be conducted in the coming two years from 2010-11 to 2011-12 and the financial provision for each study are as follows –

Scope of Study	Commencement and Completion Date of Study	Financial provision (\$'000)
A study to develop a tool to identify high-risk elders and to look into the effects of structured emergency department intervention on hospitalisation	Commenced in 2007 and expected to be completed in 2010	250
Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	Commenced in 2008 and expected to be completed in 2012	1,400
Study on community care services for the elderly	Under planning and expected to commence in the first half of 2010	1,500
Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) (Phase 2)	Under planning and expected to commence in second quarter of 2010.	1,300
Drawing on the findings of the second evaluation study on the CIIF, a third study may be commissioned to recommend the future development of social capital in Hong Kong	Under planning	To be confirmed

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Date	19.3.2009

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)021** 

Question Serial No. 1292

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Administration will "continue to provide gender-related training to civil servants to facilitate consideration of women's needs and perspectives during policy formulation, legislation and implementation". In this connection, please set out separately the number of civil servants who have received the above training in the past two years (i.e. 2008-09 and 2009-10) and the policy bureaux/departments involved; and the details of the expenditure and manpower involved in the above work in the past year (i.e. 2009-10) and those for the coming year (i.e. 2010-11).

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, it is crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. In 2008-09 and 2009-10, over 390 and 270 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended half-day or full-day classroom gender-related training respectively. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, Architectural Services Department and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. Gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the Gender Focal Points, and the Customs and Excise Department and the Social Welfare Department have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programme.

LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants in early 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender mainstreaming and its application and hyperlinks to useful website. It also sets out nearly 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. We are also developing an online training course on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues which will be launched before April 2010 to assist all civil servants to understand the gender mainstreaming concept and other related knowledge in a more flexible manner.

Resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of the LWB.

Signature	
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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)022** 

Question Serial No. 1293

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Bureau will "continue to work with relevant parties to enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies". Will the Administration inform this Committee of: whether the above efforts have promoted women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies in the past, how does the Administration evaluate the effectiveness of such efforts and whether the Administration would consider setting a percentage target for women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Over the past years, WoC had a number of exchanges with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the subject policy bureau, to discuss ways to further promote women's participation in ASBs.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, the HAB has since 2004 set a gender benchmark of 25% as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. A proactive approach has been taken to achieve the target, including –

- (a) requiring all submissions making recommendations for appointments to ASBs to include a paragraph on gender consideration;
- (b) encouraging bureaux and departments to reach out, identify and cultivate women who are able and willing to contribute to the work of ASBs; and
- (c) increasing the number of female candidates in the Central Personality Index maintained by HAB.

According to HAB, based on information provided by bureaux and departments, women's participation in ASBs reached the target of 25% in December 2005 as compared with 20.3% in December 2002. As at the end of December 2009, over 27% of the appointed members were women and the setting of the existing 25% gender benchmark is therefore considered effective in enhancing women's participation rate in ASBs. We will closely monitor the situation.

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)023

Question Serial No. 1294

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the brief description that the Administration will "continue to monitor and steer progress of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme to encourage and facilitate women to pursue continuous learning". Will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest progress of the above programme, the number of women participants in the programme and the expenditure involved during the past three years (from 2007-08 to 2009-10)? Has the Administration canvassed the views of the participants and assessed the effectiveness of the programme? If yes, what are the results?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) is a large-scale learning programme with a women-focus. It was initiated by the Women's Commission and is being implemented by the Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) in collaboration with the Commercial Radio and nearly 80 women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The CBMP is delivered through radio broadcasting and face-to-face courses delivered by NGOs. The courses include subjects such as managing interpersonal relationships, finance management, health and other practical issues in daily life.

CBMP was first operated on a pilot basis. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration has in March 2007 started to provide funding to support the continued operation of CBMP, such that the CBMP course fee can continue to be set at a relatively low level to provide affordable learning opportunities for women. In 2009-10, the Administration allocated \$20 million for three years to expand the CBMP and provide fee remissions to women with financial difficulty.

With the additional funding, we have expanded the bursary scheme of the CBMP since November 2009. Students with financial difficulty can now apply for bursary for a maximum of nine courses, instead of four courses as before, and the bursary ceiling per semester has also been increased from one to three courses for each learner. We are exploring with OUHK to further expand the bursary scheme so as to allow more women with relatively lower family income to benefit from the programme.

Moreover, starting from the July 2010 semester, OUHK will introduce the new e-learning mode for the CBMP. Students can study selected CBMP courses via a newly-developed online learning platform. With the introduction of the new study mode, students can pursue life-long learning in a more flexible manner.

The CBMP has recorded a cumulative enrolment of over 21 000 in 2007-2010, and over 35 000 since its inception in March 2004. These have not included the large network of audience reached through the radio programme. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by OUHK in 2008, it was estimated that about 720 000 people had listened to the radio programme in the preceding year of the survey.

Evaluation questionnaires are collected from students after their completion of each CBMP course. Feedback from students is generally positive and indicated that they have benefitted from the programme in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts.

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)024** 

Question Serial No. 1295

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

It is mentioned in Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that "Provision for 2010-11 is \$4.2 million (21.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10. This is mainly due to the increased requirement for supporting the work of the Women's Commission". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the detailed areas of work to be covered by the increased provision and the exact reason for the increase in requirement for the work of the Women's Commission?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

### Reply:

The Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), adopted a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education, to promote the well-being and interests of women in Hong Kong. We also collaborate closely with women's groups and non-governmental organisations in taking forward our initiatives.

The increase in provision for Programme (3) of Head 141 in 2010-11 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenses for supporting initiatives taken forward by the WoC. These initiatives include assisting the Government in the preparation of the third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in Hong Kong and the associated publicity activities for promoting CEDAW; the implementation of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme for the continuing education of women; the pursuit of gender-related studies as well as the organisation of public education initiatives for promoting gender awareness, etc. These initiatives are taken forward according to the aforementioned strategy.

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)025** 

Question Serial No. 1296

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Regarding "continue to conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies and participate in key international fora" and "improve communication and facilitate collaboration between the Government and NGOs and strengthen liaison with relevant international bodies on women's matters" as mentioned under Matter Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11 and Brief Description respectively, will the Administration inform this Committee of the names of the NGOs taking part in the communication and collaboration in the past year (i.e. 2009-10) and the women's matters so involved? What were the manpower and expenditure involved for the above work?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women's groups and organisations or agencies providing women-related services, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women's Commission (WoC), regularly meet with them to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In 2009, we supported the WoC in arranging three exchange sessions and invitations were sent to some 300 women's groups and related organisations. Representatives of more than 50 local women's groups and related organisations attended these sessions and topics discussed included gender mainstreaming, collection of sex-disaggregated data, combating domestic violence, employment of low-skilled women, and work of the WoC. A full list of attendees for the exchange sessions is at Annex. We also supported the WoC in arranging meeting and discussion session with individual women's group and related organisation.

In August 2009, LWB assisted the WoC in organising its third large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" to review Hong Kong's implementation of the United Nations's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Conference was attended by over 500 people and

provided a platform for representatives of women's groups, relevant non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, government officials and students to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as to exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in Hong Kong.

LWB also assisted the WoC in maintaining close liaison with the relevant Mainland, regional and international bodies. LWB and WoC regularly participate in regional and international conferences and, in 2010, representatives of LWB and WoC attended the annual session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and will participate in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Women Leaders' Network meeting.

The above activities have facilitated our communication and liaison with the women's groups and related organisations and international agencies. We will continue with these efforts. Resources required for carrying out the above ongoing activities are absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

PAUL TANG
Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
19.3.2010

### Local Woman's Groups and Organisations / Agencies which Attended Women Commission's Exchange Sessions in 2009

	Name of NGOs	
1	Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Woman	
2	Association for the Advancement of Feminism	
3	Association of Women Accountants	
4	Association of Women with Disabilities Hong Kong	
5	Bauhinia Junior Chamber	
6	Caritas Family Crisis Support Centre	
7	Cheung Chau Island Women's Association Limited	
8	Christian Action	
9	Christian Family Service Centre	
10	Equal Opportunities Commission (Policy and Research Unit)	
11	Hong Kong Association for the Survivors of Women Abuse (Kwan Fook)	
12	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society (Women Centre)	
13	Hong Kong Federation of Women	
14	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres	
15	Hong Kong Hearty Care Association	
16	Hong Kong Ladies Dynamic Association	
17	Hong Kong Outlying Island Women's Association	
18	Hong Kong Petrel Association For Women's Development	
19	Hong Kong Single Parents Association	
20	Hong Kong Tin Shui Wai Women Association	
21	Hong Kong Women Development Association	
22	Hong Kong Women Workers' Association	
23	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	
24	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	
25	International Women's Forum Hong Kong	
26	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation	
27	Lions Club of Harbour View	
28	New Women Arrivals League	
29	Po Leung Kuk (Social Services Department/Integrated Family)	
30	Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O Women's Association	
31	The Chinese's Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong	
32	The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong - Ma On Shan Women's Club	

33	The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong – Sheung Shui Women's	
	Club	
34	The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong - Tseung Kwan O Women's	
	Club	
35	The Girls' Brigade Hong Kong	
36	The Helena May	
37	The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Union, Women Affairs Committee	
38	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	
39	The Hong Kong New Immigrant Service Association	
40	The Women's Foundation	
41	Tsing Yi Lady's Forum	
42	Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing District Women's Association	
43	Tsui Ping Women Association	
44	Tuen Mun District Women's Association	
45	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (Community Services Division)	
46	Wanchai District Women's Association	
47	Women Rights Alliance	
48	Women Service Association	
49	Yin Ngai Societies (Central & Western District)	
50	Yin Ngai Societies (North District Choi Yuen)	
51	Zonta Club of Hong Kong	
52	Zonta Club of Hong Kong East	
53	Zonta Club of Victoria	

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)026

Question Serial No. 1297

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Labour and Welfare Bureau formulates and co-ordinates welfare policies and programmes to "monitor and co-ordinate the overall progress of Government's efforts in poverty alleviation". Will the Administration inform this Committee whether it has, in response to the increasing disparity between the rich and the poor, planned to allocate any resources to review thoroughly the mode of development of Hong Kong at all fronts from the perspective of macrosocial policy so as to work out a comprehensive and practical solution to alleviate the disparity between the rich and the poor? If not, what are the reasons?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

The Administration attaches great importance to poverty alleviation work and, to this end, adopts a pragmatic and multi-pronged approach. We consider that the key to tackling poverty lies in promoting economic growth, thereby creating more job opportunities. In tandem, we provide training and retraining opportunities to raise the competitiveness and skills of our workforce, in particular the middle-aged and low-income earners. At the same time, we continue to invest heavily in education and child development to enhance social mobility and reduce inter-generational poverty.

After the Commission on Poverty (CoP) concluded its work in 2007, the Government set up the Task Force on Poverty (TFP), headed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and comprising representatives from relevant bureaux/departments, to follow up CoP's recommendations and coordinate the Government's efforts in alleviating poverty. Most of the recommendations made by CoP have been implemented. TFP will continue to monitor the implementation of CoP's recommendations, and explore new initiatives/measures which can assist the disadvantaged groups and people in need.

Signature
Name in block letters

PAUL TANG

Permanent Secretary
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Date

19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)027

Question Serial No. 1298

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

It is mentioned in Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that under Programme (2): "Provision for 2010-11 is \$43 million (30.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10. This is mainly due to provision reserved for implementing various new initiatives in 2010-11 and additional requirement for departmental expenses and other charges". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the increased provision, including the provision and manpower allocated for the new initiatives, the nature of work involved and the areas of work covered?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

The increase in provision for Programme (2) of Head 141 in 2010-11 is mainly due to the additional funding required for the following new and on-going initiatives:

#### New initiatives (around \$34 million)

- (i) to implement a pilot scheme on visiting pharmacist services for residential care homes for the elderly;
- (ii) to conduct a consultancy study on community care services for the elderly;
- (iii) to re-organise the accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre to release space for providing residential/rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities (PWDs); and
- (iv) to meet other ad hoc funding requirements on social welfare that may arise during 2010-11.

### On-going initiatives (around \$9 million)

- (i) to step up public education and publicity on the rights of the PWDs and their integration into society; and
- (ii) to meet the higher cash flow requirements for various existing initiatives.

The manpower required for these initiatives will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau and Social Welfare Department.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)028** 

Question Serial No. 1302

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Administration Wing will "provide timely, quality and strategic economic advice to support the formulation of the Government's policies and programmes". As the problem of disparity between the rich and the poor is aggravating in Hong Kong, thus affecting the stability and harmonious development of our society, would the Administration inform this Committee: will the Chief Secretary for Administration consider deploying resources to establish a cross-bureau/department committee led by him to review comprehensively the development pattern of Hong Kong from a macroeconomic and social policy approach, and to formulate holistic and feasible measures for alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

The Administration attaches great importance to poverty alleviation work and, to this end, adopts a pragmatic and multi-pronged approach. We consider that the key to tackling poverty lies in promoting economic growth, thereby creating more job opportunities. In tandem, we provide training and retraining opportunities to raise the competitiveness and skills of our workforce, in particular the middle-aged and low-income earners. At the same time, we continue to invest heavily in education and child development to enhance social mobility and reduce inter-generational poverty.

After the Commission on Poverty (CoP) concluded its work in 2007, the Government set up the Task Force on Poverty (TFP), headed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and comprising representatives from relevant bureaux/departments, to follow up CoP's recommendations and coordinate the Government's efforts in alleviating poverty. Most of the recommendations made by CoP have been implemented. TFP will continue to monitor the implementation of CoP's recommendations, and explore

new initiatives/measures which can assist the disadvantaged groups and people in need.

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)029

Question Serial No. 2076

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that "the provision for 2010-11 is \$2.7 million (30.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10. This is mainly due to the provision required for filling the position of Under Secretary." Could the Administration inform this Committee of the progress of recruitment for the position and when the new Under Secretary is expected to take office?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

### Reply:

Regarding the filling of the outstanding positions of Under Secretaries and Political Assistants in the Government, our consistent position is that, if there are suitable candidates, such positions will be filled. If necessary, this could be done in phases.

Signature	
Name in block letters	PAUL TANG
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Date	19.3.2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)030** 

Question Serial No. 2077

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Bureau seeks to "monitor and co-ordinate the overall progress of Government's efforts in poverty alleviation". Would the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the progress of this initiative in the past year (i.e. 2009-10); the manpower and resources involved in the relevant work; whether it has assessed the effectiveness of its efforts in poverty alleviation; the change in manpower and resources in the coming year; and the resources planned to be allocated for poverty alleviation in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

#### Reply:

One of the key tasks of the Task Force on Poverty (TFP) in 2009-10 was to monitor the progress of the Government in implementing the recommendations of the former Commission on Poverty (CoP). Most of the recommendations made by CoP have been implemented, including rolling out the \$300 million Child Development Fund (CDF) pioneer projects; launching the Special Training and Enhancement Programme; implementing the Home Improvement Scheme for the Elderly and the Pilot Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project; and strengthening efforts to reach out to hidden and singleton elders.

TFP is supported by the Poverty Team under the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB). Apart from supporting TFP, the Poverty Team is also responsible for overseeing / implementing certain initiatives on poverty alleviation under LWB (e.g. CDF, short-term food assistance etc). The provision in 2010-11 for the Poverty Team is \$3.81 million, which covers the cost for six staff comprising two Administrative Officers, one Executive Officer, two secretarial and clerical support staff as well as one contract executive staff.

Signature	
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Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)031

Question Serial No. 0619

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

Please list out the respective salary provision for the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

### Reply:

The salary provisions earmarked for the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in the Labour and Welfare Bureau in 2010-11 Estimates under Head 141 are as follows:

	2010-11 FY
	<u>Estimates</u>
	(\$ million)
Secretary for Labour and Welfare	3.38
Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare	2.54
Political Assistant to Secretary for Labour and Welfare	1.52

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)032** 

Question Serial No. 0468

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Bureau for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies (if any), please provide the relevant information on the funded projects related to public policy research and strategic public policy research from 2007-08 to 2009-10 in the following format:

Name of	Title, content	Consultancy	Start	Progress of	Follow-up actions	If completed, have
Consultant	and objective	fee (\$)	date	Studies	on the studies taken	they been released to
	of the project			(under	by the	the public? If yes,
				planning / in	Administration and	through which
				progress /	their progress (if	channels? If no, what
				completed)	any)	are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

#### Reply:

The consultancy studies commissioned by the Labour and Welfare Bureau from 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as follows –

Name of Consultant	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Follow-up actions on the studies taken by the Administration 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?
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	A study to investigate the factors that affect long-term care use in Hong Kong	437	2007	Completed	_	The final report will be uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.

Name of Consultant  Queen Mary Hospital	Title, content and objective of the project  A study about the preference of old age home residents in receiving end-of-life care	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)  Completed	Follow-up actions on the studies taken by the Administration and their progress (if any)  The findings will be used as reference in formulating relevant policies.	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?  The final report will be uploaded onto the website of the Research Fund Secretariat of the Food and Health Bureau for public information.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	A study to develop a tool to identify high-risk elders and to look into the effects of structured emergency department intervention on hospitali- sation	999	2007	In progress	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
The University of Hong Kong	Evaluation of the Skills Upgrading Scheme (SUS) (Phase 3)	1,242	2007	Completed	The operations of the SUS have been enhanced in light of the findings of the study.	The major findings of the study have been uploaded onto the SUS website for public information.
The University of Hong Kong	Study on residential care services for the elderly	1,289	2008	Completed	The findings will be used as reference in formulating relevant policies. In view of the study recommendations, the Elderly Commission (EC) will initiate another study on how to strengthen community care services for the elderly.	The study report and findings were presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 11 January 2010. The study report has also been uploaded onto the website of EC for public information.
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	900	2008	In progress	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

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Date
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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)033** 

Question Serial No. 0469

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

Is there any project for which provision has been allocated for conducting consultancy study in 2010-11? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of	Title, content	Consultancy	Start	Progress of	Will the studies be released to
Consultant	and objective	fee (\$)	date	studies	the public if they are expected
	of the project			(under	to be completed in 2010-11?
				planning / in	If yes, through which
				progress /	channels? If no, what are the
				completed)	reasons?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

### Reply:

Funds have been reserved in 2010-11 for conducting the following consultancy studies -

Name of	Title, content	Consultancy	Start	Progress of	Will the studies be released to
Consultant	and objective	fee (\$'000)	date	studies	the public if they are expected
	of the project			(under	to be completed in 2010-11?
				planning / in	If yes, through which
				progress /	channels? If no, what are the
				completed)	reasons?
The Chinese	A study to	250	2007	In progress	The final report will be
University of	develop a tool				uploaded onto the website of
Hong Kong	to identify				the Research Fund Secretariat
	high-risk				of the Food and Health
	elders and to				Bureau for public
	look into the				information.
	effects of				
	structured				
	emergency				
	department				
	intervention on				
	hospitalisation				

Name of Consultant	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$'000)	Start date	Progress of studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in 2010-11? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects	700	2008	In progress	Not applicable. (The study will not be completed in 2010-11.)
Not yet commissioned	Study on community care services for the elderly	1,500	2010	Under planning	Not applicable. (The study will not be completed in 2010-11.)
Not yet commissioned	Establishment survey for the Manpower Projection	1,300	2010	Under planning	Taking into account the findings of the study, the Government will complete the Manpower Projection, the findings of which will be publicised.
Not yet commissioned	Evaluation of the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) (Phase 2)	Around 1,000	Second quarter of 2010	Under planning	Not applicable. (The study will not be completed in 2010-11.)
Not yet commissioned	Drawing on the findings of the second evaluation study on the CIIF, a third study may be commissioned to recommend the future development of social capital in Hong Kong.	To be confirmed	Under planning	Under planning	Not applicable. (The study will not be completed in 2010-11.)

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)034** 

Question Serial No. 0486

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

For the past three years from 2007-08 to 2009-10, in respect of the provision of gender-related training to civil servants to facilitate consideration of women's needs and perspectives during policy formulation, legislation and implementation, please advise on:

- (a) the contents and the number of hours of the above training, and the number of people who have received the training;
- (b) the manpower and resources involved;
- (c) what departments and what ranks of civil servants have been provided with the training;
- (d) whether the Chief Executive and the politically appointed officials responsible for policy making, including Secretaries of Departments, Directors of Bureau, Deputy Directors of Bureau and Political Assistants, have received the training; and if not, the reason(s) for that;
- (e) whether the Administration has evaluated the sufficiency and the effectiveness of the training courses; and
- (f) whether the Administration has any plans to adjust the contents and the number of hours of the training, and if so, the resources expected to be involved.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

#### Reply:

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, it is crucial to

first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. Over 2 300 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended half-day or full-day classroom gender-related training in the past three years. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, Architectural Services Department and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. Gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the Gender Focal Points, and the Customs and Excise Department and the Social Welfare Department have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programme.

LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants in early 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender mainstreaming and its application and hyperlinks to useful website. It also sets out nearly 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. We are also developing an online training course on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues which will be launched before April 2010 to assist all civil servants to understand the gender mainstreaming concept and other related knowledge in a more flexible manner.

We previously arranged a briefing on gender mainstreaming for all Principal Officials and Heads of Departments and invited all LegCo Members and their assistants to a similar briefing. The Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued a memorandum in February 2010 to all Directors of Bureaux and Heads of Departments on the importance of applying gender mainstreaming concept, which aims at achieving women's advancement and gender equality in different policy and programme areas. The memorandum also outlined the latest work of the Administration in promoting gender mainstreaming and solicited the support of bureaux and departments in further applying the gender mainstreaming checklist and the concept itself.

With these efforts, the gender awareness and sensitivity of civil servants have been enhanced. Staff of different bureaux and departments now take into account the needs and perspectives of both genders in the course of their daily work. We will continue with the existing mode of classroom plus e-learning in arranging for gender-related training for civil servants.

Resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

PAUL TANG
Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)035

Question Serial No. 1000

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Government plans to provide some \$4 million as additional funding to extend the District-based Scheme on Carer Training. Should accidents happen when the trained carers serve the elderly in the community, who, the volunteer concerned or the referring welfare agency, will be held responsible legally? Will the Administration make sure that trainees will be protected by insurance when they provide service?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

#### Reply:

Under the District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme), each participating elderly centre will be allocated seed money of \$50,000 to run carer training programmes in collaboration with community organisations.

The centres are also encouraged to develop carer services by engaging those who have completed the training programmes to work as volunteers or paid carer-helpers. As stipulated in the application guidelines for the Scheme, the participating centres are required to provide insurance for their projects, participants, instructors, carer-helpers, etc., and are responsible for all legal liabilities arising from the implementation of the projects.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)036

Question Serial No. 1839

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 151 of the Budget Speech that the Labour and Welfare Bureau will complete by the end of this year a study on ways to reduce the burden of travelling expenses borne by the working poor in Hong Kong. What are the details of the study? Who are being consulted? In which month will the study be completed?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

#### Reply:

The Government will conduct a study on the ways to reduce the burden of travelling expenses borne by low-income employees. In the process, we will collate and examine such relevant information as the income statistics of low-income employees throughout the territory, their choice of transport as well as transport expenses. We expect to complete the study by the end of 2010 and will consult the relevant panel(s) of the Legislative Council in due course. Depending on the findings of the study, the Financial Secretary has undertaken to make suitable financial provisions.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)037** 

Question Serial No. 0063

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Administration states that it will promote the implementation of the gender mainstreaming concept through the "Gender Focal Points Network" within the Government during 2010-11. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of any differences between the details of this initiative and that of 2009-10, including the manpower arrangements and expenditures involved; and of the outcome in 2009-10 and the expected outcome in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

To facilitate promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), on the advice of the Women's Commission (WoC), has since 2003 set up a network of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in all bureaux and departments. We currently have 72 GFPs, 64 of them are officers at the directorate level. The GFPs serve as the resource person for their respective bureaux and departments and as the liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of the officers in their respective organisations.

On the advice of the GFPs, we have developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants in early 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender mainstreaming and its application and hyperlinks to useful website. It also sets out nearly 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming which the GFPs have helped to collect and compile. The web-portal has also been uploaded to the website of the LWB in July 2009 to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming.

In 2009, the GFPs also assisted the WoC in revising the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officials in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into policy formulation and programme development processes. After taking into account the advice of the GFPs and the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and in implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, the WoC revised the Checklist in late 2009 which serves to provide better assistance to government officials in applying gender mainstreaming in different policy and programme areas.

Following the advice of the GFPs, LWB has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. Over 4 300 civil servants of different grades and ranks have attended various classroom gender-related training. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, Architectural Services Department and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. In addition, gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the GFPs, and the Customs and Excise Department and Social Welfare Department have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programmes. We are also developing an online training course on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues which will be launched before April 2010 to assist all civil servants to understand the gender mainstreaming concept and other related knowledge in a more flexible manner.

In 2010-11, we will continue to promote gender mainstreaming in the Government with the assistance of the GFPs. We will also continue to provide more gender-related training for civil servants, and strengthen the network of GFPs through meetings and experience-sharing sessions.

Resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)038

Question Serial No. 0064

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Bureau states that it will continue to monitor and steer progress of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme to encourage and facilitate women to pursue continuous learning. Please advise on the outcome of the Programme in 2009-10 and provide details of its provision, staffing establishment and anticipated outcome in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) is a large-scale learning programme with a women-focus. It was initiated by the Women's Commission and is being implemented by the Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) in collaboration with the Commercial Radio and nearly 80 women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The CBMP is delivered through radio broadcasting and face-to-face courses delivered by NGOs. The courses include subjects such as managing interpersonal relationships, finance management, health and other practical issues in daily life.

CBMP was first operated on a pilot basis. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration has in March 2007 started to provide funding to support the continued operation of CBMP, such that the CBMP course fee can continue to be set at a relatively low level to provide affordable learning opportunities for women. In 2009-10, the Administration allocated \$20 million for three years to expand the CBMP and to provide fee remissions to women with financial difficulty.

With the additional funding, we have expanded the bursary scheme of the CBMP since November 2009. Students with financial difficulty can now apply for bursary for a maximum of nine courses, instead of four courses as before, and the bursary ceiling per semester has also been increased from one to three courses for each learner. We are

exploring with OUHK to further expand the bursary scheme so as to allow more women with relatively lower family income to benefit from the programme.

Moreover, starting from the July 2010 semester, OUHK will introduce the new e-learning mode for the CBMP. Students can study selected CBMP courses via a newly developed online learning platform. With the introduction of the new study mode, students can pursue life-long learning in a more flexible manner.

The CBMP recorded an enrolment of over 7 100 in 2009-10 and has a cumulative enrolment of over 35 000 since its inception in March 2004. These have not included the large network of audience reached through the radio programme. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by OUHK in 2008, it was estimated that about 720 000 people had listened to the radio programme in the preceding year of the survey.

The provision for the CBMP in 2010-11 is about \$6 million and staffing resources required for monitoring and steering progress of the CBMP are absorbed within the staffing establishment of the Labour and Welfare Bureau. With the expansion of the bursary scheme and introduction of the new e-learning mode for CBMP, it is expected that student enrolment in 2010-11 will increase by more than 20%.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)039

Question Serial No. 0065

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Administration states that in the coming year, it will continue to provide gender-related training to civil servants to facilitate consideration of women's needs and perspectives during policy formulation, legislation and implementation. Please advise on the details of the training and the expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, it is crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. Over 4 300 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended half-day or full-day classroom gender-related training. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, Architectural Services Department and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. Gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the Gender Focal Points, and the Customs and Excise Department and the Social Welfare Department have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programme.

The LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants in early 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender

mainstreaming and its application and hyperlinks to useful website. It also sets out nearly 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. We are also developing an online training course on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues which will be launched before April 2010 to assist all civil servants to understand the gender mainstreaming concept and other related knowledge in a more flexible manner.

Resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of the LWB.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)040

Question Serial No. 0099

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Administration states that it will continue to conduct regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies and participate in key international fora in the coming year. Please advise on the details of the planned activities and the estimated expenditure and staffing establishment involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women's groups and organisations or agencies providing women-related services, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women's Commission (WoC), regularly meet with them to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In 2009, we supported the WoC in arranging three exchange sessions and invitations were sent to some 300 women's groups and related organisations. Representatives of more than 50 local women's groups and related organisations attended these sessions and topics discussed included gender mainstreaming, collection of sex-disaggregated data, combating domestic violence, employment of low-skilled women, and work of the WoC. We also supported the WoC in arranging meeting and discussion session with individual women's group and related organisation.

In August 2009, LWB assisted the WoC in organising its third large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" to review Hong Kong's implementation of the United Nations's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Conference was attended by over 500 people and provided a platform for representatives of women's groups, relevant non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, government officials and students to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as to exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in Hong Kong.

LWB has also assisted the WoC in maintaining close networking with the relevant Mainland, regional and international bodies. Members of LWB and WoC regularly participate in regional and international conferences and, in 2010, representatives of LWB and WoC will participate in the annual session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Women Leaders' Network meeting.

The above activities have facilitated our communication and liaison with the women's groups and related organisations and international agencies. We will continue with these efforts. Resources required for carrying out these ongoing activities are absorbed within the existing provisions of the LWB.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)041** 

Question Serial No. 0407

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Administration states that it will "continue to review policies and services related to women and promote the development of new or improved services, including new models and good practices" in 2010-11. Please provide the following information:

- (a) the policies and services covered by the review in 2009-10 and 2010-11, the departments and expenditure involved and the results;
- (b) the progress of existing services and their expenditure in 2009-10;
- (c) the policies and services to be reviewed in 2010-11, the departments and expenditure involved and the expected results;
- (d) the details of new services plan, estimated expenditure and staffing establishment in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working with the Women's Commission (WoC) to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. In 2009-10, key policies and programmes reviewed by the WoC included amendments to the Domestic Violence Ordinance, the new academic structure for senior secondary education, childcare services, the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance scheme, the interim proposals of the Law Reform Commission on a sex offender register, and women's participation rate in Government advisory and statutory bodies, etc. Representatives of the concerned bureaux and departments such as Social Welfare Department, Education Bureau and Home Affairs Bureau were invited to brief the WoC on their policies and programmes, and members offered to them advice and recommendations from the gender perspective. Bureaux and departments followed up on the advice and recommendations as appropriate and

updated WoC on progress from time to time. If necessary, the WoC would invite the relevant bureaux and departments for further discussion.

In 2010-11, we will keep up our efforts and work with the WoC on policies / programmes to be covered in the review, including the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in Hong Kong, the development of mediation in Hong Kong and follow up on women's participation rate in Government advisory and statutory bodies. The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provision of LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)042

Question Serial No. 0408

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Administration states that it will continue to conduct public education and publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues. Please advise on:

- (a) the progress, the effectiveness and the expenditure of all the programmes for 2009-10 in each District Council District;
- (b) the details, the expenditure involved and anticipated effect of the projects for 2010-11 in each District Council District; and
- (c) whether it has taken into account for characteristics of different communities in deciding on the number, venues and topics of the projects. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has all along been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in organising various territory-wide public education and publicity programmes seeking to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society and to raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These initiatives target largely at the general community so that people from all sectors may participate in and benefit from the programmes.

An example of such territory-wide initiative is large-scale conferences. LWB provides assistance to WoC in organising such conferences from time to time. In August 2009, a conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was held. The conference attracted over 500 participants, and provided a forum for exchange with women's groups and parties concerned with the development of women on a wide range of issues relevant to women and to arouse the public's interest in women issues. In addition, WoC organises various types of competitions to arouse the awareness of the

public, particularly students, on gender-related issues. In 2008, we supported WoC in organising a debate competition on gender issues for secondary and tertiary students to generate interest, awareness and more thorough understanding of various gender issues among students. WoC also launched a short video filming competition for promoting gender awareness among students in December 2009. Moreover, LWB assists WoC in organising the International Women's Day (IWD) celebration events every year. On 8 March 2010, a luncheon talk on "Women's Participation – An Economic Development Imperative" was organised and more than 300 participants attended the event to celebrate the IWD.

Moreover, LWB has, in collaboration with WoC, organised publicity and public education programmes to enhance the general public's understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women over the year. These initiatives include organising conferences, roving exhibition in public libraries, district community centres and government buildings, as well as interactive educational drama for primary and secondary schools. District-based public education campaign in collaboration with women's groups will also be organised in the coming year. The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

Apart from the above, at the district level, efforts have also been made to foster closer cooperation with the District Councils (DCs) in promoting women's interests. WoC established a gender focal point (GFP) network in DCs in late 2008 to help promote gender mainstreaming in the community. Each of the 18 DCs has now designated a Member as the GFP to facilitate communication and collaboration between DCs and WoC. In 2009, we assisted the WoC in visiting the Kowloon City, Tsuen Wan, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Central and Western, and Southern DCs. Feedbacks from the relevant DCs were positive: with clear undertaking to support worthy projects conducive to women's development and well-being in their respective districts where appropriate. We also supported the WoC in arranging a meeting in January 2010 with the DC GFPs to further explore possible collaboration initiatives. With the assistance of the GFPs, Yau Tsim Mong DC has already set up a dedicated working group on women affairs and organised a seminar and a day-camp on gender-related issues in 2009-10. Tsuen Wan DC also organised a women's leadership training programme to develop the leadership potential of women in the district. Continuous visits to and collaborative efforts with the DCs will continue in the coming year.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)043** 

Question Serial No. 0409

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

According to the Administration, the provision for promoting women's interests in 2010-11 is \$4.2 million higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10. This is mainly due to the increased requirement for supporting the work of the Women's Commission. Please advise us on:

- (a) how the increased amount of provision is calculated;
- (b) details of increasing the provision, including staff establishment, the areas of work supported and results expected;
- (c) whether the Women's Commission has been consulted on the provision, or the formulation or modification of legislation and policy in the last year (i.e. 2009-10) and if yes, what are the details; and if no, whether consultation will be considered in future?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

The Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), adopted a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education, to promote the well-being and interests of women in Hong Kong. We also collaborate closely with women's groups and non-governmental organisations in taking forward our initiatives.

The increase in provision for Programme (3) of Head 141 in 2010-11 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenses for supporting initiatives taken forward by the WoC. These initiatives include assisting the Government in the preparation of the third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in Hong Kong and the associated publicity activities for promoting CEDAW; the implementation of the

Capacity Building Mileage Programme for the continuing education of women; the pursuit of gender–related studies as well as the organisation of public education initiatives for promoting gender awareness, etc. With the joint efforts of the WoC, women's groups and different sectors of the community, we anticipate that the continuous advancement of women's status and enhancement of public's awareness of gender-related issues could be achieved.

There is a team of officers in the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) responsible for, inter alia, promoting the well-being and interests of women in Hong Kong, including providing secretariat support for the WoC and implementing programmes initiated by the WoC. The team comprises 12 officers and supporting staff.

LWB has been working with the WoC to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. In 2009-10, key policies and programmes reviewed by the WoC included amendments to the Domestic Violence Ordinance, the new academic structure for senior secondary education, childcare services, the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance scheme, the interim proposals of the Law Reform Commission on a sex offender register, and women's participation rate in Government advisory and statuory bodies, etc. Such efforts will continue in the coming year.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)044** 

Question Serial No. 0509

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Administration states that it will continue to support the Women's Commission in promoting the well-being and interests of women through its three-pronged strategy. Please advise on:

- (a) the details, the effectiveness and the expenditure of the programmes for 2009-10 in support of the Women's Commission;
- (b) the details, anticipated effect and the estimated expenditure of the programmes for 2010-11 in support of the Women's Commission; and
- (c) whether an assessment has been made of the effectiveness of the programmes organised by the Women's Commission in 2009-10 in promoting the interests of women. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) provides assistance to the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting the well-being and interests of women through a three-pronged strategy, viz. the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. A team of officers in LWB is responsible for, inter alia, providing secretariat support for WoC and help implement programmes initiated by the Commission.

To provide an enabling environment for women, the Administration has been implementing gender mainstreaming in various policy and programme areas since 2002. In this respect, WoC developed a Gender Mainstreaming Checklist in 2002 and revised it in 2009 to enable Government officials to apply gender mainstreaming in a more systematic manner. Furthermore, to promote gender mainstreaming in the community, we assisted WoC in establishing a gender focal point (GFP) network in

District Councils (DCs) in late 2008. Each of the 18 DCs has now designated a Member as the GFP to facilitate communication and collaboration between DCs and WoC. In 2009, we assisted WoC in visiting the Kowloon City, Tsuen Wan, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Central and Western, and Southern DCs. Feedbacks from the relevant DCs were positive: with clear undertaking to support worthy projects conducive to women's development and well-being in their respective districts where appropriate. We also supported the WoC in arranging a meeting in January 2010 with the DC GFPs to further explore possible collaboration initiatives. With the assistance of the GFPs, Yau Tsim Mong DC has already set up a dedicated working group on women affairs and organised a seminar and a day-camp on gender-related issues in 2009-10. Tsuen Wan DC also organised a women's leadership training programme to develop the leadership potential of women in the district. Such collaborative efforts with the DCs will continue in the coming year.

To empower women and to enable them to pursue life-long learning and self-development, we have continued with our on-going efforts to support WoC in implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP). Up to November 2009, the cumulative number of enrolments exceeded 35 000, not to mention the large network of audience reached through the radio programmes. Feedback from students is that they have benefited from the programme in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts. Starting from 2009-10, we would allocate a total of \$20 million for three years to expand the CBMP and provide fee remissions to women with financial difficulty so as to encourage more women to pursue continuous learning and self-development.

Over the years, the Administration has worked closely with WoC to organise various public education programmes seeking to reduce gender prejudice and stereotype in society and raise public awareness of gender-related issues. These included open forums and seminars, producing announcements of public interest on television and radio and posters, as well as organising various types of competitions and celebration events for the International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March every year. In 2009-10, we assisted WoC in organising a large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits -Women in the 21st Century" in August 2009, which attracted over 500 participants and provided a forum for exchange with women's groups and parties concerned with women development on a wide range of issues relevant to women and to arouse the public's interest in women issues. WoC also launched a short video filming competition for promoting gender awareness among students, organised a luncheon talk on "Women Participation - An Economic Development Imperative" to celebrate the IWD with over 300 participants on 8 March 2010. We will continue with our on-going efforts in organising these publicity programmes.

Apart from the above, LWB has also collaborated with WoC in organising publicity and public education programmes to enhance the general public's understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). These initiatives include organising conferences, roving exhibition in public libraries, community centres and government building as well as

interactive educational drama for primary and secondary schools. District-based public education campaigns, in collaboration with women's groups, will also be organised in the coming year. Moreover, we will collaborate with WoC in preparing the third report on the implementation of CEDAW in Hong Kong for submission to the United Nations CEDAW Committee as part of the combined seventh and eighth report of the People's Republic of China under the Convention.

With the joint efforts of WoC, women's groups and different sectors of the community, we anticipate that continuous advancement of women's status and enhancement of public's awareness of gender-related issues could be achieved. The expenditure spent in this programme area in 2009-10 was \$19.6 million while the expenditure in 2010-11 is estimated to be \$23.8 million.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)045** 

Question Serial No. 0850

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

The Administration states that it will "continue to work with relevant parties to enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies". Please provide the following information:

- (a) the progress, results and expenditure of all the activities in 2009-10;
- (b) the detailed plan, expenditure involved and expected results in 2010-11;
- (c) Has any target been set for higher participation by women in advisory and statutory bodies in terms of their number and percentage? Please provide the target number and percentage.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Over the past years, WoC had a number of exchanges with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the subject policy bureau, to discuss ways to further promote women's participation in ASBs. A proactive approach has been taken to achieve the target, including –

- (a) requiring all submissions making recommendations for appointments to ASBs to include a paragraph on gender consideration;
- (b) encouraging bureaux and departments to reach out, identify and cultivate women who are able and willing to contribute to the work of ASBs; and
- (c) increasing the number of female candidates in the Central Personality Index maintained by HAB.

In 2010-11, the Administration will continue to implement the measures mentioned in (a) to (c) above. HAB will hold exchange sessions with bureaux concerned to remind them of the importance of gender balance in ASBs and discuss ways to further promote women's participation in ASBs under the purview of bureaux, and apprise WoC of the latest position accordingly. The resources required for carrying out the relevant work are absorbed within the existing provisions of concerned bureaux and departments.

Taking into account the advice of WoC, HAB has since 2004 set a gender benchmark of 25% as an initial working target for appointment to ASBs. According to HAB, based on information provided by bureaux and departments, women's participation in ASBs reached the target of 25% in December 2005 as compared with 20.3% in December 2002. As at the end of December 2009, over 27% of the appointed members were women and the setting of the existing 25% gender benchmark is therefore considered effective in enhancing women's participation rate in ASBs. We will closely monitor the situation.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)046** 

Question Serial No. 2677

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Is there any plan to engage other policy bureau to implement the gender-check-list and to make sure that "gender" will be incorporated in their policy decision making process? If so, how much money has been allocated for this exercise? If not, why not?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

### Reply:

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. The WoC has developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officials in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a more systematic way, so that women and men will have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. We have applied the Checklist to over 30 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as health care reform, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, design of facilities in public buildings and the Qualification Framework.

Taking into account the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and in implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, the WoC has recently reviewed the Checklist. The review was subsequently completed in late 2009 and the revised Checklist was issued to provide better assistance to Government officials in applying gender mainstreaming in different policy and programme areas. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to the Victim Support Programme under the Social Welfare Department (SWD), a new initiative announced in the Budget Speech this year to strengthen support for victims of domestic violence, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. We are also discussing

with the Home Affairs Department and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to explore whether they can apply the revised Checklist to their relevant policy and programme areas. Moreover, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued a memorandum in February 2010 to all Directors of Bureaux and Heads of Departments on the importance of applying gender mainstreaming in their policy and programme areas, and solicited bureaux and departments' support in further applying the revised Checklist.

Apart from adopting the Checklist, staff of many bureaux and departments have also applied the gender mainstreaming concept in the course of their daily work, taking into account the needs and perspectives of both genders. Some examples include vocational training for adult offenders, first aid services, provision of leisure and cultural services, procurement of uniform and accountrements for frontline disciplinary service officers, the Continuing Education Fund, the Central Fund for Personal Computer, and the Tamar Development Project.

To facilitate promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has set up a network of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in all bureaux and departments since 2003. The GFPs serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments and as the liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of officers in their respective organisations.

Following the advice of the GFPs, we have continued with our on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. Over 4 300 civil servants of different grades and ranks have attended various classroom gender-related training. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, ArchSD and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. In addition, gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the GFPs, and the Customs and Excise Department and SWD have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programmes.

In addition, LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants in early 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender mainstreaming and its application and hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out nearly 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of the LWB in July 2009 to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. We are also developing an online training course on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues which will be launched before April 2010 to

assist all civil servants to understand the gender mainstreaming concept and other related knowledge in a more flexible manner.

Resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of the LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)047** 

Question Serial No. 2678

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

(a) How many gender focal points have been appointed? What are their major duties?

- (b) How many rounds of training have been provided in the past one year and the plan for coming year (2010-11)? What are the details of this training programme and is there any assessment on the effectiveness of this gender training?
- (c) How can the Legislative Councillors and members of the public find out who the gender focal points are in each Bureau/Department?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

There are currently 72 Gender Focal Points (GFPs) across all bureaux and departments and 64 of them are officers at directorate level. The GFPs serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments and as the liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of the officers in their respective organisations. The list of GFPs in bureaux and departments can be found at the websites of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and Women's Commission.

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, it is crucial to first develop a better understanding and awareness of gender-related issues across the civil service. To this end, LWB has continued with its on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. Over 4 300 civil servants of different grades and ranks have attended various classroom gender-related training. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various

departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, Architectural Services Department and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. In addition, gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the GFPs, and the Customs and Excise Department and the Social Welfare Department have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programmes.

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With these efforts, the gender awareness and sensitivity of civil servants have been enhanced more and more. Staff of different bureaux and departments now take into account the needs and perspectives of both genders in the course of their daily work. We will continue with the existing mode of classroom plus e-learning in arranging for gender-related training for civil servants.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)048

Question Serial No. 2679

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

The Women's Commission does not have any full time gender expert serving the Committee. Will the Bureau consider allocating resources to allow the Women's Commission to hire a full time gender expert to assist the work of the Committee? If so, what are the details? If not, why not?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

#### Reply:

The Women's Commission (WoC) comprises 20 non-official members with diverse backgrounds and expertise. They come from different sectors of the community such as the academia, social service, education, business, professional and labour sectors, women's groups and ethnic minority group, etc. The diverse background of the membership of WoC enables the Commission to have a broad horizon and take account of the interests and needs of women from different quarters of the society. In particular, the two WoC members from the academia provide useful advice on the global trend of women's development as well as on the way forward for promoting women's advancement in Hong Kong.

In taking forward its work, WoC maintains close communication with gender experts and solicit their advice where necessary. With the assistance of gender experts, WoC revised the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist in late 2009 to provide better assistance to government officials in applying gender mainstreaming in different policy and programme areas. Besides, members of WoC and the Labour and Welfare Bureau participate regularly in regional and international conferences to keep abreast of the latest trend in promoting women's interests around the world. We will continue to participate in relevant conferences and work in tandem with gender experts, as appropriate, in advancing the interests and status of women in Hong Kong. We consider the present arrangements appropriate.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)049** 

Question Serial No. 2680

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

(a) Is there any plan to engage or consult women's NGOs in the drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women report? If so, how much money has been allocated?

(b) Is there any plan to help the public understand CEDAW & to express their views? What resources have been allocated for this task?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

## Reply:

The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) was extended to Hong Kong in 1996. Since then, the Government has strived to adhere to the principles of CEDAW and to promote public awareness of the Convention. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) is currently preparing for the submission of the third report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), which will form part of the combined seventh and eighth report of the People's Republic of China under the Convention.

LWB will collaborate with the Women's Commission (WoC) in preparing the third CEDAW report. In line with past practice and making reference to the preparation of other similar reports submitted to the United Nations, the Government will launch a public consultation on the draft outline of the report. During the consultation period, WoC will assist the Government in conducting a consultation session with the women sector. We will also consult the Panel on Constitutional Affairs under the Legislative Council. Views received during the public consultation period will be carefully considered and reflected in the report as appropriate.

LWB has, in collaboration with WoC, organised publicity and public education programmes over the years to enhance the general public's understanding of CEDAW. These initiatives include organising conferences, roving exhibition in public libraries,

district community centres and government buildings, as well as interactive educational drama for primary and secondary schools. In August 2009, WoC organised a conference entitled "Beyond Limits - Women in the 21st Century" which served as a platform for reviewing HKSAR's implementation of CEDAW and provided an opportunity for participants to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in HKSAR. District-based public education campaign in collaboration with Women's groups will also be organised in the coming year. In addition, publicity materials including brochures, cartoon booklets, videos and newsletters will be produced to promote public awareness of the Convention and HKSAR's progress in various areas covered by the Convention. The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provision of LWB.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)050** 

Question Serial No. 1927

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

There will be an increase of \$43 million in the provision for 2010-11. In this regard, please give details of the distribution of the provision for various new initiatives, the manpower involved and the timetable for implementation.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

### Reply:

The increase in provision for Programme (2) of Head 141 in 2010-11 is mainly due to the additional funding required for the following new and on-going initiatives:

#### New initiatives (around \$34 million)

- (i) to implement a pilot scheme on visiting pharmacist services for residential care homes for the elderly;
- (ii) to conduct a consultancy study on community care services for the elderly;
- (iii) to re-organise the accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre to release space for providing residential/rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities (PWDs); and
- (iv) to meet other ad hoc funding requirements on social welfare that may arise during 2010-11.

### On-going initiatives (around \$9 million)

- (i) to step up public education and publicity on the rights of the PWDs and their integration into society; and
- (ii) to meet the higher cash flow requirements for various existing initiatives.

The pilot scheme on visiting pharmacist services for residential care homes for the elderly and the consultancy study on community care services for the elderly are planned to commence in the first quarter of 2010-11. The implementation plan for other new initiatives are being worked out.

The manpower required for these initiatives will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Labour and Welfare Bureau and Social Welfare Department.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)051

Question Serial No. 2299

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11", the Government will continue to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong through the Social Welfare Advisory Committee. In this connection, will the Government provide details of the study in formulating the long-term social welfare policy? What measures will be adopted in order to strengthen civic engagement during the reviewing process?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

#### Reply:

The Administration has undertaken to study the long-term development planning for social welfare in Hong Kong through the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC). To prepare for the study, SWAC has in 2008 invited stakeholders in the sector to offer their initial views on a number of key issues pertinent to the study. The consultation period has been extended from four months to six months on the request of the sector. In light of the comments collected, SWAC has set up a Task Group on Welfare Planning to take forward the exercise. As part of the study process, SWAC plans to conduct another round of more in-depth consultation with the sector and the relevant stakeholders and a consultation paper for that purpose is near completion. SWAC expects to launch this second round of consultation within the second quarter of 2010. As part of the consultation process, SWAC plans to arrange several consultation sessions to exchange views direct with the sector and stakeholders.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)052

Question Serial No. 2300

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

Under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11", the Government will continue to assist in the development and monitoring of measures designed to promote the self-reliance, accessibility and employment opportunities of persons with disabilities (PWDs). In this connection, what additional measures will the Government provide on top of the current established practice? How would the Government ensure that these measures will be effective in catering for the needs of PWDs?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

## Reply:

The 2007 Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) sets out the strategic directions and recommendations for enhancing rehabilitation services in promoting the self-reliance, accessibility and employment opportunities of PWDs. These recommendations, pertaining to a wide spectrum of areas affecting the PWDs including prevention and identification, medical rehabilitation, pre-school training, education, employment and vocational rehabilitation, residential care, community support, access and transport, information and communications technologies, recreational, sports, cultural and arts activities, public education etc., were formulated following more than two years' deliberations of a dedicated RPP Review Working Group headed by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and comprising persons with different disabilities, representatives from the rehabilitation sector and relevant Government bureaux and departments as members.

The RPP recommendations are being taken forward through close collaboration amongst Government bureaux and departments, the rehabilitation sector, the business sector and the community at large. On the advice of the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) which has since 1977 been serving as the principal advisory body to the Government on the rights of PWDs and the development and implementation of rehabilitation policies in Hong Kong, LWB will continue to monitor the implementation of the various recommendations of the RPP on a regular basis. Persons

with different disabilities, representatives of the rehabilitation sector and the parents' group serve on the RAC to reflect the needs of the PWDs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)053

Question Serial No.

1517

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

In "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11", it is stated that the Administration will map out the way forward in the light of the outcome of the review on the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong for the Old Age Allowance. What are the concrete work plans in this respect?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

### Reply:

We are conducting an in-depth review to look into the feasibility of further relaxing the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong for recipients of Old Age Allowance and will release the findings as soon as possible upon the completion of the review.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.
LWB(WW)054

Question Serial No. 1518

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

In 2010-11, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to oversee the implementation of the trial scheme on integrated support services for elderly hospital dischargees. What are the provision for the scheme and the estimated number of participants in 2010-11? What are the respective changes over a year earlier, i.e. 2009-10?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

### Reply:

The Integrated Discharge Support Trial Programme for Elderly Pateints (the Trial Programme) aims at reducing the hospital re-admission rate of elderly dischargees through better discharge planning and post-discharge support, thereby relieving the stress of their carers.

The expenditures and numbers of beneficiaries of the Trial Programme in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

	Expenditure / Estimated Expenditure	No. of Beneficiaries Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	
		Elders	Carers
2009-10	\$36 million	5 197	5 537
		(Note)	(Note)
2010-11	\$36 million	9 000	3 000

Note: The number of beneficiaries in 2009-10 provided above is as of end-December 2009. Statistics for the last quarter of 2009-10 are not yet available.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)055** 

Question Serial No. 1134

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

What are the provisions for the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively? What are the criteria for monitoring and supervising the progress of the CBMP? Will an assessment study be conducted to decide whether the programme should be an ongoing exercise?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

#### Reply:

The Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) is a large-scale learning programme with a women-focus. It was initiated by the Women's Commission (WoC) and is being implemented by the Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) in collaboration with the Commercial Radio (CR) and nearly 80 women's groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The CBMP is delivered through radio broadcasting and face-to-face courses delivered by NGOs. The courses include subjects such as managing interpersonal relationships, finance management, health and other practical issues in daily life.

CBMP was first operated on a pilot basis. With its proven success in encouraging women's life-long learning, the Administration has in March 2007 started to provide funding to support the continued operation of CBMP, such that the CBMP course fee can continue to be set at a relatively low level to provide affordable learning opportunities for women. In 2009-10, the Administration allocated \$20 million for three years to expand the CBMP and provide fee remissions to women with financial difficulty. The provision for the CBMP in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are about \$5.4 million and \$6 million respectively. The Administration will consider the future arrangement of the CBMP in 2011-12.

To monitor and supervise the progress of the CBMP, a Steering Committee has been set up under WoC to provide strategic input and guidance to CBMP's development and implementation. The Steering Committee comprises representatives of WoC, OUHK and CR. A Programme Management Committee has also been set up by OUHK to oversee course development and programme management of the CBMP within the University.

CBMP recorded an enrolment of over 7 100 in 2009 and has a cumulative enrolment of over 35 000 since its inception in March 2004. These have not included the large network of audience reached through the radio programme. According to an audience rating survey commissioned by OUHK in 2008, it was estimated that about 720 000 people had listened to the radio programme in the preceding year of the survey.

Evaluation questionnaires are collected from students after their completion of each CBMP course. Feedback from students is generally positive and indicated that they have benefited from the programme in terms of increased interests in learning, enhanced confidence and knowledge in resolving problems in daily life, and sharpened communication skills which help improve their interpersonal relationships in the family and employment contexts.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)056** 

Question Serial No. 2032

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question:**

Regarding the provision of an additional funding of \$4 million for the District-based Scheme on Carer Training, what are the specific details of the operation and approach of the Scheme? Which centres will implement it? How will its effectiveness be assessed?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

### Reply:

The District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) was first introduced in 2007 to enhance carers' capability through training so as to alleviate their stress in caring for the elders.

So far, the Scheme has been implemented through the District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs). Each centre is allocated seed money of \$50,000 to run carer training programmes in collaboration with community organisations and to develop carer services, and is required to provide carer training to at least 60 individuals.

In view of the positive response of DECCs to the Scheme, we have decided to extend the Scheme to cover all Neighbourhood Elderly Centres from April 2010. A total of 114 centres have now joined the Scheme. To evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme, we collect feedback through meetings with the participating centres and distributing questionnaires to participants of the training programmes.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)057** 

Question Serial No. 2884

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

In the 2010-11 estimates, there is an increase of provision of \$43 million for a number of initiatives. What are these programmes or initiatives? What are the estimated amounts of provision earmarked for these initiatives and programmes?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

### Reply:

The increase in provision for Programme (2) of Head 141 in 2010-11 is mainly due to the additional funding required for the following new and on-going initiatives:

### New initiatives (around \$34 million)

- (i) to implement a pilot scheme on visiting pharmacist services for residential care homes for the elderly;
- (ii) to conduct a consultancy study on community care services for the elderly;
- (iii) to re-organise the accommodation of the Pokfulam Skills Centre to release space for providing residential/rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities (PWDs); and
- (iv) to meet other ad hoc funding requirements on social welfare that may arise during 2010-11.

### On-going initiatives (around \$9 million)

(i) to step up public education and publicity on the rights of the PWDs and their integration into society; and

(ii) to meet the higher cash flow requirements for various existing initiatives.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)058** 

Question Serial No. 2886

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

(a) The revised estimate of 2009-10 represents a decrease of almost \$4 million against the original estimate. Would the Administration please advise this Committee of the reduced items or measures causing such revision?

- (b) The 2010-11 estimate is \$4.2 million higher than the 2009-10 revised estimate. What are the items that necessitate such additional funding?
- (c) Are the revisions concerning the above two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11) related to the same items of work of which implementation have been deferred?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

#### Reply:

The difference between the original and revised estimates in 2009-10 in Programme (3) under Head 141 was mainly due to the savings achieved in organising public education and publicity activities by the Women's Commission (WoC) including a large-scale conference held in August 2009, the savings achieved in participating in regional and international conferences, as well as the rescheduling of and the reduced expenditure required for a large-scale survey initiated by the WoC.

The difference between the revised estimate in 2009-10 and the estimate in 2010-11 in this Programme area is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenses for supporting initiatives to be taken forward by the WoC. These initiatives include assisting the Government in the preparation of the third report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in Hong Kong and the associated publicity and public education programmes for promoting the Convention; implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme for the continuing education of women; organising publicity and public education programmes for promoting gender awareness, etc. The increase in provision is for undertaking new initiatives planned for the coming year as well as for

continuing with some of WoC's initiatives which have been carried forward from 2009-10 to 2010-11.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)059** 

Question Serial No. 2887

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

Regarding the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" and gender mainstreaming concept, would the Administration advise on:

- (a) Whether the anticipated outcomes were achieved in the past year (i.e. 2009-10)? What was the expenditure involved?
- (b) The Bureau has indicated that it will continue to promote the implementation of the concept to more policy areas in 2010-11. What are the specific details? What targets are expected to be achieved? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

#### Reply:

To facilitate the incorporation of women's needs and perspectives during the formulation of policy and legislative proposals and their implementation, the Administration has, on the advice and with the assistance of the Women's Commission (WoC), implemented gender mainstreaming since 2002. The WoC has developed the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist (the Checklist), an analytical tool to assist government officials in incorporating gender needs and perspectives into the policy formulation and programme development processes in a more systematic way, so that women and men will have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities. We have applied the Checklist to over 30 specific policy or programme areas which are of relevance to women, such as health care reform, promotion of breast-feeding and provision of baby-care facilities, HIV prevention programme, infirmary care services in non-hospital setting, review of the Domestic Violence Ordinance, retraining programme, design of facilities in public buildings and the Qualification Framework.

Taking into account the practical experience gained in applying the Checklist and in implementing the gender mainstreaming concept by the Government over the years, the WoC has recently reviewed the Checklist. The review was subsequently completed in

late 2009 and the revised Checklist was issued to provide better assistance to Government officials in applying gender mainstreaming in different policy and programme areas. Since its revision, the Checklist has been applied to the Victim Support Programme under the Social Welfare Department (SWD), a new initiative announced in the Budget Speech this year to strengthen support for victims of domestic violence, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. We are also discussing with the Home Affairs Department and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to explore whether they can apply the revised Checklist to their relevant policy and programme areas. Moreover, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare issued a memorandum in February 2010 to all Directors of Bureaux and Heads of Departments on the importance of applying gender mainstreaming in their policy and programme areas, and solicited bureaux and departments' support in further applying the revised Checklist.

Apart from adopting the Checklist, staff of many bureaux and departments have also applied the gender mainstreaming concept in the course of their daily work, taking into account the needs and perspectives of both genders. Some examples include vocational training for adult offenders, first aid services, provision of leisure and cultural services, procurement of uniform and accoutrements for frontline disciplinary service officers, the Continuing Education Fund, the Central Fund for Personal Computer, and the Tamar Development Project.

To facilitate promotion of gender mainstreaming in the Government, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has set up a network of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in all bureaux and departments since 2003. The GFPs serve as the resource persons for their respective bureaux and departments and as the liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. They also assist in raising awareness and understanding of gender-related issues of officers in their respective organisations.

Following the advice of the GFPs, we have continued with our on-going efforts to provide training to civil servants to raise their awareness of gender-related issues and the concept of gender mainstreaming. Over 4 300 civil servants of different grades and ranks have attended various classroom gender-related training. Besides mass seminars organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute which are open to civil servants of all grades and ranks, we have also collaborated with various departments including the Department of Health, Housing Department, ArchSD and Labour Department to arrange tailor-made programmes for their staff. In addition, gender-related training has been included as part of the induction training for all newly recruited Administrative Officers since 2001, and will be included in the induction programme for all Executive Officers this year. Moreover, we have provided gender-related training to the GFPs, and the Customs and Excise Department and SWD have incorporated gender-related training into their regular training programmes.

In addition, LWB has also developed a web-portal on gender mainstreaming for reference by all civil servants in early 2009. The web-portal serves as a resource and experience-sharing platform to help enhance understanding of the concept of gender mainstreaming for all civil servants. It comprises information about gender mainstreaming and its application and hyperlinks to useful websites. It also sets out

nearly 40 examples of different policy or programme areas that have applied gender mainstreaming. The web-portal has been uploaded to the website of the LWB in July 2009 to enhance public understanding of the Administration's work in promoting gender mainstreaming. We are also developing an online training course on gender mainstreaming and gender-related issues which will be launched before April 2010 to assist all civil servants to understand the gender mainstreaming concept and other related knowledge in a more flexible manner.

With these efforts, the gender awareness and sensitivity of civil servants have been enhanced. Staff of different bureaux and departments have also taken into account the needs and perspectives of both genders in the course of their daily work. Resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provisions of the LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)060** 

Question Serial No. 2888

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

According to the Bureau, regular meetings and exchanges with local women's groups and service agencies were conducted. What is the number of these contacts in the past year (i.e. 2009-10)? Regarding newly established groups and agencies, does the Bureau have a systematic method in place to collect their contact information? Is the method adequate?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

### Reply:

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women's groups and organisations or agencies providing women-related services, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women's Commission (WoC), regularly meet with them to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In 2009, we supported the WoC in arranging three exchange sessions and invitations were sent to some 300 women's groups and related organisations. Representatives of more than 50 local women's groups and related organisations attended these sessions and topics discussed included gender mainstreaming, collection of sex-disaggregated data, combating domestic violence, employment of low-skilled women and the work of the WoC. We also supported the WoC in arranging meetings and discussion sessions with individual women's group and related organisation.

In August 2009, LWB assisted the WoC in organising its third large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" to review Hong Kong's implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Conference was attended by over 500 people and provided a platform for representatives of women's groups, relevant non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, government officials and students to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as to exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in Hong Kong.

The LWB and the WoC have maintained a contact list of women's groups and organisations providing services to women or with an interest in women matters to facilitate our communication with these organisations. To ensure that our contact list is up-to-date, we have appealed to the organisations to keep us posted of any changes to their contact information and an information update form is available on the WoC website for this purpose. Moreover, we keep a close watch of relevant news through newspapers or the internet to see if there are newly established women's groups or women-related organisations, and if so, approach the organisations proactively to establish contact with them. Such efforts will continue.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)061

Question Serial No. 2889

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

(a) The Women's Commission (WoC) has been conducting exchanges and meetings with women's groups for many years. Is it possible to develop a common agenda for women to enhance public awareness of gender-related issues? If there is already such an agenda, please provide the details. If not or if there will be no such agenda, what are the reasons?

(b) If there will not be any common agenda, what is the long-term positioning of WoC? How to assess its direction for long-term development?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

#### Reply:

As a central mechanism for advancing the status of women in Hong Kong, the Women's Commission (WoC) is tasked to take a strategic overview on women's issues and advise the Government on matters of concern to women in a holistic and systemic manner. To this end, WoC maintains close communication with women's groups to exchange views on issues of concern to women and incorporate the views and suggestion received in organising WoC's various initiatives.

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women's groups and organisations or agencies providing women-related services, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the WoC, regularly meet with them to exchange views on issues of common concern to women. In 2009, we supported the WoC in arranging three exchange sessions and invitations were sent to some 300 women's groups and related organisations. Representatives of more than 50 local women's groups and related organisations attended these sessions and topics discussed included gender mainstreaming, collection of sex-disaggregated data, combating domestic violence, employment of low-skilled women, and work of the WoC, etc. Representatives of women's groups are also welcome to suggest other issues of concern to women for discussion with WoC.

In August 2009, the WoC organised its third large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" to review the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in Hong Kong. After consulting women's groups, eight plenary sessions, each focusing on a well-defined area of concern to women which covers, for example, Women's Participation in Decision-making; Economic Participation of Women; Protection of Women's Rights and Education and Empowerment for Women, were held. The Conference was attended by over 500 people and provided a platform for representatives of women's groups, relevant non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, government officials and students to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as to exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in Hong Kong.

In 2010-11, the Government will submit its third report, which will form part of the combined seventh and eighth report of the People's Republic of China, under CEDAW. LWB will work closely with WoC to collect the views of women's groups and relevant stakeholders in preparing the report. In line with the past practice, we will consult the public on the draft outline of the report. During the public consultation period, WoC will assist the Government in consultating the women sector. Views received during the public consultation period will be carefully considered and reflected in the report as appropriate.

LWB has, in collaboration with WoC, organised publicity and public education programmes over the years to enhance the general public's understanding of CEDAW. These initiatives include organising conferences, roving exhibitions in public libraries, district community centres and government buildings, as well as interactive educational drama for primary and secondary schools. A district-based public education campaign in collaboration with women's groups will also be organised in the coming year. In addition, publicity materials including brochures, cartoon booklets, videos and newsletters will be produced to promote public awareness of the Convention and HKSAR's progress in various areas covered by the Convention.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)062** 

Question Serial No. 3166

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

On matters concerning the review on and improvement of policies and services related to women in 2010-11, will the Administration advise on:

- (a) the specific details of the new models and improved good practices;
- (b) the expenditures required for the new models and improved good practices; and
- (c) whether there are other enhancements apart from improving existing models and good practices?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

#### Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working with the Women's Commission (WoC) to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, policies and services related to women. Representatives of the concerned bureaux and departments will be invited to brief the WoC on their legislation, policies and programmes. Apart from suggesting improvement measures to the existing policies or programmes, members also offer advice and recommendations from the gender perspective to the respective bureaux and departments. Bureaux and departments will follow up on the advice and recommendation as appropriate and update WoC on progress from time to time. If necessary, the WoC will invite the relevant bureaux and departments for further discussion.

In 2010-11, we will keep up our efforts and work with the WoC on policies or programmes to be covered in the review, including the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in Hong Kong, the development of mediation in Hong Kong and follow up on women's participation rate in Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs).

To tie in with the submission of the CEDAW report this year, we have collaborated with WoC in organising publicity and public education programmes to enhance the general public's understanding of CEDAW. These initiatives include organising conferences, roving exhibition in public libraries, community centres and government building as well as interactive educational drama for primary and secondary schools. District-based public education campaigns in collaboration with women's groups will also be organised in the coming year. Moreover, we will work with WoC in preparing the third report on the implementation of CEDAW in Hong Kong for submission to the United Nations CEDAW Committee as part of the combined seventh and eighth report of the People's Republic of China under the Convention.

The resources required for carrying out the above measures are absorbed within the existing provision of LWB, as well as those of other concerned bureaux and departments.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)063** 

Question Serial No. 3167

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

Regarding the collaboration between the Government and non-governmental organisations on women's matters, will the Administration advise on :

- (a) the effectiveness of the services provided in the past year; i.e. 2009-10, and whether the objectives were achieved;
- (b) the expenditure involved; and
- (c) whether the objectives for 2010-2011 will be different? If yes, what are the specific objectives? What is the expenditure involved for the relevant work?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

#### Reply:

To enhance mutual understanding and build up a closer partnership with local women's groups and organisations or agencies providing women-related services, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), together with the Women's Commission (WoC), regularly meet with them to exchange views on issues of concern to women. In 2009, we supported the WoC in arranging three exchange sessions and invitations were sent to some 300 women's groups and related organisations. Representatives of more than 50 local women's groups and related organisations attended these sessions and topics discussed included gender mainstreaming, collection of sex-disaggregated data, combating domestic violence, employment of low-skilled women, and work of the WoC. We also supported the WoC in arranging meetings and discussion sessions with individual women's group and related organisation.

In August 2009, LWB assisted the WoC in organising its third large-scale conference entitled "Beyond Limits – Women in the 21st Century" to review Hong Kong's implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Conference was attended by over 500 people and

provided a platform for representatives of women's groups, relevant non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, government officials and students to discuss issues related to the development and well-being of women as well as to exchange views on the future direction and strategies to further promote gender equality and the status of women in Hong Kong.

The above activities have facilitated our communication and liaison with women's groups and related organisations. We will continue with these efforts. Resources required for carrying out the above ongoing activities are absorbed within the existing provisions of LWB.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)064** 

Question Serial No. 3168

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

As regards overseeing the implementation of the Child Development Fund pioneer projects, would the Administration advise on:

- (a) the effectiveness of the projects in 2009-10; and
- (b) the estimated expenditure of the projects for 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

## Reply:

The first batch of seven Child Development Fund (CDF) pioneer projects were rolled out in December 2008 by six operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

We have set up a Steering Committee, comprising official and non-official members, to oversee the implementation of the CDF, and NGOs operating CDF projects are invited to report progress at the Committee's meetings. We have also commissioned a consultancy study to evaluate the pioneer projects in a more in-depth and systematic manner, and to make recommendations on how to further develop the CDF into a longer-term model to promote child development in Hong Kong. The study is on-going.

Initial review indicates that the projects are in good progress. A total of 750 children have been recruited. The drop-out rate is less than 1%, and the majority of the participating children can meet the target of the savings programme. The operating NGOs have also secured sufficient funding from the private sector for matching the children's savings and have recruited sufficient mentors to guide the children. More than 300 training programmes have been organised for the participating children, their parents and mentors.

To benefit more needy children from a disadvantaged background, the Government will roll out a second batch of 15 projects in the first half of 2010, benefiting another 1 500 needy children.

The provision for CDF in the 2010-11 Draft Estimates is \$18.128 million. The provision covers the cost for training programmes for the participating children, their parents and mentors and administrative cost for the operating NGOs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)065

Question Serial No. 0082

Head: 141 – Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### Question:

In paragraph 140 of the Budget Speech 2010-11, the Administration states that "the Government will provide additional funding of about \$4 million to extend the District-based Scheme on Carer Training". As such, would the Government inform this Committee of the number of training places to be allocated to each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong? And, in case of any accident happened to the trained carers when they are participating in care work after the training, who should be held responsible for the legal liability?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

#### Reply:

The District-based Scheme on Carer Training (the Scheme) was first introduced in 2007. So far, 114 elderly centres (comprising 36 District Elderly Community Centres and 78 Neighourhood Elderly Centres) have joined the Scheme. Below is a table showing their distribution by district:

District	Number of	District	Number of
	participating		participating
	elderly centres		elderly centres
Central & Western	4	Sai Kung	6
Islands	2	Kwun Tong	9
Wan Chai	3	Sha Tin	10
Eastern	7	Tai Po	5
Southern	8	North	2
Yau Tsim Mong	7	Yuen Long	6
Sham Shui Po	6	Tsuen Wan	4
Kowloon City	7	Kwai Tsing	12
Wong Tai Sin	13	Tuen Mun	3
·		Total:	114

Under the Scheme, each participating elderly centre receives seed money of \$50,000 to run carer training programmes in collaboration with community organisations and to develop carer services, and is required to provide carer training to at least 60 individuals.

The centres are encouraged to develop carer services by engaging those who have completed the training programmes to work as volunteers or paid carer-helpers. As stipulated in the application guidelines for the Scheme, the participating centres are required to provide insurance for their projects, participants, instructors, carer-helpers, etc., and are responsible for all legal liabilities arising from the implementation of the projects.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)066

Question Serial No. 0898

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

### **Question**:

Regarding the Bureau will "map out the way forward in the light of the outcome of the review on the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong for the Old Age Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme" in 2010-11, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) What are the details of the review outcome? When will the review be completed?
- (b) What are the details of the way forward?
- (c) What is the estimated expenditure for the review?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

#### Reply:

We are conducting an in-depth review to look into the feasibility of further relaxing the permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong for recipients of Old Age Allowance, and will release the findings as soon as possible upon completion of the review.

The review exercise is conducted using existing resources. We do not have a breakdown of the expenditure involved.

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)067** 

Question Serial No. 2532

<u>Head</u>: 141 Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

(a) It is stated in Item 7 of Programme (2) (p.454) that the Administration will "continue to promote different forms of child care services". Please advise on the specific measures and expenditure involved.

(b) In view of the increasing number of core families and working parents in the community, as well as the increasing demand for daily child care services, would the Administration advise whether there are short-term and long-term measures to cope with such social demand? If yes, what are the measures, services and resource arrangements involved?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

#### Reply:

It is the responsibility of parents to take care of their young children. To support parents who are unable to take care of their children temporarily because of work or other reasons, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has all along been providing subvention to non-governmental organisations to run a variety of child care services. We also strive to increase the flexibility of such services.

In response to the changing demands for child care services, the Administation has introduced a series of enhancement measures in recent years. SWD has earmarked \$45 million for the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP). The provision is for a period of three years starting from 2008-09. The NSCCP aims to provide needy parents with more flexible child care service in addition to regular services and to foster, at the same time, mutual help and care in the community. A total of at least 286 home-based child care places and 154 centre-based care group places are provided under the NSCCP.

Other enhancement measures implemented in recent years include: (a) subsidising foster homes and some small group homes, which originally provided only residential

care services, to provide day care services since October and December 2007 respectively; and (b) subsidising Mutual Help Child Care Centres to provide services in the evenings, on weekends and holidays since January 2008.

The total expenditure of SWD on the subvention for child care services for children aged below six (excluding the NSCCP) in 2010-11 is estimated to be about \$32 million. The Administration will continue to closely monitor the operation of the various child care services to ensure that they are able to meet the service demands of our community.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)068** 

Question Serial No. 2071

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (5) Subvention: Skills Centres

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question:**

The Administration has reduced the provision from \$91.6 million for 2009-10 to \$90.8 million for 2010-11. Please advise on the reasons for the reduction, the estimated number of service recipients, the Programme Plan and funding of this year's existing and new courses.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

#### Reply:

The slight change in provision in 2010-11 is mainly due to the 2009 pay adjustment.

The numbers of full-time and part-time trainees for 2010-11 will remain at the same level as in 2009-10, i.e. 660 full-time places, including 120 boarding places and 360 part-time places.

Currently, 10 full-time courses of 660 places are offered, including catering, retail, office support, cleaning services etc. Taking into account the job market demand, abilities and aspiration of the trainees, the planned places for some of these courses will be slightly reduced in 2010-11, and the resources be redirected to the introduction of a new course on training of programme assistants for event management services (45 places).

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Date	19.3.2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)069** 

Question Serial No. 2072

<u>Head</u>: 141 – Government Secretariat: <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Labour and Welfare Bureau

Programme: (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board and Environmental Advisory

Service

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### Question:

Please explain the reason(s) for the decrease in provision from \$5.9 million in 2008-09 to \$5.6 million in 2010-11, and advise on the details of the promotion of services and environmental advisory programmes in 2010-11 and the anticipated number of people to be benefited.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

#### Reply:

The payment of end-of-contract gratuity for the Chairman of the Guardianship Board made in 2008-09 is no longer required in 2010-11. This mainly accounts for the reduction in provision for this Programme in 2010-11.

Guardianship Board is a legal quasi-judicial tribunal and its central statutory role is to conduct hearings in order to make guardianship orders and a range of ancillary orders for people aged 18 years and over with decision-making incapacities. The estimated number of beneficiaries of the services of Guardianship Board in 2010-11 is about 600. To promote its services, the Guardianship Board will continue to participate in and organise public education programmes in 2010, including giving talks at local institutions, universities and non-governmental organisations, organising small group workshops, presenting papers at international conferences, etc.

Environmental Advisory Service is a community architectural consultancy service which aims at providing specialist information and advice on ways to improve access facilities to meet the special needs of persons with disabilities. Its services include advisory services to individuals on renovations of living and working environment, consultation services to architectural and design professionals on accessible design planning and implementation, advisory services to hospitals, government departments, voluntary agencies and health care professionals on provision of adequate accessible facilities and design of accessible buildings, participating in and conducting educational

training to promote accessible environments, etc. The estimated number of beneficiaries of the services of Environmental Advisory Service in 2010-11 is about 500. As regards promotional activities for 2010-11, apart from giving talks to professional bodies at seminars and conferences, Environmental Advisory Service will revamp its website by enhancing relevant contents and its user-friendiness and publish a new pamphlet "A new Perspective on Accessibility in Hong Kong" to promote universal accessibility as well as its services.

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Date	19.3.2010		

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)070** 

Question Serial No. 1038

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: In respect of the provision of school social work,

- (a) it is projected that the number of cases served for 2010-11 is the same as that of 2009-10, i.e. 24 272 cases. What is/are the reason(s)? What figures or reasons does the Administration rely on in making the above projection?
- (b) how many schools are stationed with more than one social worker? What is the percentage to the total number of schools in the territory? Please list the figures by 18 districts.
- (c) are resources earmarked for employing additional social worker to station at schools in order to reduce the number of cases served by each social worker?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

- Reply: (a) The number of cases served by school social workers (SSWs) was maintained at a steady level in the past years. The number of SSWs in 2010-11 will be the same as that in 2009-10, hence the number of cases served by SSWs in 2010-11 is estimated to be the same as the number of cases served in 2009-10 Revised Estimate.
  - (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the "one school social worker for each secondary school" policy since the 2000/01 school year to offer appropriate support and counselling to students encountering difficulties in their academic studies as well as social and emotional development. Among the 484 schools with stationing SSWs, seven (1.4%) are allocated with additional fractional SSW posts ranging from 0.002 to 0.672 SSW posts for historical reasons. Among these seven schools, five are located in Wanchai, Southern, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Kwai Tsing districts respectively while two are in Kwun Tong district.

(c) The non-governmental organisations operating SSW service are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system. They have the flexibility in deploying manpower resources to meet their operational needs in the school setting. Also, SSWs work closely with the school personnel and collaborate with other welfare services units and stakeholders in the district to provide assistance to the students in need. They will make appropriate referrals for the needy students to receive necessary support services. Therefore, we are of the view that the one SSW for each secondary school policy remains sound.

Signature	
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Post Title	Director of Social Welfare
Date	18 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)071

Question Serial No. 0523

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many applications for dental grant by elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients have been approved over the past three years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (for months with available data))? How many items have been approved for each category of dental services (extraction of teeth, dentures, crowns, bridges, scaling, fillings, root canal treatment and others)? What is the total amount of payment involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The statistics on elderly CSSA recipients aged 60 and above claiming dental grant over the past three years, i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10, are as follows:

			2009-10		
	2007-08	2008-09	(up to		
			February 2010)		
Number of claims	2 989	3 487	4 934		
Total amount of					
dental grant	\$13.2 million	\$15.9 million	\$23.5 million		
claimed					

We do not have records showing the breakdown of different treatment items (such as extraction of teeth, dentures, crowns, bridges, scaling, fillings, root canal treatment, etc.).

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Date	18 March 2010

### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)072** 

Question Serial No. 0524

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(2) Social Security Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

Question: How many non-elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients applied for dental grant (please provide a breakdown of the number of adults and children) over the past three years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (for months with available data))? How many cases have been approved? How many items have been approved for each category of dental services (extraction of teeth, dentures, crowns, bridges, scaling, fillings, root canal treatment and others)? What is the total amount of payment involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The statistics on non-elderly CSSA recipients (i) aged 18 or below and (ii) aged 19 to 59 claiming dental grant over the past three years, i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10, are as follows:-

(i) Non-elderly CSSA recipients aged 18 or below

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (up to February 2010)
Number of claims	9	22	22
Total amount of dental grant claimed	\$6,265	\$43,954	\$42,088

(ii) Non-elderly CSSA recipients aged 19 to 59

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (up to February 2010)	
Number of claims	1 428			
Total amount of dental grant claimed	\$5.4 million	\$7.2 million	\$9.9 million	

We do not have records showing the breakdown of different treatment items (such as extraction of teeth, dentures, crowns, bridges, scaling, fillings and root canal treatment, etc.).

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

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)073

Question Serial No. 0525

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance and the number of cases receiving rent allowance more than, equal to and less than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) respectively in 2008-09 and 2009-10 (for months with available data) (please provide a breakdown of the number of cases by recipients living in private housing and public housing and by the number of household members).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

(a) The numbers of cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as below:

	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)			2009-10 (as at the end of February 2010)				
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	63 023	67	2 032	65 122	65 671	63	2 490	68 224
2	42 176	3	168	42 347	44 036	1	199	44 236
3	23 053	1	63	23 117	23 669	0	45	23 714
4	14 634	0	30	14 664	13 895	0	30	13 925
5	5 907	0	13	5 920	5 329	1	9	5 339
6 and above	2 300	0	3	2 303	1 930	0	2	1 932
Total	151 093	71	2 309	153 473	154 530	65	2 775	157 370

(b) The numbers of cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as below:

	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009) 2009-10 (as at the end of Februar				ry 2010)			
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	7 337	745	13 731	21 813	6 985	735	14 015	21 735
2	5 802	188	4 552	10 542	5 634	166	4 677	10 477
3	3 343	29	2 719	6 091	3 239	24	2 813	6 076
4	1 298	2	1 202	2 502	1 315	1	1 247	2 563
5	346	8	411	765	320	8	439	767
6 and above	201	1	152	354	191	0	170	361
Total	18 327	973	22 767	42 067	17 684	934	23 361	41 979

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)074** 

Question Serial No. 0526

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of fraud and abuse cases on Old Age Allowance

(OAA), including newly reported cases; established fraud and abuse cases; and the amount of payment involved over the past three years (i.e. 2007-08,

2008-09 and 2009-10) (for months with available data).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of fraud cases on OAA in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (as at

31 January 2010) is provided as follows:

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (as at 31 January 2010)
(a) Reports of suspected fraud cases on OAA	111	131	120
(b) Established fraud cases on OAA	38	14	28
(c) Amount of overpaymen t involved	\$0.78 million	\$0.32 million	\$0.52 million

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)075

Question Serial No. 0527

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the employment assistance projects, how many people have

joined each project over the past three years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (for months with available data))? How many of them have left the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) net as a result? How many of them have changed to the low earnings category from the

unemployment category?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: In 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) operated the following employment assistance projects for unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59:

- (a) The Intensive Employment Assistance Projects implemented from October 2006 to September 2008 had served 9 038 participants. Amongst them, 689 participants had left the CSSA net and 2 165 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.
- (b) The District Employment Assistance Trial Projects implemented from October 2006 to September 2008 had served 379 participants. Amongst them, 37 participants had left the CSSA net and 146 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.
- (c) The first phase of the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) implemented from October 2006 to September 2007 had served 68 participants aged 15 to 24. Amongst them, 14 participants had left the CSSA net and 25 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment;

The second phase of My STEP implemented from October 2007 to September 2009 had served 611 participants aged 15 to 29. Amongst them, 65 participants had left the CSSA net and 244 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment; and

The third phase of My STEP implemented since October 2009 will last up to September 2011. Up to end-January 2010, there had been 328 participants aged 15 to 29. Amongst them, 34 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.

(d) The Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme implemented since October 2008 will last up to September 2011. Up to end-January 2010, there had been 63 385 participants. Amongst them, 2 389 participants had left the CSSA net and 5 975 participants had changed to the low earnings category as a result of taking up paid employment.

In 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10, SWD also implemented the following New Dawn (ND) Project and the Enhanced ND Project to help single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 build up their capacity for work, integrate into society and move towards self-reliance through engagement in paid employment:

- (a) The ND Project implemented from April 2006 to September 2007 had served 9 131 participants. Amongst them, 504 participants had left the CSSA net and 3 302 participants had secured paid employment with working hours of no less than 32 hours per month.
- (b) The Enhanced ND Project implemented since October 2007 will last up to end-March 2010. As at end-January 2010, the Enhanced ND Project had served 9 943 participants. Amongst them, 261 participants had left the CSSA net and 2 489 participants had secured paid employment with working hours of no less than 32 hours per month.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)076** 

Question Serial No. 0528

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the employment assistance projects, please provide the number of people who had received temporary financial aid (TFA), the amount of payment involved, the amount as a percentage of the total allocation for TFA, the average amount granted on each occasion and the percentage of payment in the form of loans and grants respectively in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10) (for months with available data).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has commissioned operating agencies of employment assistance projects to administer the TFA to be made available to needy participants to meet their expenses in seeking and sustaining employment. The expenditures on TFA to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients under different employment assistance projects in the past three years, i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (up to end-January 2010), were as follows:

	Employment assistance project (Implementation period)	Number of TFA recipients up to end-January 2010	Amount of TFA approved (Percentage of the total TFA allocation)	Average amount of TFA per recipient	Percentage of TFA payment in the form of grant and loan respectively
1.	Intensive Employment Assistance Projects (October 2006 to September 2008)	1 675	\$636,881 (7%)	\$380	61% grant 39% loan
2.	District Employment Assistance Trial Projects (October 2006 to September 2008)	284	\$65,895.4 (11%)	\$232	91% grant 9% loan
3.	The first phase of				

	Employment assistance project (Implementation period)	Number of TFA recipients up to end-January 2010	Amount of TFA approved (Percentage of the total TFA allocation)	Average amount of TFA per recipient	Percentage of TFA payment in the form of grant and loan respectively
	the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) (October 2006 to September 2007)	32	\$20,713 (21%)	\$647	98% grant 2% loan
4.	The second phase of My STEP (October 2007 to September 2009)	216	\$82,520 (7%)	\$382	91% grant 9% loan
5.	The third phase of My STEP (October 2009 to September 2011)	54	\$5,640 (0.8%)	\$104	100% grant 0% loan
6.	Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (October 2008 to September 2011)	1 630	\$431,171 (6.5%)	\$265	78% grant 22% loan
7.	New Dawn (ND) Project (April 2006 to September 2007)	1 066	\$229,099 (5.7%)	\$215	91% grant 9% loan
8.	Enhanced ND Project (October 2007 to March 2010)	575	\$151,215 (5%)	\$263	95% grant 5% loan

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)077** 

Question Serial No. 0530

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As mentioned in paragraph 146 of the 2010-11 Budget Speech, the Government will launch a new programme to strengthen support for victims of domestic violence. The Social Welfare Department will provide a subvention of about \$5 million each year to non-governmental organisations for operating the "Victim Support Programme" (VSP) to provide support services to victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of victims to be served under such provision? Given that the victims of domestic violence are mostly children and young people, they need to be admitted to residential homes for children (RHCs) immediately. In face of the increasing number of domestic violence cases, will places for RHCs be covered under the VSP as mentioned in the Budget Speech?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The VSP, which is non-residential in nature, is expected to serve 800 service users in a year. The social workers concerned will assess the welfare needs of the child victims, including their needs for residential services and make suitable referrals, where appropriate.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)078** 

Question Serial No. 0532

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Will the Government consider providing additional residential homes for children (RHCs) in view of the seriously long waiting list and an inadequate supply of places and emergency places? How many additional places are expected to be provided in 2010-11? What measures will be taken by the Government in the coming five years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2014-15) to increase the number of places in various RHCs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The Administration has provided a total of 100 additional residential places for children in 2008-09 and 2009-10 to assist families and children in need of residential care services. The number of residential places in 2010-11 will remain unchanged. The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the situation in considering further service enhancement.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)079

Question Serial No. 0533

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary stated in the 2010-11 Budget Speech that the Administration will speed up the provision of subsidised nursing home places and those offering a continuum of care (COC), and increase the recurrent funding by about \$160 million to provide over 1 000 additional places in 2010-11. Would the Administration please provide the number of places by the following types? Please give reply in the table below:

- COC places in existing subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the conversion programme;
- vacant places purchased from non-subvented nursing homes (NHs) run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs);
- vacant places purchased from non-subvented care-and-attention (C&A) homes run by NGOs;
- places provided by increasing the proportion of NH places in existing subsidised contract homes;
- new NH places; and
- additional places purchased from private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

When will these 1 000 additional places become available?

	COC places	Vacant places	Vacant places	Places provided	New	Additional	
	in existing	purchased	purchased from	by increasing	NH	places	
	subsidised	from	non-subvented	the proportion	places	purchased	
	RCHEs	non-subvented	C&A homes run	of NH places in		from private	
	under the	NHs run by	by NGOs	existing		homes	
	conversion	NGOs		subsidised		participating	
	programme			contract homes		in EBPS	
Number							A total of
of							about 1 000
places							places
Average							A total of
cost per							about \$160
place							million
per year							recurrent
(\$)							funding

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The breakdown of the additional subsidised NH places and those offering COC in RCHEs is as follows –

	COC places in existing subsidised RCHEs under the conversion programme	NH places from self-	Increase the proportion of NH places in existing subsidised contract RCHEs	New NH and COC places in a newly built contract RCHE	New places through EBPS	
Number of Places	260	380	357	90	0	A total of 1 087 places
Average cost per place per year	\$84,000	\$142,000	\$110,000	\$141,000	N.A.	A total of \$128 million recurrent funding
Service Commencement	2010-11	2010-11 to 2011-12	2011-12 to 2014-15	2012-13	N.A.	

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Director of Social Welfare

Date
18 March 2010

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)080** 

Question Serial No. 0534

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many places does the Administration plan to purchase from private

residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2010-11? What is the estimated expenditure involved? In addition, how many new contract RCHEs will be put out to tender in 2010-11? How many places will be

provided?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department will earmark \$521.1 million to

provide a total of 7 259 subsidised residential care places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme. Also, there will be 115 additional subsidised residential care places made available through the tendering of

two new contract RCHEs in 2010-11.

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Date	16 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)081

Question Serial No. 0535

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the infirmary care supplement (ICS) and dementia supplement (DS) allocated to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the projected number of cases and amounts of allocation for ICS and DS in 2010-11? What are the number of cases and amounts of allocation provided to RCHEs run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as private RCHEs respectively? Please give reply in the table below.

	RCHEs run by NGOs		Private RCHEs		Nursing Homes (NHs)
	ICS	DS	ICS	DS	ICS
Number of qualified					
cases as assessed by					
medical officer (A)					
Number of cases with					
allocation of					
supplement (B)					
Number of cases					
without allocation of					
supplement (C)					
Percentage of cases					
with allocation of					
supplement					
(B)/(A)X100%					
Percentage of cases					
without allocation of					
supplement					
(C)/(A)X100%					
Amount of allocation					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The projected number of cases and provision of resources for ICS and DS in 2010-11 are as follows:

	Subvented RCHEs		Private RCHEs participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)		NHs <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
	ICS	DS	ICS	DS	ICS
Number of qualified cases as confirmed by Community Geriatric Assessment Teams/ Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs)(A)	1 150	2 910	150	1 250 [Note 2]	N.A.
Number of cases with allocation of supplement [Note 3] (B)	1 150	2 910	150	1 250	N.A.
Number of cases without allocation of supplement [Note 3] (C)	0	0	0	0	N.A.
Percentage of cases with allocation of supplement (B)/(A)x100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N.A.
Percentage of cases without allocation of supplement (C)/(A)x100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N.A.
Amount of allocation (\$) million	60	29.8	7.5	12.7	N.A.

[Note 1] The allocation of ICS and DS is not applicable to NHs.

The number of qualified cases in private RCHEs participating in EBPS is derived by making reference to the number of qualified cases as assessed and confirmed by PGTs in the subvented RCHEs.

According to the number of qualified cases in individual RCHEs, the Social Welfare Department will allocate ICS and DS to the concerned RCHEs on a pro-rata basis. All the qualified ICS/DS cases will benefit from supplements allocated to the respective RCHEs.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)082** 

Question Serial No. 0700

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will allocate \$5 million to launch a Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Scheme) to provide residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) with visiting pharmacist services, with a view to enhancing the service quality of these institutions. How long will the Scheme last? How many RCHEs will be provided with the service? How many of them are run by non-governmental organisations? How many of them are private RCHEs? What criteria will be used in choosing the participating homes? What are the details of the Scheme? How much funding will be earmarked for the recruitment of additional staff?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Scheme will serve a total of 70 to 80 RCHEs within the three-year pilot period. All licensed RCHEs can apply to join the Scheme, and there is no pre-set quota for different types of RCHEs. A committee will be set up to select the most suitable RCHEs based on their readiness, strengths and limitations, capability of acting in concert with the visiting pharmacists, possible benefits from the service, etc. The visiting pharmacists will work together with the participating RCHEs to review and improve their drug management systems. The services include: medication reconciliation to avoid polypharmacy, enhancement of drug records, identification of drug management problems and proposing improvement measures, provision of drug education to RCHE staff, telephone hotline service, etc. We will appoint a professional pharmacist organisation as the implementation agency of the Scheme. Having regard

to the service requirements and needs of the participating RCHEs, the implementation agency will decide on the number of visiting pharmacists to be recruited for providing the services.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)083** 

Question Serial No. 0701

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(3) Services for Elders Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

Question: What was the total number of elders who had waitlisted for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places (excluding those who had waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)) during the period from March 2009 to February 2010? How many of them were allocated subsidised C&A places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waiting? What were their accommodation statuses while waiting (private RCHEs, public housing or private housing)? What was the average waiting time in various districts (excluding elders who had chosen designated homes as their preference or those who were given priority for service admission due to exceptional circumstances)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

### Reply:

As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract RCHEs or EBPS homes, the Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of cases waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places. From 1 March 2009 to end-February 2010, about 29 500 elders had waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs and/or EBPS homes. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons in the above period are set out below:

Elders who left the waiting list	Number
Elders who were allocated places	3 480
Elders who withdrew their applications	2 207
Elders who passed away while waiting	2 885
Elders who left the waiting list for other reasons (e.g.	1 409
no longer required the service due to change of	
circumstances)	
Total:	9 981

The accommodation status of all the elders who had been waitlisted for subsidised C&A places over a period is not readily available. However, the accommodation status of the 19 519 elders waitlisted for subsidised C&A places as at end-February 2010 is available and is set out below for reference:

Type of accommodation	Number of elders
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	815
Private RCHEs (including those participating in	5 942
EBPS)	
Public housing	7 220
Private housing	5 297
Others (e.g. hospitals)	245
Total:	19 519

All applications for subsidised residential care services are put under the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services on a territory-wide basis. There are no separate waiting lists for individual districts. As at end-February 2009, the average waiting time (excluding cases where the elders had preference for specific RCHEs, for instance, in terms of their location or religious background as well as the priority cases) for subsidised C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs was 14 months.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)084

Question Serial No. 0702

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: How much additional funding has been earmarked for enhancing the care for infirm and demented elders in the residential care homes for the elderly

(RCHEs) in 2010-11?

(a) Additional Funding Allocation

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	Infirmary Care	Dementia Supplement
	Supplement (ICS)	(DS)
Amount (\$)		

(b) Details of Funding Allocation

	RCHEs run by		RCHEs participating in the	
	non-governmental		Enhanced Bought Place	
	organisation		Scheme (EBPS)	
ICS	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
	RCHEs:	beneficiaries:	RCHEs:	beneficiaries:
	Amount (\$)		Amount (\$)	
DS	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
	RCHEs:	beneficiaries:	RCHEs:	beneficiaries:
	Amount (\$)		Amount (\$)	

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: (a) In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department will earmark a total of \$110 million for the allocation of ICS and DS, as follows:

	ICS	DS
Amount of allocation	\$67.5 million	\$42.5 million

The amount is the same as that in 2009-10.

### (b) Details of the funding allocation are as follows:

	Subvented RCHEs		Private RCHEs participating in	
			EBPS	
ICS	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
	RCHEs: 90	beneficiaries: 1 150	RCHEs: 40	beneficiaries: 150
	Amount of Allocation: \$60 million		Amount of Allocation: \$7.5 million	
DS	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
	RCHEs: 130	beneficiaries: 2 910	RCHEs: 140	beneficiaries: 1 250
	Amount of Allocation:		Amount of Allocation:	
	\$29.8 million		\$12.7 million	

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)085** 

Question Serial No. 0703

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

Question: It is mentioned in paragraph 139 of the Budget Speech that the Government has earmarked \$55 million under the Lotteries Fund to implement an elderly home care pilot scheme in Kowloon to provide more personalised home care services for the elderly who are waiting for nursing home (NH) places. The Government has announced that it is a three-year pilot scheme.

> Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the estimated number of elderly beneficiaries from 2010-11 to 2012-13? What is the timetable for the review of the scheme? What is the number of elders waitlisting for NH places in various districts as at 28 February 2010?

Please provide the information in the tables below.

a. The estimated number of elderly beneficiaries under the \$55 million elderly home care pilot scheme in Kowloon

Region	Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin			
East	Sai Kung			
	Tseung Kwan O			
	Kwun Tong			
Kowloon	Sham Shui Po			
West	Kowloon City			
	Yau Tsim Mong			

b. The number of elders waitlisting for NH places in various districts as at 28 February 2010

	Region	Number of elders waitlisting for NH places	Number of elders who are living at home while waitlisting for NH places
Hong Kong	Eastern Wan Chai Central & Western Islands		pinces
Kowloon East	Southern Wong Tai Sin		
	Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Kwun Tong		
Kowloon West	Sham Shui Po Kowloon City Yau Tsim Mong		
New Territories East	Sha Tin Tai Po North Yuen Long		
New Territories West	Tuen Mun Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing Total		

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: T

The three-year Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (Pilot Scheme) is expected to commence in early 2011 to serve a total of about 510 elders who are on the waiting list for NH places and living in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City and Sham Shui Po districts. There will be an interim review and then a final review upon completion of the Pilot Scheme. Since the details of the Pilot Scheme are still being worked out, a yearly breakdown of the projected number of beneficiaries by district is not yet available.

As at end-February 2010, there were 6 274 applicants waitlisted for subsidised NH places. Among these 6 274 applicants, 1 853 were living in the community. The breakdown of these 1 853 applicants by their residential district is as follows:

Region		Number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised NH places	Number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised NH places and living in community	
Hong Kong	Eastern	518	136	
	Wan Chai	135	48	
	Central & Western	198	49	
	Islands	36	25	
	Southern	194	57	
	Wong Tai Sin	485	177	
Kowloon East	Sai Kung (including Tseung Kwan O)	236	121	
	Kwun Tong	724	264	
	Sham Shui Po	396	126	
Kowloon West	Kowloon City	573	100	
	Yau Tsim Mong	264	68	
	Sha Tin	420	162	
New Territories	Tai Po	288	55	
East	North	216	66	
	Yuen Long	360	122	
New Territories	Tuen Mun	390	96	
West	Tsuen Wan	361	73	
11 031	Kwai Tsing	480	108	
	Total	6 274	1 853	

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)086** 

Question Serial No. 0707

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is mentioned in paragraph 140 of the Budget Speech that the Administration will increase recurrent funding by about \$9 million to provide 115 additional subsidised day care places for the elderly. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the current number of day care places (DCPs) for the elderly and their waiting time in each district, as well as the geographical distribution of 115 additional subsidised places in 2010-11?

Number of DCPs for the elderly and their waiting time in each district, as well as the geographical distribution of the additional places as at 28 February 2010

Region		Number of applicants waitlisting for services at day care service for the elderly	Application date of those newly admitted to day care services	Additional DCPs for the elderly in 2009-10	Additional DCPs for the elderly in 2010-11
Hong Kong	Eastern				
	Wan Chai				
	Central &				
	Western				
	Islands				
	Southern				
Kowloon East	Wong Tai Sin				
	Sai Kung				
	Tseung Kwan O				
	Kwun Tong				
Kowloon West	Sham Shui Po				
	Kowloon City				
	Yau Tsim Mong				
New Territories East	Sha Tin				
	Tai Po				
	North				
	Yuen Long				
New Territories	Tuen Mun				
	Tsuen Wan				
West	Kwai Tsing				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

<u>Reply</u>: The breakdown of DCPs by district is as follows:

Region	District	Number of DCPs as at January 2010
Hong Kong	Eastern	216
	Wan Chai	72
	Central & Western	104
	Islands	40
	Southern	88
Kowloon East	Wong Tai Sin	237
	Sai Kung (including	85
	Tseung Kwan O)	
	Kwun Tong	305
Kowloon West	Sham Shui Po	183
	Kowloon City	95
	Yau Tsim Mong	132
New Territories East	Sha Tin	176
	Tai Po	44
	North	44
	Yuen Long	110
New Territories West	Tuen Mun	110
	Tsuen Wan	64
	Kwai Tsing	149
	Total	2 254

As at January 2010, the average waiting time for DCPs was about seven months. The breakdown of waiting time by district is not available. In addition to the 2 254 DCPs listed above, a total of 60 places will be provided in Southern (20 places), Sham Shui Po (20 places) and Tai Po (20 places) districts in March 2010. Of the 115 additional DCPs mentioned in the Budget Speech, 70 will be provided in Kowloon City (10 places) and Sai Kung (60 places) districts in 2010-11 while the remaining 45 will be provided in Kwun Tong district in 2011-12.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)087

Question Serial No. 2131

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please provide information on the number of day care places for the elderly, self-care (S/C) hostel/home for the aged (H/A) places, nursing home (NH) places, care-and-attention (C&A) home places, places purchased from private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and contract RCHE places in each District Council district in 2010-11, as well as the number of new applications for the respective services in 2009-10?

		Number of Places by Service Type							
District	Day Care Place s	S/C Hostel and H/A Places	Contract H/A Places	C&A Places	NH Places	Places purchased from RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) Places	Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Frail cases) Places	IHCS (Ordinary cases) Places
Central & Western									
Eastern									
Wan Chai									
Southern									
Islands									
Kwun Tong									
Wong Tai Sin									
Sai Kung									
Kowloon City									
Sham Shui Po									
Yau Tsim Mong									
Sha Tin									

				Nun	ber of P	laces by Service	се Туре		
District	Day Care Place s	S/C Hostel and H/A Places	Contract H/A Places	C&A Places	NH Places	Places purchased from RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) Places	Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Frail cases) Places	IHCS (Ordinary cases) Places
Tai Po									
North									
Yuen Long									
Tsuen Wan									
Kwai Tsing									
Tuen Mun									

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The breakdown of elderly service places by district and service type in 2010-11 is as follows:

District	DE/ DCUs Places	S/C Hostel Places	H/A Places	C&A Places (Note 1)	NH Places (Note 1)	EBPS Places	EHCCS Places (District basis)	EHCCS Places (Cluster basis)	IHCS (Frail cases) Places	IHCS (Ordinary cases) Caseload (Note 2)
Central & Western	104	0	37	335 (130)	23 (23)	494	136	99	40	645
Eastern	216	0	22	475 (63)	81 (81)	318	186		80	1 737
Wan Chai	72	0	0	462	0	54	144		30	553
Southern	108	24	188	1 265	0	397	113		80	1 052
Islands	40	0	67	324 (7)	63 (63)	42	124	0	20	278
Kwun Tong	305	0	0	1 040 (80)	337 (99)	319	236	171	150	1 976
Wong Tai Sin	237	0	34	1 087 (76)	391 (111)	231	216	208	100	1 732
Sai Kung	145	0	0	659	270	0	128		30	409
Kowloon City	105	0	7	741 (100)	0	1 338	170	106	30	1 342
Sham Shui Po	203	0	0	828 (42)	95 (95)	322	125		90	1 882
Yau Tsim Mong	132	0	0	98	0	534	138		40	1 008
Sha Tin	176	0	0	1 155	0	0	147	157	120	1 488
Tai Po	64	0	0	1 162	0	98	99		30	887
North	44	0	0	842	254	357	121		30	653
Yuen Long	110	0	0	929 (23)	50 (50)	761	133	136	90	1 396
Tsuen Wan	64	0	0	527 (22)	368 (52)	771	145		40	420
Kwai Tsing	149	0	75	1 744 (72)	166 (166)	821	211		90	1 150
Tuen Mun	110	0	0	867	216	402	130		30	1 327
Total	2 384	24	430	14 540 (615) (Note 3)	2 314 (740) (Note 3)	7 259	2 702	877	1 120	19 935

<sup>(</sup>Note 1) The figures have not included the additional places to be created under the new initiatives mentioned in paragraph 137 of the Budget Speech as their geographical distribution has yet to be confirmed.

<sup>(</sup>Note 2) There is no maximum service capacity for IHCS (Ordinary cases) and the figures represent the caseload as at December 2009.

<sup>(</sup>Note 3) Figures in ( ) denote the provision in contract RCHEs.

The breakdown of number of new applications by service type from April 2009 to February 2010 is as follows:

	DE/ DCUs Places	S/C Hostel Places (Note 4)	H/A Places (Note 4)	C&A Places (Note 5)	NH Places	EHCCS and IHCS (Frail cases) Places	IHCS (Ordinary cases) Places (Note 6)
Number of new applicants	2 208	0	0	10 473	2 144	2 069	5 606

- (Note 4) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented S/C hostel and H/A on 1 January 2003. The subsidised residential care services available for application are C&A and NH places.
- (Note 5) As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised C&A places, i.e. those in subvented/contract RCHEs or EBPS homes, SWD only captures the total number of cases waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places.
- (Note 6) The number of new applications of IHCS (Ordinary cases) is from April to December 2009. These non-frailty tested applications are being managed by IHCS operators.

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Date	19 March 2010

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

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)088

Question Serial No. 2133

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Budget proposed to increase 1 000 nursing home (NH) places and those offering a continuum of care, and pledged to launch an elderly home care pilot scheme to enhance home care services in the coming year. These initiatives still seem to be far from sufficient for easing the current shortage of residential care places. Would the Government please inform this Committee with data of the improvement progress in the services from 2004-05 to 2008-09?

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1. Waiting time and median					
waiting time for NH care					
services (months)					
2. Number of persons					
waitlisting for home care					
services					
3. Waiting time and median					
waiting time for home					
care services (months)					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department captures the average, but not median, waiting time for subsidised NH places and home-based services. The relevant information for the period from 2004-05 to 2008-09 is provided below:

		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1.	Average waiting time for subsidised NH places (months)	39	37	38	43	40
2.	Number of active applications waiting for integrated home care services (Frail Cases) [IHCS (Frail Cases)] and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) as at March	273	327	376	624	663
3.	Average waiting time for IHCS (Frail Cases) and EHCCS (months)	1	1	1	2	3

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18 March 2010

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)089** 

Question Serial No. 2134

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Budget proposed to increase the number of places for residential services for persons with disabilities in the coming year. These initiatives still seem to be far from sufficient for easing the current shortage of places for residential services. Would the Government please inform this Committee the progress of service improvement from 2004-05 to 2008-09?

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
4. Number of the intellectually disabled (the mentally handicapped or the ex-mentally ill persons) and the physically handicapped waitlisting for subsidised places for residential services					
5. Waiting time and median waiting time for subsidised places for residential services by the intellectually disabled (the mentally handicapped or the ex-mentally ill persons) and the physically handicapped (Weeks)					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The waiting lists and average waiting time for residential care services

from 2004-05 to 2008-09 are as follows:

	Waiting List (as at March)	Average Waiting Time (in months) <sup>[Note]</sup>
2004-05	6 214	Ranged from 4 to 75
2005-06	6 205	Ranged from 4 to 73
2006-07	5 899	Ranged from 3 to 82
2007-08	5 957	Ranged from 4 to 89
2008-09	6 492	Ranged from 2 to 112

[Note]: The average waiting time varies among different types of residential services due to factors such as availability of places, the required paired-up residential and day service placement, and location preference of individual applicant.

The Social Welfare Department will continue to identify suitable premises to increase where possible the provision of various residential services to meet service demands.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)090** 

Question Serial No. 2135

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The measures to support low income households as mentioned in the Estimates are mostly targetted at those persons who are already receiving

certain services from the Government. Households in poverty which are not eligible for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance will unlikely be able to benefit from the measures. Some of these households may not even be able to cope with daily food expenditure. Would the Administration please provide statistics to inform this Committee of the progress of improving the

following service for the period from 2004-05 to 2008-09:

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Number of persons served					
by food banks receiving					
funding (wholly or partly)					
from the Government					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In recent years, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has taken various measures to help those who have difficulties coping with their daily food expenditure obtain short-term food assistance. For instance, SWD allocated \$3.84 million to two NGOs for them to enhance their existing short-term food assistance service from August 2008 to January 2009. The Department earmarked another \$100 million in December 2008 and commissioned five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate short-term food assistance service projects covering the whole territory starting from February 2009. In addition, SWD provides matching grants under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged to NGOs which partner with the business sector to operate short-term food assistance service projects.

The following table shows the total number of persons served by these short-term food assistance service projects since 2007-08:

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 <sup>[Note]</sup>
Number of persons served by short-term food assistance service projects funded (wholly or partly) by SWD	991	33 699	26 600

[Note] The 2009-10 figure is the estimate as at the end of January 2010.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)091** 

Question Serial No. 2137

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

Question: In 2010-11, the Government will earmark \$163 million to provide persons with severe disabilities with home-based care and nursing care services, with a view to strengthening the community support to persons with disabilities and relieving the pressure on their family carers. In this connection, please inform this Committee, in the following table, of the details of the provision for home care service, nursing care service and community support:

	Number of beneficiaries	Provisions
Home-based care service		
Nursing care service		
Community support		
	Total:	\$163 million

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Government has proposed to earmark \$163 million under the Lotteries Fund for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to implement a three-year pilot scheme (the Scheme) for providing about 540 persons with severe disabilities who are living in Kwun Tong and Tuen Mun districts and are on the waiting lists for subvented residential care services with home-based support services. Under the Scheme, a package of home-based support services including personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and nursing care service would be provided. SWD will work out the implementation details in consultation with the non-governmental organisations concerned.

Patrick T K Nip
Director of Social Welfare
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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)092** 

Question Serial No. 2138

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2010-11, the Government will provide additional recurrent funding of

\$70 million to set up integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in 18 districts to provide one-stop community support services for persons with mental health problems and their carers in the community. Regarding the aforesaid initiative, please provide information on the scope of services, service targets, staffing establishment and estimated number of

service users benefited.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: With an additional annual provision of about \$70 million, the Social

Welfare Department will revamp the existing community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs in all 18 districts throughout the The ICCMWs provide one-stop district-based community support services for persons with mental health problems and their families/carers as well as local residents through a spectrum of services ranging from early prevention to risk management. community education, day training, occupational therapy assessment and training, group training/programmes, counselling, outreaching visits and, where required, direct liaison with the Hospital Authority for urgent medical consultation to meet the varying needs of service users. The ICCMW's operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system. The NGOs concerned therefore have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. They will be required to provide professional staff like social worker, occupational therapist and other supporting staff. It is estimated that the ICCMWs will serve about 18 000 discharged mental patients, persons with

suspected mental health problems and their families/carers per year with a wide range of community support services.

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Date	19 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)093** 

Question Serial No. 2139

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will provide funding of \$64 million to implement a pilot Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). According to LC Paper No. CB(2)845/09-10(03), the four-year pilot scheme will buy a total of 300 places from residential care homes that have joined the Voluntary Registration Scheme (VRS). However, there are only six private RCHDs registered under the VRS. It is anticipated that the demand for 300 places is hard to meet within four years. What countermeasures will the Administration take?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The pilot BPS aims to encourage private RCHDs to upgrade the service standards, to increase the supply of subsidised RCHDs places and to help the market develop more service options for persons with disabilities (PWDs). Private RCHDs meeting the standards as stipulated under the BPS will be eligible to apply for the scheme. We expect that the BPS could provide incentive for more operators to join the market in providing quality residential care places for PWDs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) would actively identify quality places in private RCHDs. SWD would also conduct a mid-term review to keep track of progress and adjust the number of places to be purchased where necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)094

Question Serial No. 2140

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2010-11, the Government will provide funding of \$40 million to

strengthen physiotherapy and nursing care services for ageing residents in subvented residential care homes for the mentally handicapped. Please provide information on the estimated number of additional physiotherapists, the definition of ageing of mentally handicapped persons

and the estimated number of ageing residents benefited.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

<u>Reply</u>: The Social Welfare Department has earmarked an annual funding of some

\$40 million for providing additional health care staff for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) and hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) with a view to strengthening physiotherapy and health care support for ageing users of these residential care homes, thereby helping them maintain physical health and basic self-care abilities. The non-governmental organisations operating the above services are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system. They have the flexibility in deploying the funding resources to arrange suitable staffing to enhance the service quality and

meet the service needs.

It is estimated that about 20% of the residents of HSMHs and HMMHs will benefit from this new initiative.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)095** 

Question Serial No. 2141

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in 2008-09, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what was the total amount of income disregarded?
- (b) what was the total CSSA expenditure reduced after taking into account the recipients' assessable income?
- (c) what was the average number of CSSA cases benefiting from the provision of DE?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The statistics on CSSA recipients benefiting from the provision of DE under the CSSA Scheme in 2008-09 are as below:

(a)	(b)	(c)
Amount of income	CSSA expenditure	Average number of
disregarded	reduced	CSSA recipients
		benefiting from the
(\$ million)	(\$ million)	provision of DE per
		month
\$843.2	\$837.2	38 015
	Amount of income disregarded  (\$ million)	Amount of income disregarded CSSA expenditure reduced (\$ million) (\$ million)

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)096

Question Serial No. 2143

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As at the end of February 2010, how many elders are waitlisting for admission to nursing homes (NHs)? Among them, what is the number of persons receiving different types of government subsidy and what are the contents of the services? How many persons are not receiving government

subsidy? Please give reply in the table below.

As at the end of February 2010, among the \_\_\_\_\_ persons waitlisting for admission to NHs:

(a) Residing in private residential care homes for the	persons
elderly (RCHEs) (non Enhanced Bought Place	
Scheme (EBPS) places) but receiving	
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	
(b) Using services of EBPS homes	persons
(c) Using services of subsidised care-and-attention	persons
(C&A) homes and contract RCHEs	
(d) Using service of Day Care Centres/Units	persons
(e) Using enhanced home and community care services	persons
(EHCCS)	
(f) Using integrated home care services (IHCS)(Frail	persons
Cases)	
(g) Residing at home and receiving CSSA, but were not	persons
using subsidised community care services	
(h) Residing at home but were not receiving CSSA nor	persons
subsidised community care services	
(i) Residing in private RCHEs but were not receiving	persons
CSSA	
(j) Residing in non-subsidised C&A Homes operated by	persons
non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: As at end-January 2010, there were 6 334 elders waitlisted for subsidised NH places. The requested information is set out below:

	Type of subsidised services	Number of persons
(a)	Residing in private RCHEs (non EBPS	2 775
	places) and receiving CSSA	
(b)	Residing in subsidised places under EBPS	98
(c)	Residing in subsidised C&A places in	61
	subvented/contract RCHEs	
(d)	Residing in other subsidised residential	15
	care places (e.g. subsidised home for the	
	aged places)	
(e)	Using service of Day Care Centres/Units	180
(f)	Using EHCCS	413
(g)	Using IHCS (Frail Cases)	79
(h)	Residing at home and receiving CSSA, but	216
	not using subsidised community care	
	services	
(i)	Residing at home but not receiving CSSA	974
	or subsidised community care services	
(j)	Residing in private RCHEs but not	1 014
	receiving CSSA	
(k)	Residing in non-subsidised RCHEs	488
	operated by NGOs	
(1)	Residing in hospitals	21

Information as at end-February 2010 is not yet available.

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

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)097

Question Serial No. 2144

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Programme of Family and Child Welfare in the 2010-11

Estimate, the expenditure of government sector and subvented sector will be increased by \$27.8 million and \$49.5 million respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details and reasons for

the increase?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The increase in provision for the 2010-11 Estimate as compared to the 2009-10 Revised Estimate for the government sector is mainly due to the increased requirement for operational expenses, including strengthening clerical support, partly offset by the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment.

The increase in provision for the 2010-11 Estimate as compared to the 2009-10 Revised Estimate for the subvented sector is mainly due to the full-year effect of new projects implemented in 2009-10, partly offset by the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)098** 

Question Serial No. 2145

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The cost per place per month for small group homes has been reduced by

\$135 from \$13,617 in the 2009-10 Revised Estimate to \$13,482 in the 2010-11 Estimate. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the cost reduction? Will the existing service be affected

by the cost cutting?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The 0.99% decrease in cost per place per month for small group homes in

the 2010-11 Estimate as compared to the 2009-10 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment. The existing

service will not be affected.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)099** 

Question Serial No. 2146

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(1) Family and Child Welfare Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

Question: The Administration stated that family and child protection cases will be increased from 10 308 in the 2009-10 Revised Estimate to 10 865 in 2010-11 Estimate, and the supervision cases per worker will be increased from 39 to 42. Will the Administration increase the manpower of workers to deal with the additional cases? If not, will the service quality be affected by the increase in supervision cases per worker?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Additional manpower resources have been provided to the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to tackle the increase in caseload over the past few years. Taking into account the 12 additional social workers allocated in 2009-10, the total number of social workers in FCPSUs rose from 133 in 2006-07 to 168 in 2009-10, representing an increase of 26%.

Other than strengthening manpower, SWD has also introduced various measures to address the increase in workload in FCPSUs, including deploying non-social work staff to support social workers, improving multi-disciplinary collaboration with the Police and medical services, enhancing support services like refuge centres for women and child care service units, strengthening training, supervisory and clinical support for social workers. The increase from 39 to 42 supervision cases per worker would not affect service quality. SWD will continue to keep in view the workload and manpower situation of the FCPSUs and explore improvement measures, where necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)100

Question Serial No. 2147

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The respective number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector and the subvented sector has increased from 55 869 and 27 110 in 2007-08 to 59 029 and 27 833 in 2008-09, and has further increased to 63 190 and 28 331 in the 2009-10 Revised Estimate. This represents an annual increase ranging from 1.79% to 7.05%. However, the respective number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by IFSCs run by the government sector and the subvented sector is only estimated to increase by 0.753% and 0.272% to 63 666 and 28 408 in the 2010-11 Estimate. What are the reasons for such an estimated increase?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of cases to be served by IFSCs is estimated with reference to the latest figures available. For the 2009-10 Revised Estimate, the figures are projected based on the actual number of active cases brought forward from 2008-09 and new/re-activated cases handled in the first two quarters of 2009-10. For the 2010-11 Estimate, the figures are projected based on the number of cases handled in the first two quarters of 2009-10. The different calculation bases account for the difference in percentage of increase.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)101** 

Question Serial No. 2148

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The number of cases estimated to be served in 2008-09 by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector and the subvented sector as shown in the 2008-09 Budget was 56 306 and 27 226 respectively, an underestimation of 2 669 and 1 117 as compared with the 2008-09 Revised Estimate, and an underestimation of 2 723 and 607 as compared with the 2008-09 Actual as shown in the 2010-11 Budget. According to the figures of the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10), there is a rising trend in the number of cases served by IFSCs, with an increase ranging from 1.79% to 7.05%. However, the number of cases served by IFSCs run by the government sector and the subvented sector is only estimated to increase by 476 and 77 (0.753% and 0.272%) in 2010-11. What are the reasons for such an estimated increase? Has any measures been taken by the Administration to avoid consistently making a wrong estimation of the number of cases served?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The number of cases to be served by IFSCs is estimated with reference to the latest figures available. For the 2010-11 Estimate, the figures are projected based on the number of cases handled in the first two quarters of 2009-10. Social workers in IFSCs make flexible use of different intervention approaches, such as groups and programmes, to meet the multifarious needs of individuals and families. Such approaches will affect the actual number of cases handled.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)102** 

Question Serial No. 2149

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is projected that the cost per case per month for outreaching social work

will be reduced by \$10 in 2010-11. What are the reasons? Will it affect the

quality of service?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The decrease in cost per case per month for outreaching social work in the

2010-11 Estimate as compared to the 2009-10 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment. There should be no

impact on the quality of service.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)103

Question Serial No. 2150

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to paragraph 140 of the Budget Speech, the Administration will

increase recurrent funding by about \$9 million to provide 115 additional subsidised day care places for the elderly. However, the places of day care centres for the elderly shown in the 2010-11 Estimate are increased from 2 314 in 2009-10 to 2 384, i.e., only an additional 70 places is provided. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the details and distribution of the above-mentioned 115 day care places for the elderly?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Of the 115 additional day care places, a total of 70 places will be provided

in Sai Kung (60 places) and Kowloon City (10 places) districts in 2010-11. As such, the total number of places will be increased from 2 314 to 2 384. The remaining 45 additional day care places will be provided in Kwun

Tong district in 2011-12.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)104** 

Question Serial No. 2151

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the age profile

of the persons with disabilities (PWDs) served at sheltered workshops

(SWs) by district from 2007-08 to 2009-10?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Both the SWs and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs)<sup>[Note]</sup> provide SW training for PWDs aged 15 and above. The numbers of service users enrolled in SWs and IVRSCs from 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as follows:

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	(as at 31.3.2008)	(as at 31.3.2009)	(as at 31.12.2009)
Number of Enrolment	8 837	8 771	8 934

[Note]: IVRSC, incorporating the elements of SW and Supported Employment, provides one-stop integrated vocational rehabilitation services to PWDs aged 15 or above.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the age profile of service users by district as its current statistical information system does not capture such information.

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Date
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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)105** 

Question Serial No. 2152

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The enrolment rate of sheltered workshops (SWs) has been 102% from

2008-09 to 2010-11. What are the reasons? Are there any measures taken by the Government to help reduce the enrolment rate of SWs to below

100%?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Noting that the daily attendance rate of SWs stood at around 90% for a

considerable period of time, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented an over-enrolment arrangement in SWs since 2003-04 with a view to enabling more persons with disabilities (PWDs) to benefit from the service. Despite this arrangement, the number of PWDs served at any one

time has not exceeded the capacity of the SWs.

To further enhance the service, SWD has since April 2004 implemented the integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) service, incorporating the elements of SWs and supported employment to provide one-stop integrated vocational rehabilitation services to PWDs. In 2010-11, there will be 100 additional places in IVRSCs to help meet service demand for SWs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)106** 

Question Serial No. 2153

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the 2010-11 Estimate, the Administration will cut the average cost per

place per month for sheltered workshops (SWs), day activity centres and pre-school services for children with disabilities by \$32, \$11 and \$56, respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the reduction? Will the cost reduction affect the service

quality?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The decrease in costs per place per month for SWs, day activity centres and

pre-school services for children with disabilities under the subvented sector in the 2010-11 Estimate as compared to the 2009-10 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment.

The service quality will not be affected.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)107** 

Question Serial No. 2155

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration expects that the cases of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme will increase by 7 300 and 33 900 respectively in 2010-11. However, the financial provision for Programme (2) Social Security will significantly be reduced by \$685.7 million. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the arrangements and the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The 2010-11 Estimate for Programme (2) Social Security is \$685.7 million lower than the 2009-10 Revised Estimate. This is mainly due to the inclusion of the additional one-off payments of about \$1.8 billion for CSSA and SSA recipients in 2009-10. The 2010-11 Estimate for Programme (2) is, in fact, higher than the 2009-10 Revised Estimate if the additional one-off payments are discounted.

The 2010-11 Estimate for Head 170 Social Welfare Department has not included the provisions for the proposed additional one-off payments to CSSA/SSA recipients as announced in the 2010-11 Budget. Upon the approval of the Finance Committee on such one-off payments, supplementary provisions will be provided to the Head for the purpose.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)108** 

Question Serial No. 2162

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The cost per place per month for day care centres for the elderly has been

reduced by \$114 from \$6,072 in the 2009-10 Revised Estimate to \$5,958 in the 2010-11. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the cost reduction? Will the existing service be affected by

the cost cutting?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The decrease in cost per place per month for day care centres for the elderly

in the 2010-11 Estimate as compared to the 2009-10 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment. The existing

service will not be affected.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)109** 

Question Serial No. 2163

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 139 of the Budget Speech that the Government's policy for the elderly is "supporting ageing in the community as the core, institutional care as back-up". However, the number of cases served by integrated home care services (IHCS) is still maintained at 29 223 from 2008-09 to 2010-11. Does it mean that the Administration has no plan to increase the places for IHCS? What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In addition to the IHCS, the Social Welfare Department also provides community care and support services to frail elders through the enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS). In December 2008, we set up six new EHCCS teams to provide an additional 877 places for frail elders and the total service capacity for frail elders provided by both IHCS and EHCCS increased from 3 822 (as at November 2008) to 4 699 (as at February 2010).

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)110** 

Question Serial No. 2164

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 139 of the Budget Speech that the Government's policy for the elderly is "supporting ageing in the community as the core". However, it is noted that the number of cases served by the enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in 2010-11 has only increased by 200 (or 4.3%, which is far less than the 21% increase in 2009-10) as compared to that in the last year. Would the Administration please inform this Committee the reason why there is only 4.3% increase in 2010-11? Does the increase rate include the cases served in the "elderly home care pilot scheme" mentioned in paragraph 139 of the Budget Speech, and how is the increase rate worked out?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

With the setting up of six new teams for EHCCS in December 2008 to provide an additional 877 places in total, the Social Welfare Department estimated that 800 additional cases would be served in 2009-10 accordingly. In order to meet the service needs of elders living in districts with a higher demand for EHCCS, additional resources will be allocated to the EHCCS teams to take up an estimated 200 extra cases in 2010-11. This estimated increase is in respect of EHCCS, and is different from the new pilot scheme mentioned in paragraph 139 of the Budget Speech.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)111** 

Question Serial No. 2165

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The costs per place per month for homes for the aged (H/A),

care-and-attention (C&A) homes and nursing homes (NHs) have been reduced from \$5,611, \$8,709 and \$12,643 in the 2009-10 Revised Estimate to \$5,551, \$8,603 and \$12,528 in the 2010-11 Estimate respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the cost reduction? Will the existing services be affected by the cost

cutting?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: The decrease in costs per place per month for the H/A, C&A homes and

NHs in the 2010-11 Estimate as compared to the 2009-10 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment. The

existing services will not be affected.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)112

Question Serial No. 2175

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 145 of the Budget Speech that the Administration

will increase the recurrent funding by about \$6 million to recruit 14 additional psychiatric medical social workers. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of additional quota for

psychiatric counselling services with the additional provision?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: With the additional funding of about \$6 million in 2010-11, the Social

Welfare Department (SWD) will create 14 social worker posts at SWD's psychiatric medical social services units in various hospitals and clinics of the Hospital Authority with a view to enhancing the psychiatric medical social services for psychiatric patients and their family members/carers. It is estimated that each medical social worker will be able to handle around

70 active cases per month.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)113** 

Question Serial No. 2547

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The number of subvented organisations providing occasional child care

service has increased from 217 of last year (i.e. 2009-10) to 219 of this year (i.e. 2010-11). In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the name of these two organisations and the number of

additional places to be provided?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Each of the two additional occasional child care service units will provide

not more than three places. The service operators of these two units are yet

to be identified.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)114** 

Question Serial No. 2549

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2008-09, additional funding was allocated to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) and district elderly community centres (DECCs) in various districts with the aim of enabling them to recruit one additional social worker dedicated to serve hidden elders. Would the Administration please inform this Committee how many cases of hidden elders have been identified, followed up and referred so far? What is the geographical distribution of these cases?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has allocated additional recurrent funding to all DECCs and NECs throughout the territory since January 2008 for employment of additional social workers to strengthen their outreaching service to hidden and vulnerable elders. Each elderly centre is expected to reach out and handle 40 cases at any one time. Since the implementation of the service, over 11 000 hidden and vulnerable elders were identified. About 7 000 active cases are being followed up by the elderly centres while another 1 700 cases have been referred to the mainstream elderly service units such as support teams for the elderly and other community care services teams for follow-up services as appropriate.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)115

Question Serial No. 2550

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding households in each district, how many of them are: (a) elderly

singletons; (b) households with two elderly residents; (c) households with one of the residents being an elderly person; (d) households with two of the residents being elderly persons; (e) households with three of the residents being elderly persons as at the end of December 2009? Will the Administration devote more resources to neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) and district elderly community centres (DECCs) in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: A breakdown of the number of elders living alone or with other elders or

family members by district is not available.

Currently, there are 41 DECCs, 117 NECs and 53 social centres for the elderly which form a territory-wide social support network for the elders in the community. Since the launch of the re-engineering exercise of elderly services in 2003, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the standard internal floor area provision of DECCs and NECs by 83 square metres and 156 square metres respectively to meet the enhanced functions of the centres. At present, about half of the DECCs and 40% of the NECs have attained the enhanced standard space provision. SWD will continue to help the remaining centres to move elsewhere or set up sub-bases to meet the prescribed schedule of accommodation and support the additional expenditure.

SWD has allocated additional recurrent funding of \$42 million to all DECCs and NECs throughtout the territory since January 2008 for employment of additional social workers to strengthen their outreaching service to hidden and vulnerable elders. In 2008-09, another additional recurrent funding of \$18 million was allocated to the DECCs to enable each of them to recruit an additional social worker to strengthen their services including counselling and referral services.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)116** 

Question Serial No. 2551

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department Subhead (No. & title):

000 – Operational Expenses

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the total number of Programme Workers (PWs) employed by various social service agencies in various districts in 2009-10? The project of employing PWs lasts for three years and will end in 2011. Will the Administration extend the contract of employed PWs? Does the Administration have any plan to employ more or reduce the number of PWs in the next financial year (i.e. 2010-11)? What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: PW posts are time-limited training posts created for the purpose of enhancing the employability of young people through providing training opportunities. They also serve as a stepping stone for incumbents to seek open employment after gaining working experience in the posts for a certain period. Past experience shows that the work experience of PW posts can effectively enhance young people's communication skill, work habit, problem solving ability and self-confidence etc., and most of them, after having left the post, could successfully find jobs in the open labour market or pursue further study. Therefore, we do not expect individual young people to remain in such posts for too long.

The 3 000 time-limited PW posts were allocated to the subvented welfare non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in April 2008 for three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11. According to the NGOs, 2 884 PW posts were filled as at 1 December 2009. The number of PW posts will be maintained at 3 000 in

2010-11 and we will review the future of these posts later in the year.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)117

Question Serial No. 2557

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of

sheltered workshops (SWs) providing Work Extension Programme (the Programme) for persons with disabilities in Hong Kong as at February 2010? What is the total number of places under the Programme? What is the cost per place per month under the Programme? Will the Administration increase the amount of provision for the Programme?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Under the Programme, 13 SWs and integrated vocational rehabilitation

services centres provide a total of 195 places at an estimated annual provision of about \$5.7 million. The Social Welfare Department has no plan to increase the amount of provision for the time being but will review the service components and financial requirement of the Programme as

appropriate.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)118** 

Question Serial No. 2558

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of

places for various residential services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10), the number of service users who stopped using the respective residential services each year,

reasons for not using the service and the number of persons involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

The provisions of various residential services for PWDs from 2007-08 to Reply:

2009-10 are as follows:

	Number of Places			
Type of Service	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (as at December 2009)	
Halfway House (HWH)	1 509	1 509	1 509	
Long Stay Care Home (LSCH)	1 407	1 407	1 407	
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) (IVTC)	170	170	170	
Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (HMMH)	2 054	2 178	2 178	
Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (HSMH)	2 940	3 012	3 058	
Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons (HSPH)	461	528	528	
Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons (C&A/SD)	765	807	857	
Care and Attention Home for the Aged Blind (C&A/AB)	825	825	825	

	Number of Places			
Type of Service	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (as at December 2009)	
Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/ Integrated Small Group Home (SGH)	56	56	56	
Supported Hostel (SHOS)	370	400	400	
Residential Special Child Care Centre (RSCCC)	110	110	110	

The numbers of discharged cases from various residential services for PWDs are as follows:

	Number of Discharged Cases				
Type of Service	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (as at December 2009)		
HWH	518	311	350		
LSCH	41	31	41		
IVTC	57	62	26		
HMMH	42	19	25		
HSMH	43	19	16 <sup>[Note]</sup>		
HSPH	2	6	5		
C&A/SD	31	22	16		
C&A/AB	131	124	91		
SGH	3	9	9 <sup>[Note]</sup>		
SHOS	16	14	10		
RSCCC	39	41	42		

[Note]: Figures as at September 2009

The Social Welfare Department's current statistical information system could only capture information on the major reasons of discharge, e.g. improvement in ability, relapse or deterioration in health condition, hospital admission, family reunion, death, etc. It, however, does not capture the statistical breakdown by reason for discharge and by service type.

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Director of Social Welfare
18 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)119** 

Question Serial No. 2561

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Among the existing 16 district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) (as at end-February 2010) in Hong Kong, would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

- (a) Which centres have not secured centre premises? What plans does the Administration have to help centres which do not have centre premises for the time being and what are the details?
- (b) Which centres have already secured centre premises but cannot commence operation at the centre and what are the reasons?
- (c) Which centres have already commenced service at the new centre premises and what is the area of the respective centres?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:(a), (b) & (c) The DSC is a premises-tied service operating on an internal floor area of about 500 square metres. While one DSC has commenced operation in Tin Shui Wai, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has secured premises for 11 DSCs which are at different stages of preparation such as conducting local consultation, applying for change of land use, seeking support from the Lotteries Fund, conducting fitting-out work etc. SWD has also identified premises for three DSCs which are pending allocation of premises at new public housing estates. SWD will closely monitor progress and continue to identify suitable premises for the remaining DSC.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)120** 

Question Serial No. 2562

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

**Question**: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) a breakdown by category of the number of cases served and to be served by the 61 integrated family service centres (IFSCs) in Hong Kong; and
- (b) the total number of cases served and to be served under each category in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10) and in the coming year (i.e. 2010-11).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: According to the statistical information system for IFSCs, the breakdown on the number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served and to be served by IFSCs from 2007-08 to 2010-11 is listed below:

	Number of intensive		Number of brief		Total number	
	couns	elling	counselling/		of cases served	
	cases served		supportive casework			
			cases served			
	Government	Subvented	Government	Subvented	Government	Subvented
	Sector	Sector	Sector	Sector	Sector	Sector
2007-08	29 518	15 022	26 351	12 088	55 869	27 110
(Actual)						
2008-09	31 274	15 194	27 755	12 639	59 029	27 833
(Actual)						

	Number of intensive		Number of brief		Total number	
	couns	elling	counselling/		of cases served	
	cases served		supportive casework			
			cases	served		
	Government	Subvented	Government	Subvented	Government	Subvented
	Sector	Sector	Sector	Sector	Sector	Sector
2009-10 (Revised Estimate)	32 702	15 345	30 488	12 986	63 190	28 331
2010-11 (Estimate)	32 962	15 359	30 704	13 049	63 666	28 408

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)121** 

Question Serial No. 2564

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

000 – Operational Expenses

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee (LSGIRC) put

forward 36 recommendations in the "Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System" published in December 2008. Does the Administration reserve any fund for carrying out the 36 recommendations in 2010, 112. If the probability of the details of the probability of the probab

2010-11? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply: Not all recommendations of the Review Report of the LSGIRC require additional funding for implementation. Out of the 36 recommendations, seven need extra resources for implementation. A summary of the resources earmarked by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2010-11 is as follows:

- SWD's own resources have been reserved/deployed for drawing up a Best Practice Manual for subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) (Recommendation 1); conducting the First Round Pilot of Actuarial Service for subvented NGOs (Recommendation 2); setting up a help desk for small NGOs (Recommendation 21) and setting up the secretariat for the Independent Complaints Handling Committee (Recommendation 33).
- Lotteries Fund grants of about \$239.2 million have been earmarked in 2010-11 for launching the first three-year phase (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13) of the Social Welfare Development Fund (Recommendation 6); providing additional resources for small NGOs (Recommendation 21); increasing the Block Grant from 1% to 1.5% of the respective NGO's recurrent subvention allocation for the year (Recommendation

35) and providing additional resources for NGOs which need to employ paramedical staff or hire their services (Recommendation 36).

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)122

Question Serial No. 2565

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration stated in the 2010-11 Budget that it will provide additional recurrent funding of \$70 million to extend the service mode of the existing integrated community centre for mental wellness (ICCMW) in Tin Shui Wai to all 18 districts in Hong Kong. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the way to allocate the \$70 million among the remaining 17 districts. Could the Administration please provide the timetable for the extension? Will there be any discussion on subvention provision and workload of the ICCMWs?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

With an additional annual provision of about \$70 million, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will revamp the existing community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs in all 18 districts throughout the territory. SWD is in the course of consulting the non-governmental organisations operating community mental health support services on the implementation of this new initiative. We expect that the ICCMWs will commence service in 2010-11.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)123** 

Question Serial No. 2449

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide details of the consultations on policy making and assessment

under all programmes in the following format. Using the table below, please provide information on the consultations for which funds had been

allocated in 2009-10:

Name/subject of consultation	Revised estimate (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organisations and number of people consulted/to be consulted	The Administration's follow-up actions on the consultation results and the progress made (if applicable)	For consultations already completed, were the results publicised? If so, what were the channels? If not, why not?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has made use of an extensive consultation network to collect views to facilitate the implementation of welfare policies, new services or re-engineering of existing services.

On welfare policy issues, SWD seeks views from various advisory committees including the Social Welfare Advisory Committee, Elderly Commission, Rehabilitation Advisory Committee and Women's Commission as appropriate. SWD consults the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Welfare Services and other relevant Panels.

On service specific issues, relevant committees/working groups are in place/will be formed to seek views from stakeholders.

At the district level, SWD, through its District Social Welfare Offices, consults the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and relevant stakeholders including service users/concern groups to seek their views on district welfare needs on an annual basis through district consultation forum and various district services co-ordination committees. SWD also consults members of the social service committees of the District Councils on a regular basis on welfare policies and service related issues.

For new projects that are of concern to local residents, such as the setting up of day/residential services for persons with mental health problems and persons with disabilities as well as drug abusers, SWD consults the relevant Area Committee in the district, in addition to the consultation with the social service committee of the District Council concerned.

The details of the consultation process vary from one case to another. The major projects for which consultations had been conducted in 2009-10 are set out in the prescribed format at the Annex.

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### Annex

Study/Subject of consultation	2009-10 Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organisations and number of people consulted/to be consulted	The Administration's follow-up actions on the consultation results and the progress made (if applicable)	For consultations already completed, were the results publicised? If so, what were the channels? If not, why not?
Implementation of the pilot Bought Place Scheme for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)	Absorbed within existing resources of SWD	<ul> <li>Relevant         stakeholders         including the         private RCHD         sector, parent         groups, self-help         groups, the Hong         Kong Council of         Social Service, the         Rehabilitation         Advisory         Committee (RAC)         and the Legislative         Council (LegCo)         Panel on Welfare         Services were         consulted.</li> <li>SWD will continue         to consult the         stakeholders before         finalising the         operational details         of the Scheme.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consultation sessions</li> <li>Meetings</li> </ul>	SWD will take into account the views of stakeholders before finalising the operational details of the Scheme for implementation in 2010-11.	The consultation results were summarised in the discussion paper for the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services and the RAC paper.

Study/Subject of consultation	2009-10 Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organisations and number of people consulted/to be consulted	The Administration's follow-up actions on the consultation results and the progress made (if applicable)	For consultations already completed, were the results publicised? If so, what were the channels? If not, why not?
Implementation of Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP)	Absorbed within existing resources of SWD	<ul> <li>Consultation at the Working Group on Combating Violence of SWD was conducted.</li> <li>BIP is operated on existing resources of SWD.</li> <li>BIP was implemented on a territory basis. The Social Service Committees of District Councils and the District Coordinating Committee on Family and Welfare of SWD were informed of the implementation of BIP as appropriate.</li> </ul>	• Meetings	SWD has taken and will take note of the views expressed in the meetings in the implementation of BIP.	The consultation result was recorded in the minutes of meetings of the committees concerned.

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)124** 

Question Serial No. 2450

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Please provide details of the consultations on policy making and assessment under all programmes in the following format. Have resources been

earmarked for holding consultations in 2010-11? If so, please provide the

following details.

Name/subject of consultation	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organisations and number of people consulted/to be consulted	For consultations scheduled for completion in the financial year 2010-11, will the results be publicised? If not, what are the reasons?
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Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has a well-established platform for consultation of views from the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and relevant stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of welfare policies, new services or re-engineering of existing services. The major projects for which consultations will be conducted in 2010-11 are set out in the prescribed format at the Annex.

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### Annex

Study/Subject of consultation	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organisations and number of people consulted/to be consulted	For consultations scheduled for completion in the financial year 2010-11, will the results be publicised? If not, what are the reasons?
Setting up four new Counselling Centres for Psychotropic Substance Abusers (CCPSAs), one each in Central Western/ Southern/Islands District, Sham Shui Po District, Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung District, and Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing District	Absorbed within existing resources of SWD	Progress of consultation - under planning:  The social service committees of the respective District Councils and the Area Committees where the new CCPSAs are located will be consulted at the implementation level.  The District Council members of the constituency areas where the CCPSAs are located will be engaged.	Meetings     Distribution of publicity material to the general public	The results of the consultation will be recorded through minutes of meetings of the committees concerned.
Setting up an Integrated Rehabilitation Services Complex (IRSC) at Kau Wah Kang [ex-O' Pui Shan Boys' Home]	Absorbed within existing resources of SWD	Progress of consultation - under planning:  The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Welfare Services will be consulted on the setting up of the IRSC with recurrent cost above \$10 million; subsequent to which approval of the LegCo Finance Committee will be sought.	• Meetings	The results of the consultation will be recorded through minutes of meetings of the committees concerned.

Study/Subject of consultation	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of consultation (under planning/ in progress/completed)	Mode of consultation (e.g. by means of written submissions, consultation sessions, focus groups), number of consultation exercises, name of organisations and number of people consulted/to be	For consultations scheduled for completion in the financial year 2010-11, will the results be publicised? If not, what are the reasons?
Setting up a new day care centre for the elderly in Sai Kung	Absorbed within existing resources of SWD	Progress of consultation - under planning:  The social service committee of Sai Kung District Council will be consulted at the implementation level.	<ul> <li>Meetings</li> <li>Distribution of information sheet of the day care centre for the elderly</li> </ul>	The results of the consultation will be recorded through minutes of meetings of the committees concerned.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)125** 

Question Serial No. 1288

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11" that the

Administration will "continue to provide short-term food assistance for individuals and families in need." Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the latest situation in the implementation? What was the expenditure involved in the service in the past year? What is the estimated

expenditure involved in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate five short-term food assistance service projects throughout the territory since February 2009 to help individuals and families in need. Each project is expected to benefit at least 10 000 persons. As at January 2010, the five projects had served altogether 26 158 persons. Fewer people now seek food assistance under the projects following Hong Kong's recent general economic improvement. Some NGOs also provide similar assistance for needy persons using their

own resources.

In 2009-10, a total of \$19 million was allocated to the five projects. On the basis of the current service utilisation rate, an estimated amount of \$18 million will be allocated to the five projects in 2010-11. SWD will continue to closely monitor the operation of the projects as well as service utilisation.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)126** 

Question Serial No. 2074

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As mentioned in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that

"Provision for 2010–11 is \$77.3 million (4.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009–10...there will be a net increase of 23 posts in 2010-11." What are the job nature and areas of measures/plans involved in the above

additional posts?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The net creation of 23 posts in 2010-11 involves clerical posts for

strengthening support for the provision of family and child welfare services.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)127** 

Question Serial No. 2075

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description of this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) "strengthened the provision of social workers for Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) and clinical psychologists (CPs) for Clinical Psychologist Units (CPUs)". Would the Administration please inform this Committee the details of and the reasons for the provision of additional manpower, as well as the expenditure involved? What criteria have been used by the Administration in determining the number of additional social workers and psychologists to be provided?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: In 2009-10, additional resources of about \$7.8 million have been provided for increasing 12 social workers in FCPSUs and 2 CPs in CPUs of SWD to enhance frontline professional support in handling domestic violence cases and further developing the batterer intervention programme. The additional manpower has been provided to the respective service units having regard to the needs, characteristics and the increase in the number of domestic violence cases of the districts.

SWD will continue to keep in view the workload and manpower situation of the FCPSUs and CPUs and to explore improvement measures where necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)128

Question Serial No. 2100

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 137 of the Budget Speech that "we will strengthen residential care services to serve elderly people who cannot be taken care of at home, especially frail elderly people requiring nursing care. The Policy Address announced initiatives to speed up the provision of subsidised nursing home (NH) places and those offering a continuum of care (COC). I will increase the recurrent funding by about \$160 million to provide over 1 000 additional places, an increase of more than 60 per cent over the number of additional places announced in the last Budget." Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the ways to increase the places, its effects on the waiting time, the ratio of these additional places to elders waitlisting for the places, and the ways to ensure service quality of these additional places?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The breakdown of the additional subsidised NH places and care-and-attention (C&A) places offering COC is as follows –

Initiative	Number Place	
	NH	COC
	Places	Places
(a) Increasing the proportion of NH places from	357	0
50% to 90% of the subsidised residential care		
places in existing contract residential care		
homes for the elderly (RCHEs)		
(b) Purchasing vacant NH places from	380	0
self-financing NHs and RCHEs		
(c) Making full use of the space in existing	0	260
subsidised elderly homes to provide more		
places that offer continuous care		
(d) Providing additional subsidised residential	81	9
care places through one new contract home		
Total:	818	269
	1 08	37

The additional places will help ease the pressure on waiting time. However, as the waiting time for the subsidised NH places and C&A places is affected by a number of factors (for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of location, diet, religion, whether the applicant requested for joining family members and/or relatives in the allocation of home, the turn-over rate, whether the applicant is currently receiving community care or home care services, etc), we cannot estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional places.

As at end-February 2010, there were 19 519 and 6 274 applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A and NH places respectively.

The additional residential care places are under regular monitoring by the respective licensing offices of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and Department of Health to ensure their service quality. Besides, those additional C&A and NH places provided through setting up of new contract RCHEs, raising the NH ratio of existing contract RCHEs and purchasing of vacant NH places from the self-financing NHs and RCHEs are also subject to monitoring by the Contract Management Section of SWD.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)129** 

Question Serial No. 2101

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(3) Services for Elders Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

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Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Administration will "continue to provide training for non-professional and professional staff serving demented elders". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the training currently provided for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders? What were the expenditure and manpower involved in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10)? Will additional funding be

provided in future?

Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick Asked by:

Reply:

The training content for professional and non-professional staff providing services to demented elders mainly covered medical, psychological and care needs of demented elders, support to carers as well as legal issues relating to care for demented elders. The training cost was \$119,000 for each of the past three years. It will be increased to \$135,000 in 2010-11. The training courses are coordinated by two Social Work Officers of the Social Welfare Department who are assisted by two clerical staff.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)130** 

Question Serial No. 2103

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the targets, the number of family aide workers, family life education (FLE) workers and family support networking teams (FSNTs) in the coming year will be the same as that of the past two years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2009-10), which does not appear to complement the family-oriented policy strongly advocated by the Administration. What are the reasons? Will the Administration consider increasing the number of workers and support

teams concerned?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: Family aide service aims at imparting to individuals/families in need of basic skills in personal care, household management and providing care to other members of the family through systematic training programmes. Apart from engaging the service of family aide workers, social workers also refer needy individuals/families to other training programmes or draw on other community resources to meet their needs.

FLE is provided not only by FLE workers at the 22 Family Life Education Units (FLEUs). Integrated family service centres, integrated services centres, integrated children and youth services centres and school social work service also provide FLE programmes and related activities as part and parcel of their services. In fact, the majority of FLE programmes are provided by these mainstream service units which may vary the number of their programmes according to service needs.

FSNTs provide outreaching services to vulnerable families and refer needy cases to welfare service units for follow-up services as appropriate. To facilitate the early identification of needy families, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has already introduced the Family Support Programme in 2007.

In the light of the above, the Administration has no plan to increase the number of family aide workers, FLEUs and FSNTs in 2010-11. SWD will continue to closely monitor the situation and take appropriate measures to meet the service demands where necessary.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)131** 

Question Serial No. 2104

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated under the targets of this Programme, the unit for occasional child

care service (OCCS) is approximately more than 200. Would the Administration please also inform this Committee of the utilisation rate and

the cost per place per month.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: In 2009-10, there are 217 OCCS units, each providing one to three service

places. The average utilisation rate during the period from April to December 2009 was 49%. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the cost per OCCS place per month which varies from one centre to another. Currently the OCCS operators receive around

\$33,000 annually from SWD for the provision of each service place.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)132** 

Question Serial No. 2105

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Medium Range Forecast in paragraph 164 of the Budget

Speech, Hong Kong's underlying inflation rate forecast will average three per cent for the period 2011-14. Has the Administration reserved funds in the expenditures on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme for an inflation

adjustment?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: Expenditures on the CSSA Scheme and the SSA Scheme for 2009-10 and

2010-11 are estimated as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11	
	Revised Estimate	Estimate	
	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	
CSSA	19,175	18,586	
SSA	8,966	8,876	

In estimating the social security expenditure, the Department has taken into account projection of the number of paid cases. The CSSA and SSA Schemes are both non-cash-limited schemes. We will seek supplementary provision as and when necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)133

Question Serial No. 2106

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

**Question**: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme,

would the Administration please provide the median duration of stay on CSSA and the expenditure involved by nature of cases in the past two years

(i.e. 2008-09 and 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The median duration of stay on CSSA in years and CSSA expenditure by nature of cases in the past two years, i.e. 2008-09 and 2009-10, were as

follows:

Table 1: The median duration of stay on CSSA (in years) and CSSA expenditure by nature of cases in 2008-09:

	2008-09			
Nature of cases	Median duration of stay on CSSA (in years)*	CSSA Expenditure (\$ million)#		
Old Age	7.6	9,349		
Permanent Disability	7.8	1,137		
Ill Health	5.7	1,737		
Single Parent	5.7	3,099		
Low Earnings	5.9	1,218		
Unemployment	4.3	1,714		
Others	2.7	360		
Overall	6.6	18,613		

<sup>\*</sup> As at end-March 2009.

Note: Individual figures may not add up to respective total due to rounding effect.

<sup>#</sup> CSSA expenditure included two additional months of standard rate payment.

Table 2: The median duration of stay on CSSA (in years) and CSSA expenditure by nature of cases in 2009-10:

	2009-10 Revised Estimate			
Nature of cases	Median duration of stay on CSSA (in years)*	CSSA Expenditure (\$ million)#		
Old Age	8.0	9,617		
Permanent Disability	8.2	1,190		
Ill Health	5.9	1,801		
Single Parent	6.0	3,112		
Low Earnings	6.6	1,168		
Unemployment	4.1	1,885		
Others	2.8	402		
Overall	6.9	19,175		

<sup>\*</sup> As at end-February 2010.

Note: Individual figures may not add up to respective total due to rounding effect.

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<sup>#</sup> CSSA expenditure (2009-10 Revised Estimate) included one additional month of standard rate payment.

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)134** 

Question Serial No. 2107

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision allocated to integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the provision allocated over the past two years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2009-10) and the provision to be allocated in the coming year to these centres? How does the Administration monitor the operation and evaluate the service effectiveness of these centres? Have the opinions of the centre users been collected? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The total recurrent provisions for ICYSCs in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

Year	Amount (\$ million)		
2008-09 Actual Expenditure	809.06		
2009-10 Revised Estimate	818.33		
2010-11 Estimate	813.10		

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) monitors the performance of subvented service units including ICYSCs through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under the SPMS, service performance is assessed according to the Funding and Service Agreements and a set of Service Quality Standards drawn up between SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the subvented services. The NGOs operating ICYSCs have been collecting users' feedback as part of the assessment of their service performance.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)135

Question Serial No. 2108

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) "commissioned non-governmental organisations to run the third phase of the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) to help Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients who were unemployed youth aged 15 to 29 rejoin the workforce and move towards self-reliance". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure involved since the implementation of the programme, the latest progress of the programme and the percentage of young beneficiaries who have rejoined the workforce, and when the Administration will review the effectiveness of the programme?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The third phase of My STEP has been implemented since October 2009 and will last up to September 2011. The estimated expenditure for the current financial year 2009-10 (part year) is \$3 million. As at end-January 2010, 328 CSSA recipients had participated in this phase. Of these participants, 34 (10.4%) had secured full-time paid employment and three had secured part-time paid employment. SWD will closely monitor and review the effectiveness of My STEP throughout the implementation period.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)136

Question Serial No. 2109

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department "provided a wide range of training programmes for social security staff on areas of investigation and verification techniques, customer service skills, management and legal knowledge". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of social security staff who received the above training in each of the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10) and this number as a percentage of the total number of social security staff? Has the effectiveness of the training programmes been assessed? Can the effectiveness of the training be reflected by the trend of the number of complaints and the feedback of service recipients?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The number of social security staff who attended training programmes and that number as a percentage of the total number of social security staff from 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as follows:

	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
	of	of the total	of	of the total	of	of the total
Training	social	number of	social	number of	social	number of
programmes	security	social	security	social	security	social
	staff *	security	staff *	security	staff *	security
		staff		staff		staff
Investigation & verification techniques	500	30%	700	42%	500	31%
Customer service skills	400	24%	450	27%	350	22%

	2007-08			08-09	2009-10		
Training programmes	Number of social security staff*	Percentage of the total number of social security staff	total of of the cr of social num al security social security security security security staff* security security staff*		Number of social security staff*	Percentage of the total number of social security staff	
Management knowledge	300	18%	200	12%	450	28%	
Legal knowledge	250	15%	250	15%	350	22%	
Other professional knowledge	200	12%	200	12%	150	9%	

<sup>\*</sup> Figures are rounded.

The effectiveness of each training programme was evaluated through various channels such as collection of feedbacks from course participants and trainers as well as discussion with concerned stakeholders. The comments were generally positive. As the nature of complaints is diverse, the number of complaints in the past three years may not reflect the effectiveness of the training. However, to continue to enhance the knowledge and skills of social security staff in the delivery of quality service, we will make reference to the complaint cases handled and review the training programmes where necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)137** 

Question Serial No. 2110

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the indicators, the average time for processing a new Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) case by field units is 26 days. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the current basic procedures for processing new cases in field units and the reasons for taking longer time to process cases in the past, and whether the Administration has assessed the feasibility of expediting the processing time so that the persons in need can receive relevant assistance as soon as possible? If no assessment has been made, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: While the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is committed to processing applications for CSSA without delay, for prudent use of public resources, we have to carefully assess the eligibility of the applicants. Upon receipt of a new application, staff of SWD will conduct investigation into the applicant's circumstances and verify the information provided through office interview(s) and home visit(s). SWD staff will also need to check supporting documents such as the proofs of assets and income and seek information from other government department(s) and organisation(s) (including bank(s)) as circumstances may warrant. The average time in processing a new case is estimated to be 26 days in 2010-11, which is the same as that in 2009-10 (Revised Estimate) and 2008-09 (Actual). For cases with immediate needs, SWD staff can arrange urgent assistance where appropriate.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)138** 

Question Serial No. 2111

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the indicators, the average time for processing a new Social

Security Allowance (SSA) case by field units is 29 days. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of why it takes longer time to process cases under the SSA Scheme which provides largely non-means-tested allowances? Would the Administration consider

simplifying the procedures in order to expedite the processing time?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: While the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is committed to processing

applications for SSA (including Old Age Allowance and Disability Allowance (DA)) without delay, for prudent use of public resources, we have to carefully assess the eligibility of the applicants. Upon receipt of a new application, staff of SWD will conduct interview with the applicant either in the office or through home visit (for applicants having mobility problem), and gather all relevant information such as the applicant's Hong Kong resident status, and seek information on the applicant's absences from Hong Kong from the Immigration Department. For DA cases, SWD staff will have to gather information on the applicant's disability and, where necessary, make arrangement for him/her to complete a medical assessment. The average time in processing a new case is estimated to be 29 days in 2010-11, which is the same as that in 2009-10 (Revised Estimate) and

2008-09 (Actual).

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)139** 

Question Serial No. 2112

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the indicators, the number of cases served under the Social Security Allowance Scheme has been on the rise over the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10). Would the Administration please inform this Committee: as far as the Old Age Allowance (OAA) is concerned, the number of elderly persons who received the allowance over the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10), the estimated number of elderly persons who will receive the allowance in the coming three years and the estimated number of elderly persons eligible for OAA but not receiving the allowance during the same period?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The average numbers of OAA cases per month in 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as follows:

	Average number of cases
2007-08	458 300
2008-09	470 330

The estimated average numbers of OAA cases per month from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are as follows:

	Average number of cases
2009-10	489 800
2010-11	524 100
2011-12	553 600
2012-13	584 900

We do not have the estimated number of elderly persons eligible for OAA but not receiving the allowance during the same period.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)140** 

Question Serial No. 2113

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) "provides material assistance in the form of food and other essential articles for victims of natural and other disasters; and provides financial assistance from the Emergency Relief Fund to victims of natural disasters or their dependants". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the assistance measures which have been provided by SWD in the "building collapse incident" in Ma Tau Wai which happened earlier on? Has the Administration reviewed the assistance actions? If yes, what are the recommendations for improvement? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: In the building collapse incident in Ma Tau Wai on 29 January 2010, SWD provided emergency relief services to the victims and the actions taken are set out below:

- (a) SWD Emergency Relief Team (ERT) provided meals, beverage and distilled water to all affected residents staying at the temporary shelters from 29 January 2010 to 1 February 2010. Cash grants in lieu of meals were issued to the affected residents staying at the temporary shelters and Shek Lei Interim Housing till 7 February 2010. Drinks, snacks and fruits were also made available at the temporary shelters till 6 February 2010.
- (b) ERT coordinated the distribution of relief articles to the affected residents staying at the temporary shelters. On this occasion, some special items like cotton quilts, thick clothes, baby disposable diaper, milk powder, etc. were available for distribution on a need basis. Arrangement was also made to provide chargers for the residents' mobile telephones as necessary.

- (c) In addition to special grants given out on a need basis, SWD coordinated and distributed donations from charitable organisations and local groups and made use of existing charitable funds to provide immediate financial assistance to the affected residents on a case-by-case basis.
- (d) SWD issued three Public Subscription Permits and one supplementary permit to three organisations for the purpose of fund-raising for this incident from 31 January 2010 to 12 February 2010.

In rendering assistance to victims of natural or other disasters, SWD will take account of different circumstances of each incident and make flexible and the best use of available resources to meet the welfare needs of those affected.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)141** 

Question Serial No. 2114

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme,

would the Administration please provide, by nature of cases and in total, the most updated number of CSSA households currently living in public

housing estates.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The numbers of households on CSSA by nature of the cases in each of the

public housing estates as at the end of February 2010 are listed below:

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	III Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	267	61	53	118	52	38	15	604
Bo Shek Mansion	59	1	-	3	3	1	-	67
Broadview Garden	13	3	3	8	2	4	-	33
Butterfly	780	60	126	243	31	135	25	1 400
Chak On	366	10	39	75	8	38	6	542
Cheung Ching	331	36	49	89	63	86	16	670
Cheung Fat	260	33	39	54	19	48	7	460
Cheung Hang	359	35	43	73	35	82	7	634
Cheung Hong	916	83	85	173	65	147	21	1 490
Cheung Kwai	25	3	7	9	9	11	-	64
Cheung On	308	42	47	53	22	77	8	557
Cheung Shan	108	9	14	22	17	17	3	190
Cheung Wah	442	29	86	120	57	57	15	806
Cheung Wang	331	66	100	194	139	217	23	1 070

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Ching Ho	668	48	164	543	155	263	79	1 920
Cho Yiu Chuen	187	9	9	12	16	23	3	259
Choi Fai	88	5	27	31	23	25	3	202
Choi Ha	189	16	15	15	13	31	1	280
Choi Hung	890	66	110	231	92	128	14	1 531
Choi Ming Court	249	59	110	124	118	87	7	754
Choi Wan (I)	422	57	99	141	73	84	17	893
Choi Wan (II)	229	15	42	80	36	42	9	453
Choi Ying	451	21	73	246	52	136	16	995
Choi Yuen	857	47	113	207	41	109	31	1 405
Chuk Yuen (North)	362	36	86	71	31	66	13	665
Chuk Yuen (South)	900	73	119	271	69	116	21	1 569
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	104	4	9	14	5	16	1	153
Chun Shek	271	15	58	65	26	29	8	472
Chung On	288	64	87	116	56	104	26	741
Clague Garden Estate	62	-	1	4	6	6	2	81
Easeful Court	12	4	8	14	21	10	2	71
Fortune	592	33	69	48	30	57	6	835
Fu Cheong	1 433	61	166	226	180	171	13	2 250
Fu Heng	448	46	116	92	43	88	12	845
Fu Shan	185	13	26	33	32	24	4	317
Fu Shin	441	39	87	162	35	82	20	866
Fu Tai	407	108	98	188	143	225	11	1 180
Fu Tung	82	17	22	59	20	22	2	224
Fuk Loi	363	25	33	79	19	41	13	573
Fung Tak	505	33	77	47	36	69	8	775
Fung Wah	88	12	8	13	7	12	1	141
Grandeur Terrace	123	23	101	362	173	231	16	1 029
Hau Tak	382	48	82	107	58	78	9	764
Healthy Village	99	5	6	15	8	4	-	137
Heng On	235	23	58	67	36	45	22	486
High Prosperity Terrace	7	3	9	21	28	15	3	86
Hin Keng	213	34	39	62	29	39	17	433
Hin Yiu	90	15	27	51	13	17	7	220
Hing Man	127	26	21	64	35	35	5	313

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Hing Tin	84	13	16	38	23	18	3	195
Hing Tung	197	17	30	59	17	31	2	353
Hing Wah (I)	298	53	54	56	47	44	6	558
Hing Wah (II)	550	52	41	116	31	60	7	857
Ho Man Tin	656	48	122	125	83	86	15	1 135
Hoi Fu Court	605	27	65	104	85	87	11	984
Hoi Lai	278	38	75	220	185	160	18	974
Hong Tung	223	2	4	6	2	6	-	243
Hung Hom	205	12	23	18	14	19	1	292
Jat Min Chuen	339	22	40	37	27	36	3	504
Ka Fuk	256	20	43	52	26	55	8	460
Ka Wai Chuen	222	7	26	16	13	30	1	315
Kai Tin	356	34	44	52	31	50	2	569
Kai Yip	821	43	71	143	27	78	13	1 196
Kam Peng	28	1	6	4	4	8	-	51
Kin Ming	360	88	214	400	216	276	22	1 576
Kin Sang	97	11	34	36	16	28	10	232
King Lam	479	59	96	80	34	72	3	823
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	33	119	59	55	10	331
Ko Yee	207	15	13	31	11	19	5	301
Kwai Chung	1 117	201	320	692	336	549	90	3 305
Kwai Fong	659	105	119	138	118	137	17	1 293
Kwai Hing	90	10	11	25	8	14	2	160
Kwai Shing (East)	727	81	118	170	120	203	15	1 434
Kwai Shing (West)	486	45	68	120	56	92	13	880
Kwong Fuk	524	53	115	207	73	102	28	1 102
Kwong Tin	171	18	32	58	30	38	11	358
Kwong Yuen	382	66	79	87	25	74	35	748
Kwun Lung Lau	110	4	8	9	15	19	1	166
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	520	33	60	59	54	80	6	812
Lai King	442	42	52	95	53	98	13	795
Lai Kok	492	44	56	121	31	72	8	824
Lai On	214	21	23	27	9	20	2	316
Lai Tak Tsuen	129	18	31	16	18	14	2	228
Lai Yiu	294	30	31	54	46	56	6	517

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Lakeside Garden	14	2	5	4	-	3	-	28
Lam Tin	347	14	36	116	43	49	10	615
Lee On	302	58	114	110	40	94	14	732
Lei Cheng Uk	366	38	47	88	42	94	12	687
Lei Muk Shue	820	116	168	375	179	269	44	1 971
Lei Tung	458	65	58	98	39	52	19	789
Lei Yue Mun	431	39	71	138	88	113	25	905
Lek Yuen	356	51	63	113	24	57	14	678
Leung King	545	49	121	128	47	139	23	1 052
Lok Fu	402	57	87	107	52	87	10	802
Lok Man Sun Chuen	303	22	41	42	29	73	5	515
Lok Wah (North)	141	22	40	57	36	47	11	354
Lok Wah (South)	1 493	46	97	198	34	122	14	2 004
Long Bin IH	27	10	18	8	3	86	5	157
Long Ping	561	63	133	333	106	182	32	1 410
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	560	67	90	163	54	103	25	1 062
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	509	74	100	173	68	119	16	1 059
Lung Hang	281	27	78	119	80	79	24	688
Lung Tin	73	14	9	7	3	12	1	119
Ma Hang	45	11	11	21	9	9	2	108
Ma Tau Wai	227	14	33	111	20	39	2	446
Mei Lam	449	41	80	147	40	85	18	860
Mei Tin	313	58	147	385	138	235	45	1 321
Mei Tung	112	8	12	19	1	17	4	173
Ming Tak	179	18	19	47	19	30	3	315
Ming Wah Dai Ha	166	14	20	8	11	20	2	241
Model Housing	46	8	8	16	21	6	3	108
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	3	15	7	3	7	1	126
Nam Cheong	174	16	28	47	17	31	2	315
Nam Shan	363	21	62	118	28	45	16	653
Nga Ning Court	11	1	5	13	12	9	1	52
Ngan Wan	30	2	7	10	4	8	-	61
Oi Man	371	48	119	206	79	103	12	938
Oi Tung	775	64	87	139	53	57	5	1 180
On Tin	24	7	11	54	48	36	4	184

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
On Ting	637	77	96	152	36	153	21	1 172
On Yam	518	57	71	72	80	99	15	912
Pak Tin	1 487	61	217	292	151	234	31	2 473
Ping Shek	380	41	54	92	35	78	7	687
Ping Tin	968	81	112	169	85	145	25	1 585
Po Lam	313	51	52	130	56	58	11	671
Po Tat	1 081	67	175	316	257	258	28	2 182
Po Tin	810	128	275	120	19	393	23	1 768
Po Tin Estate	114	34	78	19	9	203	9	466
Pok Hong	290	21	75	81	58	51	15	591
Prosperous Garden	99	-	4	1	3	3	-	109
Sai Wan	27	2	9	3	9	7	1	58
Sam Shing	136	16	21	63	11	35	10	292
Sau Mau Ping (South)	316	16	42	179	62	111	13	739
Sau Mau Ping	2 090	145	277	395	315	351	52	3 625
Sha Kok	852	97	130	192	40	125	61	1 497
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	42	5	14	5	8	6	1	81
Shan King	782	80	151	303	64	188	39	1 607
Shek Kip Mei	952	44	142	187	94	134	24	1 577
Shek Lei (I)	706	91	87	170	75	120	25	1 274
Shek Lei (II)	922	118	172	281	206	333	65	2 097
Shek Mun	64	13	36	108	15	56	17	309
Shek Pai Wan	475	59	68	69	91	56	15	833
Shek Wai Kok	617	41	90	184	60	93	17	1 102
Shek Yam (East)	363	46	41	41	34	61	6	592
Shek Yam	411	53	48	80	88	87	13	780
Sheung Lok	152	8	2	5	1	5	1	174
Sheung Tak	519	71	144	193	171	168	14	1 280
Shui Pin Wai	515	22	54	96	25	54	6	772
Shun Lee	466	35	53	108	48	93	11	814
Shun On	433	29	51	81	36	75	4	709
Shun Tin	844	52	140	153	72	148	16	1 425
Siu Sai Wan	349	83	95	129	74	76	10	816
So Uk	115	14	23	19	15	43	3	232
Sun Chui	623	65	103	208	55	119	17	1 190

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Sun Tin Wai	266	36	50	105	34	51	15	557
Tai Hang Tung	465	20	65	50	23	37	5	665
Tai Hing	1 135	77	202	284	59	253	40	2 050
Tai Ping	36	5	16	26	8	22	1	114
Tai Wo	609	47	115	103	32	64	13	983
Tai Wo Hau	815	90	111	200	74	159	26	1 475
Tai Yuen	377	32	140	137	76	97	13	872
Tak Tin	817	38	86	87	37	80	8	1 153
Tin Chak	435	44	138	260	110	187	11	1 185
Tin Ching	340	42	94	317	68	166	47	1 074
Tin Heng	231	44	143	456	307	326	32	1 539
Tin King	104	17	27	84	21	42	10	305
Tin Ping	210	28	48	109	31	59	10	495
Tin Shui	550	77	142	319	107	208	36	1 439
Tin Tsz	531	57	88	110	44	100	18	948
Tin Wah	518	52	110	166	100	163	20	1 129
Tin Wan	434	56	87	59	34	39	16	725
Tin Yan	639	71	197	384	75	312	31	1 709
Tin Yat	113	23	78	260	152	181	14	821
Tin Yiu	609	62	209	358	106	250	46	1 640
Tin Yuet	451	34	157	256	144	219	21	1 282
Tsing Yi	168	21	27	33	14	41	9	313
Tsui Lam	160	19	54	121	46	40	5	445
Tsui Lok	127	5	4	12	2	3	2	155
Tsui Ping (South)	537	35	52	69	39	69	11	812
Tsui Ping (North)	1 130	76	173	239	92	165	29	1 904
Tsui Wan	141	23	16	29	8	16	6	239
Tsz Ching	1 416	74	174	255	238	186	17	2 360
Tsz Hong	114	14	49	133	126	69	5	510
Tsz Lok	872	60	106	209	118	137	13	1 515
Tsz Man	215	16	37	50	37	48	8	411
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	8	1	6	4	5	4	2	30
Tung Tau	1 070	81	101	144	61	156	12	1 625
Un Chau	1 141	68	115	108	61	138	11	1 642
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 402	75	147	99	71	180	13	1 987

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Upper Wong Tai Sin	800	77	90	144	89	126	12	1 338
Verbena Heights	150	7	28	11	5	19	1	221
Wah Fu	594	106	126	231	115	65	17	1 254
Wah Kwai	330	37	35	31	18	28	2	481
Wah Lai	103	21	35	51	55	60	9	334
Wah Ming	445	42	81	121	57	95	20	861
Wah Sum	162	25	45	58	29	44	3	366
Wan Hon	519	5	13	15	13	10	3	578
Wan Tau Tong	200	26	46	43	7	20	3	345
Wan Tsui	330	47	59	117	47	58	9	667
Wang Tau Hom	430	70	89	147	63	138	29	966
Wo Che	375	78	152	152	107	118	47	1 029
Wo Lok	255	29	38	68	23	31	2	446
Wu King	170	25	73	147	58	96	15	584
Yat Tung	488	118	263	629	436	512	49	2 495
Yau Lai	529	22	89	318	135	146	30	1 269
Yau Oi	716	99	151	297	119	259	35	1 676
Yau Tong	534	51	88	143	111	130	9	1 066
Yiu On	208	35	75	84	19	31	11	463
Yiu Tung	551	64	97	112	64	75	14	977
Yue Kwong Chuen	51	6	8	7	5	7	3	87
Yue Wan	209	31	32	84	25	39	4	424
Yung Shing Court	230	24	61	76	72	84	5	552
Total	86 673	8 474	15 419	25 846	12 383	19 468	2 915	171 178

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)142** 

Question Serial No. 2115

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme,

would the Administration please provide, by nature of cases and in total, the most updated number of CSSA cases in each of the District Council

districts.

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee Frederick

Reply: The numbers of CSSA cases by nature of the cases and by geographical

district as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

G 1: 1	Case nature							
Geographical district*	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploymen t	Others	Total
Central and Western	2 459	250	278	230	127	373	71	3 788
Eastern	8 578	1 149	1 049	1 546	697	1 056	303	14 378
Islands	1 720	248	437	882	558	780	214	4 839
Kowloon City	8 226	677	1 136	1 407	495	1 421	282	13 644
Kwai Tsing	14 931	2 130	2 125	3 280	1 933	3 213	593	28 205
Kwun Tong	21 425	1 672	2 682	4 551	2 228	3 453	687	36 698
North	7 665	812	1 398	2 197	683	1 503	545	14 803
Sai Kung	4 217	873	1 046	1 422	817	941	324	9 640
Sha Tin	9 021	1 557	1 925	2 679	989	1 713	587	18 471
Sham Shui Po	14 329	1 059	2 399	2 745	1 262	3 916	586	26 296
Southern	5 403	1 173	685	739	412	399	209	9 020

Gaagraphical	Case nature							
Geographical district*	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploymen t	Others	Total
Tai Po	5 849	483	992	1 176	358	777	251	9 886
Tsuen Wan	5 184	450	559	1 141	396	824	224	8 778
Tuen Mun	11 009	2 223	2 378	2 780	759	2 765	568	22 482
Wan Chai	1 411	93	165	110	59	327	94	2 259
Wong Tai Sin	13 214	1 215	1 789	2 822	1 470	2 047	415	22 972
Yau Tsim Mong	5 563	380	1 133	1 123	405	2 833	353	11 790
Yuen Long	12 622	1 725	2 948	5 175	1 894	4 328	782	29 474
Total	152 826	18 169	25 124	36 005	15 542	32 669	7 088	287 423

<sup>\*</sup> The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)143** 

Question Serial No. 2116

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding Disability Allowance (DA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA)

under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, would the Administration please provide, by the current District Council district and in total, the most updated numbers of recipients of the above two allowances respectively?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The numbers of DA and OAA recipients by geographical district as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

		T	1
Geographical district*	DA	OAA	Total
Central and Western	3 857	17 163	21 020
Eastern	11 936	48 900	60 836
Islands	1 652	5 770	7 422
Kowloon City	6 507	30 087	36 594
Kwai Tsing	10 200	39 289	49 489
Kwun Tong	12 825	49 402	62 227
North	4 943	15 520	20 463
Sai Kung	5 855	17 939	23 794
Sha Tin	12 001	36 356	48 357
Sham Shui Po	7 050	29 062	36 112
Southern	6 777	19 546	26 323
Tai Po	5 648	15 464	21 112
Tsuen Wan	4 698	19 825	24 523
Tuen Mun	8 454	22 065	30 519
Wan Chai	2 374	12 286	14 660
Wong Tai Sin	9 191	39 774	48 965

Geographical district*	DA	OAA	Total
Yau Tsim Mong	4 205	21 268	25 473
Yuen Long	7 347	22 832	30 179
Total	125 520	462 548	588 068

<sup>\*</sup> The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)144** 

Question Serial No. 2117

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding Disability Allowance (DA) and Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, would the Administration please provide, by public housing estates and in total, the most updated number of recipients of the above two allowances

respectively?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The numbers of DA and OAA recipients in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

Public housing estate	Number of recipients				
	DA	OAA	Total		
Ap Lei Chau	498	1 461	1 959		
Bo Shek Mansion	6	16	22		
Broadview Garden	5	12	17		
Butterfly	180	606	786		
Chak On	83	374	457		
Cheung Ching	328	1 790	2 118		
Cheung Fat	139	364	503		
Cheung Hang	259	961	1 220		
Cheung Hong	454	2 123	2 577		
Cheung Kwai	33	84	117		
Cheung On	477	1 454	1 931		
Cheung Shan	127	683	810		
Cheung Wah	357	1 147	1 504		
Cheung Wang	125	201	326		
Ching Ho	161	142	303		
Cho Yiu Chuen	176	924	1 100		

D.11: 1	Number of recipients			
Public housing estate	DA	OAA	Total	
Choi Fai	76	326	402	
Choi Ha	204	844	1 048	
Choi Hung	488	3 088	3 576	
Choi Ming Court	90	197	287	
Choi Wan (I)	489	1 943	2 432	
Choi Wan (II)	255	985	1 240	
Choi Ying	73	196	269	
Choi Yuen	300	1 048	1 348	
Chuk Yuen (North)	526	2 794	3 320	
Chuk Yuen (South)	359	1 581	1 940	
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	85	410	495	
Chun Shek	149	447	596	
Chung On	154	224	378	
Clague Garden Estate	51	288	339	
Easeful Court	24	48	72	
Fortune	113	346	459	
Fu Cheong	274	672	946	
Fu Heng	365	682	1 047	
Fu Shan	86	513	599	
Fu Shin	428	1 080	1 508	
Fu Tai	295	503	798	
Fu Tung	73	198	271	
Fuk Loi	242	1 591	1 833	
Fung Tak	377	1 974	2 351	
Fung Wah	104	366	470	
Grandeur Terrace	151	150	301	
Hau Tak	275	732	1 007	
Healthy Village	177	844	1 021	
Heng On	485	1 139	1 624	
High Prosperity Terrace	36	69	105	
Hin Keng	485	1 591	2 076	
Hin Yiu	29	45	74	
Hing Man	166	682	848	
Hing Tin	256	962	1 218	
Hing Tung	134	342	476	
Hing Wah (I)	219	433	652	
Hing Wah (II)	303	1 039	1 342	
Ho Man Tin	419	1 920	2 339	

Dali'a bassina astata	Number of recipients			
Public housing estate	DA	OAA	Total	
Hoi Fu Court	166	613	779	
Hoi Lai	225	448	673	
Hong Tung	25	128	153	
Hung Hom	53	168	221	
Jat Min Chuen	264	785	1 049	
Ka Fuk	113	226	339	
Ka Wai Chuen	146	874	1 020	
Kai Tin	181	793	974	
Kai Yip	308	1 093	1 401	
Kam Peng	16	32	48	
Kin Ming	214	271	485	
Kin Sang	160	279	439	
King Lam	369	897	1 266	
Ko Cheung Court	103	158	261	
Ko Yee	96	331	427	
Kwai Chung	457	1 254	1 711	
Kwai Fong	542	2 398	2 940	
Kwai Hing	133	864	997	
Kwai Shing (East)	373	1 656	2 029	
Kwai Shing (West)	318	1 748	2 066	
Kwong Fuk	512	1 145	1 657	
Kwong Tin	244	856	1 100	
Kwong Yuen	322	756	1 078	
Kwun Lung Lau	133	666	799	
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	354	1 756	2 110	
Lai King	305	1 434	1 739	
Lai Kok	211	858	1 069	
Lai On	137	672	809	
Lai Tak Tsuen	222	1 242	1 464	
Lai Yiu	175	893	1 068	
Lakeside Garden	8	15	23	
Lam Tin	50	289	339	
Lee On	273	510	783	
Lei Cheng Uk	402	1 745	2 147	
Lei Muk Shue	554	2 507	3 061	
Lei Tung	704	1 754	2 458	
Lei Yue Mun	136	445	581	
Lek Yuen	255	1 000	1 255	

Dublic housing astate	Number of recipients			
Public housing estate	DA	OAA	Total	
Leung King	368	691	1 059	
Lok Fu	308	1 303	1 611	
Lok Man Sun Chuen	253	1 816	2 069	
Lok Wah (North)	270	999	1 269	
Lok Wah (South)	380	1 489	1 869	
Long Bin Interim Housing	7	12	19	
Long Ping	445	1 051	1 496	
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	496	2 280	2 776	
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	389	1 836	2 225	
Lung Hang	333	1 019	1 352	
Lung Tin	18	55	73	
Ma Hang	74	217	291	
Ma Tau Wai	199	822	1 021	
Mei Lam	346	1 176	1 522	
Mei Tin	134	146	280	
Mei Tung	42	232	274	
Ming Tak	62	201	263	
Ming Wah Dai Ha	255	1 300	1 555	
Model Housing	73	259	332	
Moon Lok Dai Ha	58	406	464	
Nam Cheong	139	572	711	
Nam Shan	247	775	1 022	
Nga Ning Court	19	24	43	
Ngan Wan	21	52	73	
Oi Man	557	2 593	3 150	
Oi Tung	316	740	1 056	
On Tin	37	73	110	
On Ting	240	680	920	
On Yam	392	2 686	3 078	
Pak Tin	522	2 016	2 538	
Ping Shek	369	2 077	2 446	
Ping Tin	447	1 522	1 969	
Po Lam	347	898	1 245	
Po Tat	337	994	1 331	
Po Tin	95	142	237	
Po Tin Interim Housing	52	71	123	
Pok Hong	489	1 541	2 030	
Prosperous Garden	25	98	123	

Dellis bassing actata	Number of recipients			
Public housing estate	DA	OAA	Total	
Sai Wan	71	255	326	
Sam Shing	94	303	397	
Sau Mau Ping (South)	32	79	111	
Sau Mau Ping	847	3 472	4 319	
Sha Kok	462	1 658	2 120	
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	46	172	218	
Shan King	453	1 029	1 482	
Shek Kip Mei	340	1 243	1 583	
Shek Lei (I)	463	2 023	2 486	
Shek Lei (II)	261	880	1 141	
Shek Mun	23	27	50	
Shek Pai Wan	558	988	1 546	
Shek Wai Kok	455	2 262	2 717	
Shek Yam (East)	156	866	1 022	
Shek Yam	146	675	821	
Sheung Lok	10	103	113	
Sheung Tak	272	686	958	
Shui Pin Wai	100	495	595	
Shun Lee	371	1 417	1 788	
Shun On	216	837	1 053	
Shun Tin	538	2 096	2 634	
Siu Sai Wan	657	1 802	2 459	
So Uk	137	771	908	
Sun Chui	547	1 634	2 181	
Sun Tin Wai	285	1 100	1 385	
Tai Hang Tung	160	633	793	
Tai Hing	416	1 357	1 773	
Tai Ping	107	191	298	
Tai Wo	485	990	1 475	
Tai Wo Hau	637	2 943	3 580	
Tai Yuen	413	1 175	1 588	
Tak Tin	465	1 804	2 269	
Tin Chak	131	189	320	
Tin Ching	63	83	146	
Tin Heng	237	296	533	
Tin King	189	290	479	
Tin Ping	363	616	979	
Tin Shui	365	859	1 224	

Dublic housing estate	Number of recipients				
Public housing estate	DA	OAA	Total		
Tin Tsz	145	281	426		
Tin Wah	160	314	474		
Tin Wan	302	772	1 074		
Tin Yan	117	149	266		
Tin Yat	121	159	280		
Tin Yiu	461	866	1 327		
Tin Yuet	127	247	374		
Tsing Yi	237	781	1 018		
Tsui Lam	335	796	1 131		
Tsui Lok	26	85	111		
Tsui Ping (South)	156	660	816		
Tsui Ping (North)	701	2 588	3 289		
Tsui Wan	244	682	926		
Tsz Ching	400	1 700	2 100		
Tsz Hong	86	223	309		
Tsz Lok	358	1 371	1 729		
Tsz Man	176	817	993		
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	27	39		
Tung Tau	516	2 476	2 992		
Un Chau	475	2 420	2 895		
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	406	2 173	2 579		
Upper Wong Tai Sin	295	1 266	1 561		
Verbena Heights	32	116	148		
Wah Fu	963	3 404	4 367		
Wah Kwai	368	1 129	1 497		
Wah Lai	57	96	153		
Wah Ming	322	537	859		
Wah Sum	71	151	222		
Wan Hon	43	240	283		
Wan Tau Tong	183	418	601		
Wan Tsui	334	991	1 325		
Wang Tau Hom	483	2 198	2 681		
Wo Che	619	1 975	2 594		
Wo Lok	128	628	756		
Wu King	328	880	1 208		
Yat Tung	431	649	1 080		
Yau Lai	193	424	617		
Yau Oi	521	1 461	1 982		

Dublic housing actata	Number of recipients				
Public housing estate	DA	OAA	Total		
Yau Tong	228	696	924		
Yiu On	344	613	957		
Yiu Tung	358	1 016	1 374		
Yue Kwong Chuen	91	438	529		
Yue Wan	212	718	930		
Yung Shing Court	74	130	204		
Total	54 453	191 117	245 570		

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Patrick T K Nip

Director of Social Welfare

18 March 2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)145** 

Question Serial No. 2118

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(1) Family and Child Welfare Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will "continue to monitor the operation of the pilot Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and review the project". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the latest operational situation of the project, the number of families which participated in the project and the districts in which they are located, as well as the expenditure involved since the implementation of the project? Has the Administration evaluated the response of the participants? When will the Administration review the project? Will the Administration further extend the project in view of the demand in different districts?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Administration has earmarked \$45 million for the pilot NSCCP. The provision is for a period of three years starting from 2008-09. The NSCCP was fully rolled out in March 2009. It consists of 11 projects, one in each administrative district of SWD. The annual allocation for each project is \$1.27 million. Together the 11 projects provide a total of not less than 440 places consisting of 286 home-based child care places 154 centre-based care group places. From April to December 2009, an average of 430 children were served by the NSCCP each month. Feedback from stakeholders has been generally positive.

All the projects will operate until the end of March 2011. SWD will conduct a review to evaluate the effectiveness of the NSCCP by the end of 2010.

Upon completion of the review, the Administration will decide on the way forward for the NSCCP.

Signature	
Name in block letters	Patrick T K Nip
Post Title	Director of Social Welfare
Date	18 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)146** 

Question Serial No. 2119

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in Matters Requring Special Attention in 2010-11 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will "further develop and continue to implement the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP)". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of further implementing the BIP, the expenditure and manpower involved under the BIP in the past year (i.e. 2009-10), the estimated increase in expenditure in the coming year (i.e. 2010-11) and manpower arising from the further development of the BIP.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: In 2009-10, a total of 92 batterers participated in the BIP. It is estimated that about 100 participants will participate in the BIP in 2010-11. We will develop other treatment modalities such as BIP for women.

There is no breakdown on manpower and funding specifically allocated to BIP as it is an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by existing social workers of the Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD.

Signature	
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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)147** 

Question Serial No. 2120

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of "an extra allowance to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Disability Allowance (DA) recipients, equal to one month of the allowances..." as stated in paragraph 153(2) of the Budget Speech, would the Administration please inform this Committee of when the above relief measure will be implemented, that is to say when the beneficiaries will receive the extra allowances?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The Financial Secretary announced in his 2010-11 Budget Speech the provision of an extra allowance to CSSA recipients, equal to one month of the standard rate CSSA payments; and an extra allowance to OAA and DA recipients, equal to one month of the allowances. The Administration will brief the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council on the proposal and seek the approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council on the necessary financial commitments. Subject to FC's approval, we aim to implement the proposal sometime in mid-2010.

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Director of Social Welfare

Date
18 March 2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)148

Question Serial No. 2667

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision, "provision

for 2010-11 is \$277.1 million (8.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10... there will be an increase of 32 posts in 2010-11". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of the

above 32 new posts and their areas of work?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The net creation of 32 posts in 2010-11 includes posts in the Social Work

Officer and clerical grades for supporting the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse, strengthening the medical social services for persons with mental health problems, and strengthening clerical support for the provision of rehabilitation and

medical social services.

Signature	
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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)149** 

Question Serial No. 2668

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2): Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision, "there will be

a net increase of 34 posts in 2010–11". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of the 34 new posts and their areas

of work?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The net creation of 34 posts in 2010-11 includes posts in the Social Security

Assistant and clerical grades for the provision of social security services and the implementation of employment assistance projects for Comprehensive

Social Security Assistance recipients.

Signature	
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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)150** 

Question Serial No. 2669

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will "continue to maintain the efficient and effective delivery of the social security schemes, and combat fraud and abuse". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the concrete work relating to the combat of fraud and abuse of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and how to prevent the wrong impression of "CSSA recipients as parasitic group" and "social burden" from scaring people in genuine need to seek assistance?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: To combat fraud, SWD conducts regular case reviews and checkings on targetted cases, arranges periodical data matching with other government departments and organisations, and conducts in-depth investigation into suspected fraud cases. There are also a hotline and an information form for the public to report fraudulent claims.

While SWD spares no effort in combating fraud, it is our goal to support persons suffering from financial hardship for various reasons such as old age, disability, illness, unemployment and low earnings through the CSSA Scheme, which provides a safety net for those who cannot support themselves financially. This message has been clearly disseminated through our publicity materials. Besides, SWD has also implemented the Support for Self-reliance Scheme to encourage and assist able-bodied CSSA recipients who are unemployed or earning low income to move towards full-time paid employment and self-reliance.

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Date	18 March 2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)151** 

Question Serial No. 2670

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As several elder abuse cases have happened in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in recent years, the service quality of RCHEs becomes a matter of public concern. As regards the monitoring of RCHEs, would the Administration please inform this Committee what are the existing laws and measures in this respect? What is the average number of inspections to each RCHE carried out in the past year, i.e. 2009-10? Could the Administration further increase the number of surprise inspections to RCHEs? Regarding the regulation of RCHEs through a licensing system currently administered by the Director of Social Welfare, has the Administration reviewed the relevant licensing threshold to see if it is outdated and too low? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

A three-pronged approach, namely licensing control, capacity building as well as monitoring and enforcement is adopted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to ensure the service quality of RCHEs.

The Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance, Cap. 459 and its subsidiary legislation provide for the regulation of RCHEs through a licensing system to cover various aspects of RCHE operation such as health, sanitation, staffing, safety, location, design, structure, equipment, fire precautions and space. Besides, LORCHE has set out requirements in the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) (CoP) which cover key aspects relating to the quality of care for elderly residents in RCHEs including drug management, infection control, food quality, personal care, etc. Ongoing collaboration with the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority and other key stakeholders will be continued to prepare and issue guidelines to facilitate the operators to improve their health care services and management of RCHEs. In addition to a cross-sector and multi-disciplinary working group tasked to propose measures to promote drug safety in RCHEs, we will launch a three-year

pilot scheme in 2010-11 to provide 70 to 80 RCHEs with visiting pharmacist services to strengthen their capability in drug management.

Inspectors of LORCHE conduct regular unannounced inspections to RCHEs. In 2009, the inspections were stepped up to an average of seven times a year for each RCHE. More focused inspections on high risk items such as staffing, drug management, use of physical restraint, etc. were conducted during non-office hours, weekends and public holidays.

Under the licensing system, RCHEs are required to make necessary rectifications if irregularities are detected. Advisory or warning letters would be issued to and/or prosecution actions would be taken against those non-compliant RCHEs. In order to enhance the service standards of RCHEs, LORCHE has from time to time added new requirements, updated the CoP and issued circular letters and guidelines concerning licensing issues/policies, topical issues and/or good practices to RCHEs to ensure that the residents receive proper care.

Signature	
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Post Title	Director of Social Welfare
Date	17 March 2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)152** 

Question Serial No. 2672

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Brief Description and the Aim of this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides family and child welfare services to "preserve and strengthen the family" and "preserve, strengthen and support the family". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the concrete details of the work done in the past year (i.e. 2009-10)? Did the Administration conduct any study in the past on the policies and measures of preserving and strengthening families (e.g. stipulating standard working hours)? If yes, what are the findings? If no, what are the reasons? How does the work of strengthening families as mentioned above supports the policy advocated by the Family Council under the Homes Affairs Bureau?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: To preserve and strengthen the families from a welfare policy perspective, SWD provides a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family services centres, family and child protective service (including services for child abuse, spouse battering and child custody dispute cases), family support networking teams, clinical psychological service, residential care services for children (including foster care, small group homes and other residential homes for children), child care centres for children aged under three, Child Care Centres Advisory Inspectorate, adoption service, and hotline service, etc. Under the Service Performance Monitoring System, SWD conducts on-going assessments to monitor service delivery and performance.

SWD will continue to make reference to directions on family-related matters advocated by the Family Council and findings of studies it commissions in delivering its comprehensive family and child welfare services as appropriate.

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Date	18 March 2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)153** 

Question Serial No. 2673

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision, "provision for

2010–11 is \$77.3 million (4.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009–10... there will be a net increase of 23 posts in 2010–11". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of the

23 new posts and their areas of work?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: The net creation of 23 posts in 2010-11 are clerical posts for strengthening

support in the provision of family and child welfare services.

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Director of Social Welfare

Date
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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)154

Question Serial No. 0520

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As shown in the indicators under the key performance measures of family and child welfare service, the number of groups and programmes organised by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by both the government sector and the subvented sector in 2010-11 is estimated to be 4 941 and 2 036 respectively, a substantial reduction of more than 20% when compared with those in 2009-10. Would the Administration please explain the reasons for such a reduction? Does this involve a change in policy and resources? What is the expected implication on service users?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: The estimated number of groups and programmes provided by IFSCs in 2009-10 is a projection based on the actual number of groups and programmes organised in the first two quarters of 2009-10, whereas the estimated number in 2010-11 is the aggregate of the output indicators as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). IFSCs may, as in previous years, organise more groups and programmes than the output level as required in the FSAs according to service needs. There is no change in either the policy on or service provision of IFSCs.

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Director of Social Welfare

Date
16 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)155** 

Question Serial No. 0658

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please explain in details the "Victim Support Programme" (VSP) to be

implemented in 2010-11, including the aim of the programme, the support services to be provided, the implementation schedule, the assessment mechanism for the programme, as well as the manpower and resources

involved.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: The Social Welfare Department will provide a subvention of about \$5 million each year for a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to operate the VSP with an aim to enhancing support service to 800 service users in a year. Under the VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services will be provided to victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. It is planned that the operating NGO will commence service provision in June 2010. The service will be monitored through the Funding and Service Agreement and the Service Quality Standards. As the service is subvented on Lump Sum Grant mode, the operating NGO has the flexibility in deploying suitable staff to provide the service.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)156** 

Question Serial No. 0842

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the average

waiting time for integrated home care services (IHCS) for elderly persons in various districts over the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10)? Please provide the information on waiting time by years and districts in

table form.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: As at January 2008 and 2009, the average waiting time for frailty-tested

services under IHCS and enhanced home and community care services was about two months and three months respectively. For 2010, the average waiting time is about two months. The waiting time for non-frailty tested services under IHCS varies from a few days to a few months. Information

on waiting time by district is not available.

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Post Title	Director of Social Welfare
Date	18 March 2010

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)157

Question Serial No. 0843

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the average

waiting time for enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) for elderly persons in various districts over the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10)? Please provide the information on waiting time by

year and by district in table form.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: As at January 2008 and 2009, the average waiting time for frailty-tested

services under integrated home care services and EHCCS was about two months and three months respectively. For 2010, the average waiting time is about two months. Information on waiting time by district is not

available.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)158** 

Question Serial No. 0844

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration plans to increase recurrent funding by about \$9 million to provide 115 additional subsidised day care places for the elderly. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of these 115 additional places in various districts and their estimated date of service commencement?

	Number of additional places	Estimated date of service commencement
Central & Western		
Eastern		
Southern		
Wan Chai		
Kowloon City		
Kwun Tong		
Sham Shui Po		
Wong Tai Sin		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Islands		
Kwai Tsing		
North		
Sai Kung		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Tsuen Wan		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
Total		

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: Of the 115 additional day care places, 70 places will be provided in Sai

Kung (60 places) and Kowloon City (10 places) districts in 2010-11 while the remaining 45 places will be provided in Kwun Tong district in

2011-12.

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17 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)159

Question Serial No. 0845

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Administration plans to increase the recurrent funding by about \$160 million to provide over 1 000 additional residential care places. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the distribution of these additional residential care places which includes: (a) places purchased from private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS); (b) contract home places: (c) subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) home places (excluding those places under item (a) mentioned above) in various districts, and their estimated date of service commencement? Please provide the information in the table below.

	Number of additional places	Estimated date of service commencement
Central & Western	Paulos	
Eastern		
Southern		
Wan Chai		
Kowloon City		
Kwun Tong		
Sham Shui Po		
Wong Tai Sin		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Islands		
Kwai Tsing		
North		
Sai Kung		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Tsuen Wan		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
Total		

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: The breakdown of the additional subsidised nursing home (NH) places and C&A places offering continuum of care (COC) in residential care homes

for the elderly (RCHEs) is as follows –

	New	Purchase	Increase the	New NH	COC
	places	of NH	proportion	and	places in
	through	places	of NH	COC	existing
	<b>EBPS</b>	from	places in	places in	subsidised
		self-	existing	a newly	RCHEs
		financing	subsidised	built	under the
		NHs/	contract	contract	conversion
		RCHEs	RCHEs	RCHE	programme
Number of	0	380 [Note 1]	357 [Note 1]	90 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	260 [Note 1]
Places &					
Location					
Service	N.A.	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11
Commencement		to	to		
		2011-12	2014-15		

[Note 1] Territory-wide

[Note 2] Yau Tsim Mong District

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)160** 

Question Serial No. 0999

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the average waiting time for subsidised day care services for the

elderly in various districts in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10)?

Please provide the information by year and by district in table.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: As at January 2008 and 2009, the average waiting time for day care places

was about six months and nine months respectively. For 2010, the average waiting time is about seven months. Information on waiting time by

district is not available.

Signature	
Name in block letters	Patrick T K Nip
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Date	18 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)161

Question Serial No. 1001

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Estimates by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that the costs per place per month for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and contract homes are \$8,603, \$12,528, \$6,282 and \$7,525 respectively. What are the amounts of administration costs of SWD involved in the costs mentioned above? How much do the

organisations actually receive for each subsidised place provided?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: The estimated administrative costs of SWD per place per month in 2010-11 for C&A homes, NHs, private homes participating in the EBPS and contract homes are \$108, \$157, \$28 and \$34 respectively.

Subventions/subsidies/contract sum are provided to service operators in a lump sum and there is no breakdown of the amounts actually received by the organisations for each subsidised place provided.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)162** 

Question Serial No. 1002

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration inform this Committee of the number of elders

waiting for admission to subsidised nursing homes (NHs) in various districts per month in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10)? Please

provide the information by month and by district in tables.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: As all applications for subsidised residential care services including subsidised NH places are put under the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services on a territory-wide basis, there is no

of subsidised long term care services on a territory-wide basis, there is no separate waiting list for individual districts. For the years from 2007-08 to 2009-10, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised NH places by

month is provided as follows:

Month	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
			(up to end-February 2010)
April	6 126	6 265	6 259
May	6 102	6 288	6 273
June	6 247	6 378	6 384
July	6 202	6 403	6 330
August	6 229	6 482	6 348
September	6 281	6 409	6 340
October	6 294	6 424	6 385
November	6 294	6 418	6 465
December	6 270	6 345	6 415

Month	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
			(up to end-February 2010)
January	6 261	6 267	6 334
February	6 213	6 303	6 274
March	6 231	6 220	Not yet available

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)163** 

Question Serial No. 1003

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the number of elders waiting for admission to private homes

participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in various districts per month in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10)? Please

provide the information by month and by district in tables.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

As eligible elders can choose to apply for more than one type of subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places, i.e. in subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) or those in RCHEs under the EBPS, the Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of cases waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places. Since all applications for subsidised residential care services (including subsidised C&A places) are put under the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services on a territory-wide basis, there are no separate waiting lists for individual districts. For the period from 2007-08 to 2009-10, the numbers of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A places by month are provided as follows:

Month	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
			(up to end-February
			2010)
April	16 250	16 735	18 175
May	16 401	16 802	18 323
June	16 607	16 932	18 576
July	16 797	17 129	18 694
August	16 962	17 365	18 925

Month	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
			(up to end-February
			2010)
September	17 181	17 526	19 186
October	17 340	17 664	19 337
November	17 414	17 811	19 546
December	17 283	17 795	19 545
January	17 158	17 810	19 592
February	16 981	17 966	19 519
March	16 705	17 948	Not yet available

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)164** 

Question Serial No. 1004

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the number of elders waiting for admission to subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places (excluding those in private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)) in various districts per month in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10)? Please provide the information by month and by district in a table.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: As eligible elders can choose to apply for subsidised C&A places in subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) or those in RCHEs under the EBPS, the Social Welfare Department only captures the total number of cases waitlisted for all kinds of subsidised C&A places. Since all applications for subsidised residential care services (including subsidised C&A places) are put under the Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services on a territory-wide basis, there are no separate waiting lists for individual districts. For the period from 2007-08 to 2009-10, the numbers of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A places by month are provided as follows:

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)165** 

Question Serial No. 1005

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What were the total numbers of elders who had waitlisted for nursing homes (NH) and subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places in 2009-10? How many of them were allocated NH/subsidised C&A places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waiting respectively? As regards the elders who had waitlisted for NH places, what was their accommodation status while waiting (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs (including those participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)), public housing, private housing and others (such as hospitals))?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

From 1 April 2009 to end-February 2010, about 9 100 elders had waitlisted for subsidised NH places. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons during the above period are set out below:

Elders who left the waiting list	Number
Elders who were allocated places	554
Elders who withdrew their applications	376
Elders who passed away while waiting	1 687
Elders who left the waiting list for other reasons (e.g.	209
no longer required the service due to change of	
circumstances)	
Total:	2 826

The accommodation status of all the elders who had waitlisted for subsidised NH places over a period is not readily available. However, the accommodation status of the 6 274 elders waitlisted for subsidised NH places as at end-February 2010 is available and is set out below:

Type of accommodation	Number of elders
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	664
Private RCHEs (including those participating in	3 739
EBPS)	
Public housing	770
Private housing	1 049
Others (e.g. hospitals)	52
Total:	6 274

From 1 April 2009 to end-February 2010, about 28 400 elders had waitlisted for subsidised C&A places. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons during the above period are set out below:

Elders who left the waiting list	Number
Elders who were allocated places	3 119
Elders who withdrew their applications	2 001
Elders who passed away while waiting	2 519
Elders who left the waiting list for other reasons (e.g.	1 242
no longer required the service due to change of	
circumstances)	
Total:	8 881

The accommodation status of all the elders who had waitlisted for subsidised C&A places over a period is not readily available. However, the accommodation status of the 19 519 elders waitlisted for subsidised C&A places as at end-February 2010 is available and is set out below:

Type of accommodation	Number of elders
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	815
Private RCHEs (including those participating in	5 942
EBPS)	
Public housing	7 220
Private housing	5 297
Others (e.g. hospitals)	245
Total:	19 519

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)166

Question Serial No. 1987

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Amongst the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) how many children had to apply for CSSA on their own, and were represented in the application by a non-guardian, for the reason that their parents were not Hong Kong residents?
- (b) how many children and elders on CSSA had their CSSA payments deducted for the reason that they had been absent from Hong Kong for a period longer than the permissible limit?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: (a) The number of children who were born in Hong Kong to Two-way Permit holders from the Mainland and were represented by a non-guardian in applying for CSSA in the past three years is as follows:

Year	Number of children
2007-08	116
2008-09	57
2009-10 (up to the end of February 2010)	57

We do not have information on CSSA applications from children born to other non-Hong Kong resident parents.

(b) The numbers of children and elders whose CSSA payments had been deducted in the past three years for the reason that they had been absent from Hong Kong for a period longer than the permissible limit are as follows:

Year	Number of children	Number of elders
2007-08	1 713	2 277
2008-09	1 223	2 049
2009-10 (up to the end of February 2010)	962	1 683

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)167** 

Question Serial No. 1988

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Administration implemented the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP) in 2009-10 and will further develop the BIP in this year. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what are the implementation details, the number of Court referrals, the actual number of service users and the effectiveness of the BIP in last year?
- (b) has the Administration conducted a follow up study on the beneficiaries? Is there any beneficiary who has record of re-offending again?
- (c) what are the details of further developing the BIP in 2010-11, the organisations providing the services, the manpower and resources involved and the mechanism for evaluating the services?
- (d) does the Administration plan to further develop the BIP in the future? If yes, please give the details.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: (a) & (b) The two-year pilot project of the BIP launched by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) was completed in March 2008 and it had been proven to be effective in helping abusers change their abusive behaviour. In 2009, an outcome study on the pilot project showed that the programme effects were sustained after a one-year period. After that, BIP has now become part of the counselling service in the 11 Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD. In 2009-10, a total of 92 batterers participated in the BIP. Among them, 17 were referred by the Court. More than half of the participants self-reported and were observed to have shown improvement in anger control and conflict resolution.

- (c) It is estimated that about 100 batterers will participate in the 13 groups under BIP to be provided by FCPSUs in 2010-11. There is no breakdown on the manpower and funding specifically allocated to the BIP as it is an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by the existing social workers of the FCPSUs of SWD.
- (d) We will further develop other treatment modalities such as BIP for women.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)168

Question Serial No. 1994

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the provision for integrated home care

services (IHCS) in 2010-11? Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under the IHCS, what is the number of calls for assistance received from individual districts in 2009-10 and the details of assistance requested?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: In 2010-11, the estimated annual expenditure for IHCS is \$449 million.

Regarding the 24-hour emergency support service under IHCS, the number of calls for assistance received from frailty-tested elders served by IHCS from April to December 2009 with breakdown by district is as follows:

Number of Calls District Central and Western 0 Islands 0 Wan Chai 4 Eastern 18 Southern 28 Yau Tsim Mong 0 Sham Shui Po 0 **Kowloon City** 0 Wong Tai Sin 16 Sai Kung 0 Kwun Tong 66 Sha Tin 14 Tai Po 0 North 0 Yuen Long 0 Tsuen Wan 27 Kwai Tsing 4 Tuen Mun 0 Total 177

The majority of the calls for assistance were related to domestic accidents and acute health problems.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)169

Question Serial No. 1995

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the amount of provision earmarked for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by the Government in the 2010-11 financial year? How many elders are waitlisting for this type of service? What is their waiting time? How many centres are providing such service? What is the utilisation rate of these centres? If there is over-utilisation, what plans does the Administration have to expand these centres and increase the provision, so as to meet the requirements of the Fire Services Ordinance and the need for providing recreational space and care for elders?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

In 2010-11, the estimated annual expenditure for day care services is \$174.7 million. As at January 2010, there were 1 054 elders waiting for subsidised day care places and the average waiting time for day care services was about seven months. At present, there are 59 day care centres/day care units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) over the territory. Since some elders occupy only a half-day place or do not attend the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the DEs/DCUs to take in additional elders to fill in the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate of the day care places is set at 110% to maximise the utilisation accordingly. The Social Welfare Department would make reference to the service capacity and standard schedule of accommodation of DEs/DCUs to allocate the funding and subject to availability of premises provide additional space for the centres to meet the service needs of the users. The design and fitting-out of all DEs/DCUs projects are in compliance with fire safety requirements.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)170** 

Question Serial No. 1996

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the estimated

provision for services to be provided to demented elders living in the community in the financial year 2010-11? What is the number of centres providing care services for demented elders? How many demented elders

are waitlisting for such services? What is their waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides subsidised community care

services through day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), integrated home care services (IHCS) to support frail elders including demented elders to age in the community. The total estimated expenditure for the subsidised community care services is \$764 million in 2010-11. At present, there are 59 DEs/DCUs, 24 EHCCS teams and 60 IHCS teams. As at January 2010, the average waiting time for day care places was about seven months and that for home-based services (i.e. EHCCS and IHCS) varied from a few days to a few months, with an average of about two months.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)171** 

Question Serial No. 1084

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 145 of his Budget Speech that he will increase the recurrent funding by about \$6 million to recruit 14 additional psychiatric medical social workers (MSWs), thereby increasing their number to over 210. If the plan to enhance manpower is implemented, what will be the average caseload of each social worker? Please provide the number of cases served by each psychiatric MSW in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

With the additional 14 social workers to be posted as MSWs in the Social Welfare Department's psychiatric medical social services units in various hospitals and clinics of the Hospital Authority in 2010-11, it is estimated that each MSW will be able to handle around 70 active cases per month. The average active caseload of MSWs in the past three years is as follows:

Year	Average Active Caseload
2006-07	91
2007-08	82
2008-09	78

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)172** 

Question Serial No. 0223

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

000 – Operational Expenses

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Social Welfare Department plans to create 91 new non-directorate posts in 2010-11. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what is the expenditure involved in creating these posts?
- (b) are they permanent posts? If not, what types of posts will be created?
- (c) what are the post titles and job details of these posts?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply: The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 91 posts is \$26.1 million. All the posts are civil service posts to be created on the permanent establishment. Details of the 91 posts are as follows:

Programme	Net increase in the number and type(s) of posts	Purpose
(1) Family and Child Welfare	23 posts in the clerical grades	To strengthen clerical support for the provision of family and child welfare services.
(2) Social Security	34 posts in the Social Security Assistant and clerical grades	To support the provision of social security services and implementation of employment assistance projects for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients.
(3) Services for Elders	Two posts in the clerical grade	To strengthen clerical support for the provision of services for elders.

Programme	Net increase in the number and type(s) of posts		Purpose
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	32 posts in the Social Work Officer and clerical grades	(i)	To support the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse;
		(ii)	To strengthen the medical social services for persons with mental health problems; and
		(iii)	To strengthen clerical support for the provision of rehabilitation and medical social services.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)173** 

Question Serial No. 1082

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the numbers of places to be provided by district elderly community

centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), social centres for the elderly (S/Es) and day care centres for the elderly in each of the 18 districts in the territory in 2010-11? What is the number of elders waitlisting for each type of these centre-based services in the past three years and their

average waiting time?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply: The number of DECCs, NECs and S/Es, and the number of places provided by Day Care Centres/Units for the Elderly (DEs/DCUs) in each of the

18 districts in 2010-11 are as follows:

District	Number of DECCs	Number of NECs	Number of S/Es	Number of DEs/DCUs
				places
Central &	2	4	4	104
Western	Δ	4	4	104
Eastern	4	7	6	216
Wan Chai	2	1	1	72
Southern	2	8	0	108
Islands	1	3	1	40
Kwun Tong	4	14	6	305
Wong Tai Sin	4	12	2	237
Sai Kung	2	5	0	145
Kowloon City	3	5	4	105
Sham Shui Po	3	10	2	203
Yau Tsim	2	7	2	122
Mong	2	7	3	132
Sha Tin	3	10	4	176
Tai Po	1	4	3	64
North	1	2	4	44
Yuen Long	2	4	4	110

	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of
District	DECCs	NECs	S/Es	DEs/DCUs
				places
Tsuen Wan	1	5	2	64
Kwai Tsing	2	12	3	149
Tuen Mun	2	4	4	110
Total	41	117	53	2 384

Services provided by DECCs, NECs and S/Es are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above, and there is no limit on the number of members. Therefore, there is no waiting list or waiting time for services provided by these centres.

As at January 2008, 2009 and 2010, the number of waiting cases for day care places were 1 126, 1 047 and 1 054 respectively and the average waiting time was about six months, nine months and seven months respectively.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)174

Question Serial No. 1083

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the strengthening of manpower and training of the Contract Management Section (CMS), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the existing manpower of the CMS? How many staff members have been increased in 2009-10?
- (b) What is the annual expenditure of the CMS?
- (c) What are the responsibilities of the CMS?
- (d) What are the details of the training provided for the CMS? What is the annual expenditure on training?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply: (a) Currently, the establishment of CMS includes a total of eight posts two of which were created in 2009-10.

- (b) The revised estimated expenditure, covering personal emoluments and other expenses, for CMS in 2009-10 is \$8.3 million.
- (c) The main duties of CMS are to carry out competitive bidding for the allocation of the services of contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), contract RCHEs cum day care units, and enhanced home and community care services. CMS is also responsible for contract administration and service monitoring of these services.
- (d) Various training programmes for CMS staff are mainly provided by the Staff Development and Training Section of the Social Welfare Department. In 2010-11, training courses on complaint investigations as well as tendering and monitoring of contract services for the elderly will be organised at an estimated expenditure of \$11,000.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)175

Question Serial No. 1408

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the key performance measures in respect of services for elders, are there places provided by private organisations among those in self-care hostels/homes for the aged, care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and contract homes? If yes, please give the numbers of private organisations and places provided by them in each of the 18 districts throughout the territory.

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

Among the various types of residential care services, private organisations participate in the provision of subsidised residential care places under the EBPS and in contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The breakdown of their provision of subsidised NH and C&A places by district, as at end-January 2010, is provided as follows:

	EBP	EBPS Homes		Contract RCHEs		
District	C&A	Number	C&A	NH	Number	
	Places	of Homes	Places	Places	of Homes	
Central & Western	403	9	0	0	0	
Eastern	318	12	0	0	0	
Wan Chai	54	2	0	0	0	
Southern	397	5	0	0	0	
Islands	35	1	0	0	0	
Kwun Tong	279	5	21	21	1	
Wong Tai Sin	231	4	26	62	1	
Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	
Kowloon City	1 195	20	0	0	0	
Sham Shui Po	297	9	0	0	0	
Yau Tsim Mong	494	9	0	0	0	
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	
Tai Po	98	2	0	0	0	

	EBPS Homes		Contract RCHEs		
District	C&A	Number	C&A	NH	Number
	Places	of Homes	Places	Places	of Homes
North	357	8	0	0	0
Yuen Long	741	18	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan	624	8	0	0	0
Kwai Tsing	745	10	22	52	1
Tuen Mun	349	7	0	0	0
Total:	6 617	129	69	135	3

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)176** 

Question Serial No. 1818

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 137 of his Budget Speech that the Government would increase the recurrent funding by about \$160 million to provide over 1 000 residential care places. To this end, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is/are the anticipated type(s) of places to be provided and the distribution of these places by district?
- (b) Currently, the average waiting time for different types of residential care places is from two to three and a half years. Would the Administration please inform this Committee whether the increase in the number of residential care places can shorten the waiting time for the elderly? If not, why does not the Administration further increase the number of places?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

<u>Reply</u>: (a) A breakdown of the additional subsidised nursing home (NH) places and those offering continuum of care (COC) is as follows –

	Initiative	Number	of Places
		NH	COC
		Places	Places
(1)	Increasing the proportion of NH places from 50% to 90% of the subsidised residential care places in existing contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	357 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	0
(2)	Purchasing vacant NH places from self-financing NHs and RCHEs	380 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	0
(3)	Making full use of the space in existing subsidised elderly homes to provide more places that offer continuum of care	0	260 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>

Initiative		Number of Places	
		NH	COC
		Places	Places
(4)	Providing additional subsidised	81 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	9 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
	residential care places through one new		
	contract home		
	Total:	818	269
Grand total:		1 (	)87
		(i.e. 81	8 + 269)

[Note 1] Territory-wide

[Note 2] Yau Tsim Mong District

(b) The additional places will help ease the pressure on waiting time. However, as the waiting time for subsidised NH places and care-and-attention places is affected by a number of factors (for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of location, diet, religion, whether the applicant requested for joining family members and/or relatives in the allocation of home, the turn-over rate, whether the applicant is currently receiving community care or home care services, etc), we cannot estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional places.

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Date	18 March 2010

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)177** 

Question Serial No. 1819

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will enhance the manpower provision of the service of outreaching social work teams (OSWTs) in 2010-11. What is the estimated

increase in the manpower, and the reason for such increase? Since the caseload of school social workers (SSWs) are similar to that of outreaching social workers, why does the Administration not increase the manpower of

SSWs at the same time?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply: Pursuant to Security Bureau's policy initiative to tackle the drug abuse problem, a total of 16 additional social workers will be provided in 2010-11 to the existing 16 OSWTs (one for each team) to strengthen the proactive outreaching services to at-risk youths, particularly those having drug abuse problem and with low motivation to seek help, so as to engage them for early intervention and support.

Although the caseload per worker of SSWs and OSWTs is similar, the service delivery modes of the two services are different. OSWTs are required to outreach to popular spots where at-risk youths linger around frequently while SSWs need to station in secondary schools. The clients and issues faced by SSWs and OSWTs are also different. Priority has been accorded to enhancing the manpower of the OSWTs to focus our anti-drug efforts on this front. In the school setting, we are also stepping up our preventive and intervention efforts through various means in collaboration with school management, teachers, parents, SSWs, police school liaison officers, Counselling Centres for Psychotropic Substance Abusers and non-governmental organisations.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)178** 

Question Serial No. 1835

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding "integrated home care services" (IHCS) and "enhanced home and community care services" (EHCCS), would the Government please inform this Committee of:

(a) the number of elders who have been served by IHCS and EHCCS in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong in 2009;

- (b) the number of elders waiting for such services in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong, and their average waiting time; and
- (c) among them, the number of cases of "elderly singletons" and "elderly households" respectively?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply: (a) The number of cases served by IHCS and EHCCS teams in individual districts in 2009 is as follows:

District	Number of Cases	Number of Cases	
	Served by IHCS	Served by EHCCS	
Central & Western	979	209	
Eastern	2 503	285	
Wan Chai	801	188	
Southern	1 592	169	
Islands	393	104	
Kwun Tong	3 046	531	
Wong Tai Sin	2 465	513	
Sai Kung	594	241	
Kowloon City	1 819	295	
Sham Shui Po	2 736	227	
Yau Tsim Mong	1 423	193	
Sha Tin	2 374	322	

District	Number of Cases	Number of Cases	
District	Served by IHCS	Served by EHCCS	
Tai Po	1 194	122	
North	1 008	190	
Yuen Long	2 097	165	
Tsuen Wan	688	209	
Kwai Tsing	1 851	436	
Tuen Mun	1 872	127	
Total	29 435	4 526	

- (b) As at January 2010, there were 342 applicants waitlisted for frailty-tested services under IHCS and EHCCS and the average waiting time was about two months. A breakdown of waiting time by district is not available. The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services does not capture the number of elders waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS or its waiting time. As a guiding principle, the IHCS teams will continue to accord priority to elders who have urgent needs for non-frailty tested services and provide the most needed services to them almost instantly.
- (c) A breakdown of the number of elderly singletons and elderly households is not available.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)179** 

Question Serial No. 2576

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- Question: (a) What are the numbers of places provided by self-care (S/C) hostels/homes for the aged (H/As), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, nursing homes (NHs), private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and contract RCHEs respectively in each of 18 districts?
  - (b) How many elders are waitlisting for the above-mentioned residential care places in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10)? What is the average waiting time for these subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

(a) The breakdown of subsidised residential care places for the elderly by Reply: district and service type as at the end of January 2010 is as follows:

	Number of Places by Service Type				
District	S/C Hostel Places	H/A Places	C & A Places	NH Places	EBPS Places
Central & Western	0	37	335 (130)	23 (23)	403
Eastern	0	136	442 (63)	81 (81)	318
Wan Chai	0	0	462	0	54
Southern	24	246	1 241	0	397
Islands	0	67	317	0	35
Kwun Tong	0	0	1 040 (80)	337 (99)	279
Wong Tai Sin	0	34	1 087 (76)	391 (111)	231
Sai Kung	0	0	659	270	0

	Number of Places by Service Type				
District	S/C Hostel	H/A	C & A	NH	EBPS
	Places	Places	Places	Places	Places
Voyaloon City	0	7	741	0	1 195
Kowloon City	U	/	(100)	U	1 193
Sham Shui Po	0	30	801	35	297
	U	30	(35)	(35)	291
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	98	0	494
Sha Tin	0	0	1 155	0	0
Tai Po	0	0	1 162	0	98
North	0	0	842	254	357
		0	929	50	
Yuen Long	0		(23)	(50)	741
Tsuen Wan	0	0	527	368	624
Tsuen wan	U	U	(22)	(52)	024
Vyyoi Toing	0	75 1 744 166	166	745	
Kwai Tsing	U	13	(72)	(166)	743
Tuen Mun	0	0	867	216	349
Total :	24	632	14 449	2 191	6 617
Total.	<i>2</i> 4	032	(601)	(617)	0 01 /

Figures in ( ) denote the number of places in contract homes.

(b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) ceased to accept new applications for placement in S/C hostels and H/A on 1 January 2003. For the period from 2007-08 to 2009-10, the number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A and NH places and the average waiting time are as follows:

		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
		(as at the end of	(as at the end of	(as at the end of
		March 2008)	March 2009)	February 2010)
C&A	(a) Number of applicants	16 705	17 948	19 519
	<ul> <li>(b) Average waiting time (months)</li> <li>Subvented/ Contract RCHEs</li> <li>Under EBPS</li> </ul>	32	32	30 <sup>Note 1</sup>
		9	8	11 <sup>Note 2</sup>
NH	(a) Number of applicants	6 231	6 220	6 274
	(b) Average waiting time (months)	43	40	42

Note 1: Where the elders had no preference for specific RCHEs, for instance, in terms of their location or religious background, the average waiting time for subsidised C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs was 14 months.

Note 2: Where the elders had no preference for specific RCHEs, for instance, in terms of their location or religious background, the average waiting time for subsidised C&A places under EBPS was two months.

SWD has not compiled statistics on the waiting time for non-subsidised residential care places.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)180** 

Question Serial No. 2800

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the community care and support services for the elderly, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what were the utilisation rates of services provided by social centres for the elderly (S/Es)/neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), district elderly community centres (DECCs) and day care centres for the elderly in the 18 districts in the territory in 2009?
- (b) what were the expenditure involved in the provision of services by the above-mentioned centres in each district in 2009-10?
- what are the estimated expenditure involved in the provision of services by the above-mentioned centres in each district in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply: (a) The elderly centre services provided by DECCs, NECs and S/Es are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above, and so the service utilisation rate is not applicable. For day care centres/day care units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), since some elders occupy only half-day places or do not use the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the DEs/DCUs to take in additional elders to fill in the unused time slots and places. We have accordingly set the enrolment rate at 110% to maximise the utilisation of the day care places, while the daily attendance rate is set from 90% to 100%. The average attendance rate in 2009-10 is slightly less than 100%.

(b) & (c) The revised estimate in 2009-10 and estimate in 2010-11 of elderly centre services and DEs/DCUs are shown below:

Year	2009-10	2010-11
	(Revised Estimate)	(Estimate)
Centres	(\$ million)	(\$ million)
DECCs	251.2	249.5
NECs	207.3	206.3
S/Es	51.7	51.7
DEs/DCUs	167.8	174.7

We do not have information on the expenditure of the above services by district.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)181** 

Question Serial No. 1605

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: (a) Please list out the number of outreaching social work teams (OSWTs) currently providing support services for youth services in each of the 18 districts, and the number of outreaching social workers in each district dedicated to or with partial responsibility for the handling of drug abuse problems of the youth?

(b) Regarding the Administration's plan to employ an additional social worker for each of the 16 OSWTs in 2010-11, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: (a) There are 16 OSWTs rendering outreaching social work service on a territory-wide basis for young people who do not normally participate in conventional social or youth activities and are vulnerable to negative influence with a view to providing them with counselling and guidance. While each of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department is served by an OSWT, districts with higher youth crime rate, higher concentration of young night drifters and a greater number of young drug abusers are provided with an additional OSWT. At present, there are 176 outreaching social workers rendering services targetting at-risk youths who exhibit different behavioural problems, including drug related problems.

(b) Pursuant to Security Bureau's policy initiative to tackle the drug abuse problem, a total of 16 additional social workers will be provided in 2010-11 to the existing 16 OSWTs (one for each team) to strengthen the

proactive outreaching services to at-risk youths. In 2010-11, the total recurrent subventions for these 16 additional social workers for the OSWTs are about \$7.9 million.

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Name in block letters	Patrick T K Nip
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Date	17 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)182** 

Question Serial No. 1606

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Among the some 14 000 cases served by the outreaching social work teams

(OSWTs) in the past two years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2009-10), how many are youth drug abuse cases? What is the cost per case per month for serving

youth drug abuse?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: Pursuant to Security Bureau's policy initiative to tackle the drug abuse problem, additional resources were provided to enhance the 16 OSWTs in October 2008 to combat youth drug abuse. Figures on drug related cases were captured quarterly. From October 2008 to December 2009, the 16 OSWTs had an average active caseload of 5 652 by the end of each month,

among which 1 517 involved drug abuse.

As young people known to OSWTs may exhibit more than one behavioural problem including drug abuse and may also receive designated drug treatment and rehabilitation service or other welfare services for the best benefit of their rehabilitation, OSWTs are not required to capture the monthly unit cost of drug abuse cases.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)183** 

Question Serial No. 1607

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In the past two years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2009-10), have the outreaching social

work teams (OSWTs) cooperated with other organisations to identify and serve cases of youth drug abuse? If yes, please inform this Committee of the number of programmes or activities, and the average cost per case per

month.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The OSWTs reach out to at-risk youths, including drug abusers, to provide counselling and guidance as appropriate. To render timely and appropriate intervention in helping the young drug abusers to abstain from drugs, the OSWTs work closely and collaborate with other welfare service units, mobilise relevant community resources and make appropriate referrals for the drug abusers to designated drug treatment and rehabilitation services if

needed.

From October 2008 to December 2009, there were a total of 1 630 cases referred by OSWTs to receive designated drug treatment and rehabilitation services. Tailor-made anti-drug programmes co-organised amongst different service units or local stakeholders are conducted throughout the year in various districts to help the young drug abusers. As these joint programmes involve many stakeholders with various sources of funding, the frequencies and the average monthly unit cost of drug related cases are not captured.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)184** 

Question Serial No. 0319

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration said that it "enhanced support to and increased capacity of the Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres)" in 2009. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific support programme available for Refuge Centres and the estimated expenditure in 2010-11; and
- (b) the distribution of the additional places, the subsidy for each place and the criteria used in determining their distribution.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply: (a) The enhanced support for Refuge Centres includes strengthening social work support, provision of three-month after-care service to discharged residents and increasing the total residential places from 195 to 260.

The estimated provision for the five Refuge Centres in 2010-11 is around \$24 million.

(b) The capacity of the service is increased through the in-situ expansion of an existing Refuge Centre and the setting up of a new centre. The former provides 25 additional places and the latter 40 new places. The service is subvented on Lump Sum Grant mode and hence there is no breakdown on the subsidy for each place.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)185

Question Serial No. 0696

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Under Programme (2) Social Security, would the Administration please provide the following information:

- (a) a breakdown of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments and the number of recipients by nature of cases in 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (b) a breakdown of the number of CSSA households by household income in 2008-09 and 2009-10; and
- (c) a breakdown of the number of low-earnings cases transferred from other CSSA case categories (by comparing the figures as at the end of 2008 with those as at the end of 2009).

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: (a) The average number of CSSA recipients per month and CSSA expenditure by nature of cases in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as follows:

	2008-09 Actual	
Nature of cases	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million)#
Old Age	197 564	9,349
Permanent Disability	26 281	1,137
Ill Health	44 093	1,737
Single Parent	90 004	3,099
Low Earnings	55 241	1,218
Unemployment	58 006	1,714
Others	9 287	360
Total	480 475	18,613

# CSSA expenditure included two additional months of standard rate payment.

Note: Individual figures may not add up to respective totals due to rounding effect.

	2009-10 Revised Estimate		
Nature of cases	Average number of CSSA recipients per month	CSSA expenditure (\$ million)#	
Old Age	197 600	9,617	
Permanent Disability	26 400 1,190		
Ill Health	44 000	1,801	
Single Parent	89 100	3,112	
Low Earnings	52 400	1,168	
Unemployment	62 000	1,885	
Others	10 400	402	
Total	Total 481 900 19,17		

<sup>#</sup> CSSA expenditure (2009-10 Revised Estimate) included one additional month of standard rate payment.

(b) The numbers of cases with employment earnings (breakdown by range of earnings) as at the end of March 2009 and February 2010 were as follows:

Employment earnings	March 2009	February 2010
Less than \$1,000	5 377	5 502
\$1,000 – \$1,999	4 338	4 532
\$2,000 – \$2,999	4 697	4 881
\$3,000 - \$3,999	4 395	4 577
\$4,000 – \$4,999	4 072	4 016
\$5,000 – \$5,999	3 811	3 901
\$6,000 – \$6,999	3 402	3 315
\$7,000 – \$7,999	1 930	1 943
\$8,000 – \$8,999	1 095	1 093
\$9,000 – \$9,999	551	588
\$10,000 or above	843	1 140
Total	34 511	35 488

(c) Among the 15 633 low earnings cases involving 52 446 recipients in December 2009, 2 492 cases involving 8 125 recipients were originally classified as other categories in December 2008. Details are set out below:

Nature of cases in December 2008	Number of cases changed to the low earnings category in December 2009	Number of recipients involved
Old Age	432	1 423
Permanent Disability	65	222
Ill Health	214	747
Single Parent	422	1 096
Unemployment	1 273	4 354
Others	86	283
Total	2 492	8 125

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)186** 

Question Serial No. 0697

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of

cases receiving "infirmary care supplement (ICS)" and "dementia supplement (DS)" in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), and the amounts of supplements allocated to RCHEs with infirm and demented

elders in 2009-10.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: In 2009-10, the number of qualified cases for ICS and DS and the allocation

to RCHEs are as follows:

	ICS	DS	Total
Number of qualified cases	1 255	3 962	5 217
Amount of allocation to RCHEs (\$ million)	67.5	42.5	110

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)187** 

Question Serial No. 0698

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the total number of elders who had waitlisted for nursing home (NH) places during the period from March 2009 to February 2010? How many of them were allocated NH places, withdrew their applications or passed away while waiting? What was their accommodation status while waiting (residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs (including those participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)), public housing and private housing)?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

From 1 March 2009 to end-February 2010, about 9 450 elders had waitlisted for subsidised NH places. The numbers of elders who left the waiting list for various reasons in the above period are set out below:

Elders who left the waiting list	Number
Elders who were allocated places	605
Elders who withdrew their applications	411
Elders who passed away while waiting	1 951
Elders who left the waiting list for other reasons	209
(e.g. no longer required the service due to change	
of circumstances)	
Total:	3 176

The accommodation status of all the elders who had waitlisted for subsidised NH places over a period is not readily available. However, the accommodation status of the 6 274 elders waitlisted for subsidised NH places as at end-February 2010 is available and is set out below for reference:

Type of accommodation	Number of elders
RCHEs (excluding private RCHEs)	664
Private RCHEs (including those participating in	3 739
EBPS)	
Public housing	770
Private housing	1 049
Others (e.g. hospitals)	52
Total:	6 274

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)188** 

Question Serial No. 1052

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please inform this Committee of the number of staff in each enhanced

home and community care services (EHCCS) team and the caseload as at

December 2009.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: As at the end of December 2009, the caseload of each of the 18 EHCCS

teams set up before December 2008 was as follows:

District	Caseload	District	Caseload
Central and Western	134	Sham Shui Po	125
Eastern	161	Yau Tsim Mong	132
Wan Chai	134	Sha Tin	134
Southern	95	Tai Po	84
Islands	76	North	120
Kwun Tong	230	Yuen Long	105
Wong Tai Sin	213	Tsuen Wan	129
Sai Kung	126	Kwai Tsing	207
Kowloon City	167	Tuen Mun	92

Six new EHCCS teams were set up in December 2008 to provide additional service places. The caseload of the respective teams as at the end of December 2009 was as follows:

Cluster	Caseload
Hong Kong	81
Yau Tsim Mong & Kowloon City	91
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	203
Kwun Tong	154
New Territories East	91
New Territories West	135

We do not stipulate a fixed number of staff for each EHCCS team. Operators are allowed to utilise the contract sum flexibly to deploy staff and form strategic alliance with professional bodies to meet service needs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)189

Question Serial No. 2970

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under this Programme, there will only be an increase of 70 places of day

care centres for the elderly in 2010-11. How does the Government determine the level of increase? Will the increase be sufficient to satisfy

the needs?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: In 2010-11, a total of 70 day care places for the elderly will be provided in

Sai Kung (60 places) and Kowloon City (10 places) districts. Another 45 places will be provided in Kwun Tong district in 2011-12. The provision of these additional day care places is planned with reference to the service demand, elderly population and availability of suitable premises. We will keep in view the district service demand and will continue to identify possible premises for provision of additional day care

services as appropriate.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)190

Question Serial No. 2971

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under this Programme, the number of places for care-and-attention (C&A)

homes continued to reduce. What are the reasons?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

<u>Reply</u>: The decrease in C&A places is due to the implementation of the conversion

programme, through which the self-care (S/C) hostel and home for the aged (H/A) places are converted into C&A places providing continuum of care (COC) on a cost neutral basis. Given the higher unit cost for the provision of COC for elders with higher level of frailty, the capacity of the residential care homes for the elderly as converted from S/C hostels and H/As will be smaller than the original. Such transformation, though unavoidably resulting in a decrease in the number of S/C, H/A and C&A places with COC, brings about an increase in the number of C&A places with COC which better meet the elders' long-term care needs

having regard to the ageing population.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)191** 

Question Serial No. 2972

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated that the Government will increase the recurrent funding by

about \$160 million to provide over 1 000 additional residential care places. Please inform this Committee of the details of funding allocation and

distribution of places by service type.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

<u>Reply</u>: The breakdown of the additional subsidised nursing home (NH) places and

those offering continuum of care (COC) is as follows –

	Initiative	Number	of Places	Estimated
		NH	COC	annual
		Places	Places	expenditure
				(\$ million)
(1)	Increasing the proportion of	357	0	39
	NH places from 50% to 90%			
	of the subsidised residential			
	care places in existing			
	contract residential care			
	homes for the elderly			
	(RCHEs)			
(2)	Purchasing vacant NH places	380	0	54
	from self-financing NHs and			
	RCHEs			
(3)	Making full use of the space	0	260	22
	in existing subsidised elderly			
	homes to provide more places			
	that offer continuous care			
(4)	Providing additional	81	9	13
	subsidised residential care			
	places through one new			
	contract home			
	Total	818	269	
	Grand total	1 (	087	128 #
		(i.e. 81	8 + 269)	

#Under the 2010-11 Budget, the total increase in funding for residential care services is about \$160 million, of which \$128 million is for the provision of 1 087 additional places, \$22.5 million is for enhancing the support for subsidised RCHEs under the conversion programme, and \$5 million is for launching a pilot scheme to provide RCHEs with visiting pharmacist services.

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

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)192

Question Serial No. 2973

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The numbers of cases served under integrated home care services (IHCS)

and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) are either slightly increased or remain unchanged. What are the reasons? How can these arrangements complement the Government's policy of "supporting ageing in the community as the core, institutional care as back-up"?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The Social Welfare Department provides community care and support

services to frail elders through a number of channels which include IHCS and EHCCS. Since December 2008, we have set up six new EHCCS teams to provide an additional 877 places and the total service capacity for frail elders provided by both IHCS and EHCCS has increased from 3 822 (as at November 2008) to 4 699 (as at February 2010). Furthermore, 115 additional day care places will be provided, with 60 places in Sai Kung district and 10 places in Kowloon City district in 2010-11, and another 45 places in Kwun Tong district in 2011-12.

In 2009 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary has announced the introduction of a new Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (Pilot Scheme) to provide a new package of intensive and tailor-made home care services for elders on the waiting list for nursing home places, so as to better serve their special needs and help relieve the pressure of their carers. In the end, the elders may be able to stay at home for as long as possible. The Pilot Scheme is expected to commence in early 2011 and will last for three years, serving about 510 elders in total. A one-off grant of \$55 million

will be sought from the Lotteries Fund. The Pilot Scheme will be implemented in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City and Sham Shui Po districts.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)193

Question Serial No. 2974

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Government plans to launch an elderly home care pilot scheme (Pilot

Scheme) to provide more personalised home care services for the elderly who are waiting for nursing home places. Please inform this Committee of the estimated number of cases served under this Pilot Scheme, and for how long this Pilot Scheme can run with \$55 million allocation earmarked

under the Lotteries Fund?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The Pilot Scheme on home care services for frail elders is planned to serve

a total of 510 elders over a three-year period from early 2011, with a

one-off grant of \$55 million to be sought from the Lotteries Fund.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)194

Question Serial No. 2975

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: With regard to facilitating the implementation of a pilot scheme on visiting pharmacist services (the Scheme) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what is the manpower involved in the Scheme and its job nature?
- (b) what kind of pharmacists, such as those in Hospital Authority, Department of Health or community pharmacists, will provide services to the RCHEs under the Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: (a) & (b)

The successful professional body awarded the contract will recruit the appropriate number of visiting pharmacists in the community with a view to rendering support to those participating RCHEs. The visiting pharmacists will work together with RCHEs to review and improve their drug management systems. The services include: medication reconciliation to avoid polypharmacy, enhancement of drug records, identification of drug management problems and proposing improvement measures, provision of drug education to RCHE staff, telephone hotline service, etc.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)195** 

Question Serial No. 2976

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will allocate \$5 million to launch a pilot scheme on visiting pharmacist services for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), with a view to enhancing the service quality of these institutions. Will the Government also provide additional resources to amend legislation regulating RCHEs to increase the ratio of nurses to elderly residents and upgrade the service standard of RCHEs? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The Government at present does not have any plan to amend the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation. The Licensing Office of Residential Cares Homes for the Elderly of the Social Welfare Department will continue to adopt a three-pronged approach, namely licensing control, capacity building as well as monitoring and enforcement to ensure the service quality of RCHEs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)196** 

Question Serial No. 2977

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will revamp the community

mental health support services and set up integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in all 18 districts across the territory. Please inform this Committee of the schedule, details and the resources involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: With an a

With an additional recurrent provision of \$70 million, SWD will set up ICCMWs in the 18 districts through the revamping of the existing community mental health support services to provide discharged mental patients, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and other residents in the districts with one-stop and integrated community support services in an accessible location in the vicinity of their homes. Under the new service delivery mode, co-ordinated and integrated services ranging from early prevention to risk management are provided through community education, day training, occupational therapy assessment and training, group training/programmes, counselling, outreaching visits and where required, direct liaison with the Hospital Authority for urgent medical consultation to meet the varying needs of service users. SWD is in the course of consulting the non-governmental organisations operating community mental health support services on the implementation of this new initiative. We expect that the ICCMWs will commence service in 2010-11.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)197** 

Question Serial No. 0436

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding children with special educational needs at the pre-school stage, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the resources provided to early education and training centres, special child care centres and integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10) to facilitate kindergarten teachers to early identify children with learning difficulties and provide assistance to them?
- (b) What kind of support has been provided by the Government to help parents identify children with learning difficulties and seek professional assistance with a positive attitude?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

<u>Reply</u>: (a) The requested information is as follows:

	2007-08 Actual (\$ million)	2008-09 Actual (\$ million)	2009-10 Revised Estimate (\$ million)
Pre-school rehabilitation services Note	351.8	399.7	406.7

Note: Pre-school rehabilitation services include early education and training centres, special child care centres and integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres.

(b) The Social Welfare Department will help parents accept and take care of their children with disabilities and provide them with relevant services such as counselling, group activities and community education at the parents/relatives resource centres with a view to fostering mutual support and better care for their children.

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

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)198

Question Serial No. 0437

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Please provide the number of applicants waitlisting for the following

services and the average waiting time in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10): early education and training centres, special child care centres, integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres, occasional child care service for disabled children and small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group homes.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply: The waiting list and waiting time of various pre-school services and small

group home services for children with disabilities from 2007-08 to

2009-10 are as follows:

	Waiting List/Waiting Time					
Type of service	Waiting List as at December	Waiting Time (Months)	Waiting List as at December	Waiting Time (Months)	Waiting List as at December	Waiting Time (Months)
	2007	2006-07	2008	2007-08	2009	2008-09
Early Education and Training Centres	904	7.5	1 232	8.5	1 816	8.6
Special Child Care Centres	711	9.7	668	11.9	829	12.4
Integrated Programmes in Kindergarten-cum- Child Care Centres	826	4.3	922	8.3	859	8.6
Small Group Homes for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children/Integrated Small Group Homes	70	14.3	85	14.3	63	14.9

While the Social Welfare Department monitors the overall utilisation of the occasional child care services for children with disabilities, its computerised system currently does not capture the statistics on the number of applications and the waiting time for such service since the service unit provides drop-in service and admits children directly.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)199** 

Question Serial No. 0439

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Since the 2000/01 school year, the Social Welfare Department has implemented the "one school social worker for each secondary school" policy in all secondary schools in Hong Kong to provide appropriate support and counselling services to students who have academic, social and emotional problems. School social workers also make referrals for students in need to receive clinical psychological services, having regard to the nature and seriousness of individual cases. How many students, broken down by class levels and nature of cases, were referred by social workers to receive clinical psychological services in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2007/08 to 2009/10 school years)?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply: The current statistical system for school social work service as agreed with the operating non-governmental organisations does not capture figures related to cases referred to clinical psychological service. The Social Welfare Department will consider the need for and possibility of enhancing the current data collection system to facilitate service improvement.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)200** 

Question Serial No. 0440

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Social workers will make referrals for young people participating in compensated dating activities to receive clinical psychological services, having regard to the nature and seriousness of individual cases. For instance, if a girl feels distressed mentally and physically due to compensated dating under duress, or suffers from other psychological problems due to compensated dating, social workers will refer the girl concerned to clinical psychologists for psychological assessment and treatment. In each of the past three years (i.e. from 2007/08 to 2009/10 school years), how many people participating in compensated dating were referred by social workers to receive clinical psychological services?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply: The current statistical system for young people services as agreed with the operating non-governmental organisations does not capture figures related to compensated dating cases referred to clinical psychological service. The Social Welfare Department will consider the need for and possibility of enhancing the current data collection system to facilitate service improvement.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)201** 

Question Serial No. 0441

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the work plans of the Administration in 2010-11 and the resources

involved for easing off young people's negative emotions and teaching them

how to face up to such emotions?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

subventing The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been Reply: non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide a wide range of preventive, developmental and remedial welfare services for young people in need, including the integrated children and youth services centres, the school social work service, the district youth outreaching social work teams for young people, the services for young night drifters and the community support service schemes. Young people with service needs, including those having negative emotions, are encouraged to seek help from the above core services as appropriate. The provision for young people services in the 2010-11 Estimate is \$1,503.8 million.

To provide targetted services for secondary students, SWD and the Education Bureau have joined hands with five local universities to assist the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust in implementing the 'Positive Adolescent Training through Holistic Social Programmes to Adulthood: A Jockey Club Youth Enhancement Scheme' for secondary schools with a funding commitment of \$750 million since the 2005/06 school year. It aims at promoting the lower secondary students' healthy life style and positive values as well as enhancing their resilience and life skills, etc. Youth developmental needs, such as emotion management and expressive skills, are also addressed.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)202** 

Question Serial No. 2805

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Cases in which parents committed suicide with their child(ren) have

repeatedly occurred in recent years. In this connection, would the Administration strengthen the concerned support services? If yes, what are

the expenditure and the staffing establishment involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply: To strengthen family solidarity and resilience towards crisis situations, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a comprehensive network of welfare services to meet the needs of the families, in particular those who are in disadvantaged circumstances, through the core services of Integrated Family Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units and Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres, etc. SWD also subvents the Suicide Crisis Intervention Centre (SCIC) to provide round-the-clock outreaching service and crisis intervention/intensive counselling to those identified to have suicidal tendency. To provide support for those with mental health problems or disabilities, SWD provides medical social services at the public hospitals and specialist out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority.

Moreover, additional funding has been/will be provided for SWD to strengthen support for people with mental problems and/or having life stresses. These initiatives include:

(a) An additional funding of about \$6 million for SWD to create 14 new social worker posts at SWD's psychiatric medical social service in 2010-11.

- (b) Additional annual recurrent resources of \$0.84 million to SCIC starting from November 2009 to extend its service to include outreaching service and short-term counselling to family members of those who have died by suicide and to perform cyber patrol to identify those having indications of suicidal thoughts in internet blogs, and a further additional annual subvention of \$1 million for three years from 2010-11 to SCIC to launch a web engaging service to develop a website which will serve as a common place in the cyber world to attract those in depressive mood to join and share, and as a platform to engage those in need of help to have further personal contacts with workers.
- (c) An additional funding of about \$70 million for revamping the existing community mental health support services and for setting up the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness in all 18 districts throughout the territory in 2010-11 to provide one-stop district-based community support services for persons with mental health problems, their families/carers and local residents.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)203

Question Serial No. 1072

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the details of the allocations for mental health services each year

and the breakdown of the resources in 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: While the Social Welfare Department provides residential care service and

community support specifically for persons with mental health problems, it also provides a range of integrated social rehabilitation services, such as vocational rehabilitation, supported hostel and carers support to persons with various types of disabilities, including persons with mental health problems. The revised estimated expenditure on all the above services in 2009-10 is \$828.45 million and the estimated expenditure for 2010-11 is

\$929.76 million.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)204** 

Question Serial No. 1620

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

000 – Operational Expenses

Programme: All

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: As regards staffing establishment, please provide the following information:

- (a) the distribution of the 91 new posts to be created in 2010-11 by rank, function and branch; and
- (b) the number of posts that are to be filled by qualified registered social workers out of the above newly created posts.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: There will be a net increase of 91 posts in the Social Welfare Department in 2010-11. Distribution of the 91 posts is as follows:

Programme	Net increase in number and type(s) of posts	Function	
(1) Family and Child Welfare	23 posts in the clerical grades	To strengthen clerical support for the provision of family and child welfare services.	
(2) Social Security	34 posts in the Social Security Assistant and clerical grades	To support the provision of social security services and implementation of employment assistance projects for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients.	
(3) Services for Elders	Two posts in the clerical grade	To strengthen clerical support for the provision of services for elders.	

Programme	Net increase in number and type(s) of posts	Function	
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	32 posts in the Social Work Officer and clerical grades (with 16 posts in the Social Work Officer	(i)	To support the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse;
	grade to be filled by qualified registered social workers)	(ii)	To strengthen the medical social services for persons with mental health problems; and
		(iii)	To strengthen clerical support for the provision of rehabilitation and medical social services.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)205** 

Question Serial No. 1634

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision, the provision for social services for young people in 2010-11 is \$3.5 million higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10. This is mainly due to the additional provision for enhancing the manpower provision of the service of outreaching social work teams. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) a breakdown by rank of the type of contract positions and the number of contract staff in 2010-11 under this Programme;
- (b) a breakdown by rank of the staffing establishment, the strength of staff, the number of contract staff working for over one year as well as the allocation of estimated provision in 2010-11 under this Programme; and
- (c) a breakdown by rank, function and respective service unit of the posts to be deleted and created and the various contract positions lasting for over one year in 2010-11 under this Programme.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: The estimated provision for social services for young people in 2010-11 is \$3.5 million higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10. This is mainly due to the additional provision of one school social worker serving a new school and 16 additional outreaching social workers, partly offset by the full-year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment. The school social work and outreaching social work services are operated by non-governmental organisations under

the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, which does not involve any civil service or non-civil service contract staff. Under such system, service operators can flexibly deploy resources to meet service needs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)206** 

Question Serial No. 1928

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Short-term food assistance service has been implemented since February 2009. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) a breakdown by district of the number of applications received, the number of beneficiaries and the amount involved; and
- (b) has the Administration considered taking concrete measures to enhance the service? If yes, please list out the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned five non-governmental organisations in February 2009 to operate five short-term food assistance service projects (the Projects) covering the whole territory to help individuals and families who have difficulties in coping with their daily food expenditure. From February 2009 to 31 January 2010, the five projects served 26 158 persons at a total expenditure of \$28.89 million. We do not have a breakdown of the number of applications received and expenditure by district. The number of persons served by district is listed in the table below:

District	Number of persons served
Hong Kong Island	2 556
Tsuen Wan	2 333
Kwai Tsing	2 097
Outlying Islands and Tung Chung	1 064
Sham Shui Po	3 275
Yau Tsim Mong	1 763
Kowloon City	1 594
Kwun Tong	1 825
Sai Kung	1 013

District	Number of persons served
Wong Tai Sin	880
Tuen Mun	1 945
Tin Shui Wai	1 367
Yuen Long	700
North	1 667
Sha Tin	1 224
Tai Po	855
Total	26 158

Taking into account the current trend of service utilisation, it is estimated that the current resources will be able to sustain the operation of the Projects for three to four years. SWD will continue to closely monitor the operation of the projects as well as service utilisation.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)207** 

Question Serial No. 0288

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

The Social Welfare Department set up an integrated community centre for Question: mental wellness (ICCMW) in 2009. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- the number of ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems and their family members who have been assisted by the ICCMW?
- (b) the total number of staff currently employed by the ICCMW?
- (c) the average number of cases served by each staff?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

(a) Since its operation in March 2009, the ICCMW in Tin Shui Wai, Reply: Yuen Long has provided community support services to 188 discharged mental patients, 106 persons with suspected mental health problems and 130 family members/carers.

(b) The ICCMW's operating non-governmental organisation (NGO) is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system. It has the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The operating NGO has committed to providing social workers, occupational therapists and other supporting staff for the ICCMW.

(c) It is estimated that each professional staff of the ICCMW will be able to handle an average of 60 cases.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)208** 

Question Serial No. 0317

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the halfway houses (HWH) for discharged mental patients, the long stay care homes (LSCH), the integrated vocational training centres (residential service) (IVTC), the hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), the hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH), the hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH), the care and attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD), the care and attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/AB), the small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group homes (SGH) and the supported hostels (SHOS), would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of each of the above service units?
- (b) the annual expenditure of each of the above service units over the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10)?
- (c) the number of applicants waitlisting for each of the above service units and the average waiting time?
- (d) the number of new applicants waitlisting for each of the above service units over the past three years (i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10) and whether there has been any increase in the number of places in each of the above service units during the same period? If yes, please give the details.

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: (a) The provision of various types of residential services for persons with disabilities is as follows:

Type of Service	Number of Service Units (as at December 2009)	
HWH	36	
LSCH	5	
IVTC	1	
НММН	38	
HSMH	57	
HSPH	11	
C&A/SD	18	
C&A/AB	11	
SGH	26	
SHOS	21	

(b) The financial provisions for the above services from 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as follows:

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Type of	Actual	Actual	Revised
Service	Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)
HWH	126.4	136.4	137.7
LSCH	133.9	147.9	150.8
IVTC	7.1	7.7	7.7
HMMH	125.2	137.8	142.1
HSMH	360.2	390.7	397.6
HSPH	62.1	67.3	75.8
C&A/SD	110.6	121.1	133.9
C&A/AB	87.0	94.4	99.4
SGH	3.5	3.7	3.8
SHOS	19.5	26.4	27.0

(c) The waiting list for the above services as at December 2009 and the average waiting time in 2008-09 are as follows:

Type of Service	Waiting List as at December 2009	Average Waiting Time in 2008-09 (months)
HWH	735	5.6
LSCH	919	22.9
IVTC Note	N.A.	N.A.
HMMH	1 321	39.6
HSMH	1 921	51.6
HSPH	375	112.4
C&A/SD	328	36.0
C&A/AB	83	2.6
SGH	63	14.9
SHOS	926	27.2

Note: IVTC admits service users directly and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not capture the relevant statistics.

(d) SWD operates a computerised central referral system for waitlisting of various types of residential services which could only capture the accumulative number of applicants at a particular timeline. Hence, we do not have statistics on the number of new applicants waiting for various residential services. The numbers of new places for the above services for 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as follows:

Type of Service	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
HWH	0	0	0
LSCH	0	0	0
IVTC	0	0	0
HMMH	0	124	0
HSMH	51	72	46
HSPH	0	67	0
C&A/SD	0	42	50
C&A/AB	0	0	0
SGH	0	0	8
SHOS	61	30	0

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)209** 

Question Serial No. 0508

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2009, the Social Welfare Department set up various district support centres for persons with disabilities (PWDs). In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In which districts are these centres located?
- (b) How many PWDs were served by respective centres in 2009? What is their percentage in the number of eligible persons?
- (c) How many staff are employed by respective centres?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: (a) The distribution of the 16 district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) in the territory is as follows:

District	Number of centre(s)
Eastern & Wanchai	1
Central, Western, Southern & Islands	1
Kwun Tong	2
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	2
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	1
Sham Shui Po	1
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po & North	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2
Tuen Mun	1
Yuen Long	2
Total	16

- (b) The DSCs provide one-stop district-based community support services to PWDs and their families/carers, thus enabling PWDs to continue to live independently at home, while strengthening their families/carers' caring capacity and relieving their stress. The DSCs operate on a 'membership system' and do not have a fixed capacity. As at December 2009, 4 412 members were registered at the 16 DSCs.
- (c) The non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the 16 DSCs are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention mode. The NGOs have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The operating NGOs have committed to providing social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, clinical psychologists, nurses and other supporting staff for the DSCs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)210

Question Serial No. 1717

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the provision of training courses for care staff serving persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the integrated home care services (IHCS) teams in 2009-10, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the total number of IHCS teams in Hong Kong at present and the number of members in each team;
- (b) the number of residents in need who can receive assistance from the IHCS teams and the expenditure for each team;
- (c) the number of trainees participated in the training courses and the number of people applied for the training courses; and
- (d) details of the training courses.

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

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- Reply: (a) There are 60 IHCS teams being operated by subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility in deploying their subventions to recruit staff to meet their service needs and conduct activities in accordance with the Funding and Service Agreement. We do not stipulate a fixed number of staff for each IHCS team.
  - (b) As at December 2009, there were 21 047 IHCS users. The estimated annual expenditure for the provision of IHCS in 2010-11 is \$449 million. A breakdown of the expenditure by individual teams is not available.
  - (c) In 2009-10, a total of 91 care staff in the IHCS teams applied for, and participated in, the training provided for care staff serving PWDs in IHCS teams.
  - (d) The training programmes for care staff of IHCS teams serving PWDs

mainly cover knowledge of physical and nursing care for the PWDs, their psychological needs as well as communication and stress management skills.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)211** 

Question Serial No. 1719

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How will the Administration strengthen physiotherapy and nursing care for ageing residents in subvented residential care homes for the mentally handicapped in 2010-11? What are the estimated additional expenditure and manpower requirement? If no additional manpower is provided, what are the reasons? How many ageing residents are there in subvented residential care homes for mentally handicapped currently? How many ageing residents will benefit from the aforesaid enhanced services annually?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department has earmarked an annual funding of about \$40 million for providing additional health care staff for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) and hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) with a view to strengthening physiotherapy and health care support for ageing users of these homes, thereby helping them to maintain physical health and basic self-care abilities. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention mode, the non-governmental organisations have the flexibility in deploying the funding resources to arrange suitable staffing to enhance the service quality and meet the service needs.

It is estimated that about 20% of the residents of HSMHs and HMMHs will benefit from this new initiative.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)212** 

Question Serial No. 1720

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: How will the Administration enhance medical social services for persons

with mental health problems in 2010-11? What are the estimated additional expenditure and manpower? If no additional manpower is provided, what are the reasons? How many people are eligible for the aforesaid services currently? How many people with mental health problems will benefit from the aforesaid enhanced services annually?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: With additional funding of about \$6 million, the Social Welfare

Department (SWD) will create 14 medical social worker (MSW) posts at SWD's psychiatric medical social services units in various hospitals and clinics of the Hospital Authority with a view to enhancing the psychiatric medical social services for psychiatric patients and their family members/carers. It is estimated that each MSW will be able to handle

around 70 active cases per month.

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

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)213

Question Serial No. 1721

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the indicators under this Programme, the cost per place per

month for contract homes will be increased from \$6,265 in 2008-09 to \$7,525 in 2010-11. What are the reasons for the cost increase? What kinds

of new services will be provided?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: The increase in average monthly unit cost of the contract residential care

home for the elderly is mainly because of the adjustment of contract price in accordance with the upward movement of the composite consumer price index and the salary increase of the care and professional staff. Such increase in unit cost enables the operators to maintain the provision of quality residential care services for frail elders and allow them to recruit and

retain the required professionals for effective service delivery.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)214

Question Serial No. 1722

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Brief Description of Programme 3, the Social Welfare

Department (SWD) provided training workshops for staff of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) on a quarterly basis in 2009. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of training workshops organised, the number of RCHEs staff and the expenditure

involved?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: In 2009, SWD in collaboration with the Department of Health organised

four training workshops for 2 037 staff of RCHEs. As the training was conducted by departmental staff, the cost of which has been absorbed within existing provision, no additional expenditure was incurred by the

government.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)215** 

Question Serial No. 1723

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As stated in the Brief Description of Programme 3, the Social Welfare

Department will offer further training courses for non-professional and professional staff serving demented elders. What is the number of staff who have completed the above training courses and what is the

expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: In 2009-10, training on dementia care was arranged for 115 professional

staff and 124 non-professional staff who provided services to demented

elders. The total cost for organising the training was \$119,000.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)216

Question Serial No. 1724

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is known that the quality of existing elderly services varies, in particular

the elderly services provided by the private sector. Would the Administration implement improvement initiatives and allocate additional resources to enhance the quality of elderly services apart from

providing further staff training?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: While the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide further

training to staff working in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in both the subvented and private sectors, ongoing collaboration with the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority and other key stakeholders will continue to prepare and issue guidelines to facilitate RCHEs to improve their health care services and management of RCHEs. Moreover, other than the work of a cross-sector and multi-disciplinary working group to propose measures to promote drug safety in RCHEs, we will launch a three-year pilot scheme in 2010-11 to provide 70 to 80 RCHEs with visiting pharmacist services to strengthen their capability in

drug management.

In order to encourage private RCHEs to improve the quality of care services, the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) was launched in 1998. The participating private RCHEs will enhance their service level in particular in staffing and bed space requirements through participation in EBPS, thereby enhancing the care for all elderly residents in the homes. Furthermore, infirmary care supplement and dementia supplement have been provided to private RCHEs participating in EBPS as additional resources to employ additional staff, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, health workers and care workers etc., to enhance the care for infirm and demented elders. In 2010-11, SWD will

earmark \$521.1 million to provide a total of 7 259 subsidised residential care places in 141 private RCHEs under EBPS.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)217

Question Serial No. 1739

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (the Training Programme), would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of applicants and training places in the respective fifth and sixth classes of the Training Programme commenced in 2009-10;
- (b) the employment details of the graduated trainees;
- (c) the expenditure involved in the respective classes?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

- Reply: (a) In 2009-10, the applications for the fifth and sixth classes of the Training Programme were processed under one recruitment exercise and the total number of applicants was 5 438. Each class provided 110 training places.
  - (b) 174 out of a total of 203 graduates (i.e. 86%) who had completed the first two classes of the Training Programme in 2008 were employed as enrolled nurses in different service units of the welfare sector.
  - (c) The financial provision for each class was about \$6 million.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)218

Question Serial No. 1740

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the dementia supplement (DS) in 2009-10, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the total amount of supplement involved?
- (b) Whether the supplement has been fully spent on private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)?
- (c) How many private RCHEs have benefited from the supplement? How many dementia places have been provided by those private RCHEs?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: (a) In 2009-10, the total provision of DS was \$42.5 million.

- (b) The full amount of DS was allocated to the subvented RCHEs and the private RCHEs participating in the EBPS taking care of the demented elders according to the number of qualified cases in individual RCHEs on a pro-rata basis.
- (c) A total of 1 230 demented elders in 129 private RCHEs participating in the EBPS benefited from DS in 2009-10.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)219** 

Question Serial No. 1741

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

#### **Question**:

Regarding the training provided for professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders in 2009-10, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the grades of the professional and non-professional staff?
- (b) What are the expenditures for providing the training for the aforesaid professional and non-professional staff respectively?
- (c) How many professional and non-professional staff participated in the training courses? How many professional and non-professional staff applied for the training courses?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: In 2009-10, training on dementia care was arranged for:

- (a) Professional staff including social workers, nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists; non-professional staff including personal care workers, home care workers, home helpers and health workers.
- (b) The cost of organising the training for professional staff and non-professional staff was \$73,800 and \$45,200 respectively.
- (c) A total of 115 professional and 124 non-professional staff applied for and attended the training.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)220** 

Question Serial No. 2721

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the day care centres for the elderly (DEs), the actual and estimated enrolment rates of these centres are as high as 110% in the three years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11. In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) given that the utilisation rate of DEs is extremely high, why does the Administration not provide additional resources to these centres so as to reduce the enrolment rate?
- (b) the Administration said that the enrolment rate of DEs includes both full-time and part-time users. Does the Administration know how many DEs had an utilisation rate of over 100% in 2009-10 and how long did that situation last?
- (c) Is the DE in breach of relevant regulations (such as the Fire Services Ordinance) in case its utilisation rate is over 100%? Will it not be covered by insurance protection?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: (a) The Social Welfare Department would make reference to the service capacity and standard schedule of accommodation of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) to allocate funding, and subject to availability of premises provide additional space for the centres to meet the service needs of the users. Since some elders occupy only half-day places or do not use the centres every day, it is therefore possible for the DEs/DCUs to take in additional elders to fill in the unused time slots and places. We have accordingly set the enrolment rate at 110% to maximise the utilisation of the day care places. The daily attendance rate of DEs/DCUs is set from 90% to 100%.

- (b) The average daily attendance rate of DEs/DCUs in 2009-10 is slightly less than 100%.
- (c) The design and fitting-out of all DEs/DCUs are in compliance with fire safety requirements. In addition, the service operators are required to procure insurance for subsidised social welfare services throughout their operation.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)221** 

Question Serial No. 2290

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under the programme of Young People, the Government will set up a new integrated children and youth services centre (ICYSC) in Tseung Kwan O through pooling of existing resources. In this connection, will the Government provide the timetable for setting up the new ICYSC, the number of tutors and operation staff to be recruited and the nature of their contracts? How will the new ICYSC assist in achieving Government's aim of encouraging young people to become mature, responsible and contributing members of society?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply: A new ICYSC has been set up in LOHAS Park, Tseung Kwan O in February 2010 through pooling of existing surplus resources for youth services on a cost-neutral basis as agreed with the non-governmental organisation that operates the centre. The service operator is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system and can flexibly deploy resources to meet service needs.

To achieve Government's aim of encouraging young people to become mature, responsible and contributing members of the society, all ICYSCs, including this new one, provide preventive and developmental services to young people aged six to 24 including personal guidance and counselling, supportive services for those in disadvantaged circumstances, socialisation programmes as well as activities for the development of social responsibility and competence.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)222** 

Question Serial No. 0778

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The number of groups and programmes organised by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector will be reduced from 6 360 in the previous year (i.e. 2009-10) to 4 941 in 2010-11, whereas the number of groups and programmes organised by IFSCs run by the subvented sector will be reduced from 2 676 in last year (i.e. 2009-10) to 2 036 in 2010-11, which represents a reduction of 22% and 24% respectively. What are the reasons for such a reduction? What is the variation in expenditure for these services between these two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The estimated number of groups and programmes provided by IFSCs in 2009-10 is a projection based on the actual number of groups and programmes organised in the first two quarters of 2009-10, whereas the estimated number in 2010-11 is the aggregate of the output indicators as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). IFSCs may, as in previous years, organise more groups and programmes than the output level as required in the FSAs according to service needs. There is no change in the provisions for groups and programmes organised by IFSCs in 2009-10 and 2010-11.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)223** 

Question Serial No. 0779

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The number of cases served by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the government sector and the subvented sector in 2010-11 is 63 666 and 28 408 respectively. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the average number of cases served by each social worker per month? Is there any variation in workload among social workers working in the government sector and the subvented sector?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The figures quoted in the question are the total estimated number of cases to be served by IFSCs in 2010-11, which are projections based on the estimated number of active cases as at 31 March 2010 to be brought forward to 2010-11 and the estimated number of new/re-activated cases for all 12 months in 2010-11.

To estimate the average number of cases served by each social worker per month in 2010-11, the estimated number of active cases as at the end of each month instead of full-year figures should be used. Making reference to the average number of 47 218 active cases served by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisation (NGO)-run IFSCs as at the end of each month from April 2009 to December 2009, the average number of cases to be handled by each IFSC social worker per month in 2010-11 is estimated to be 46.4 based on staff establishment.

NGO-run IFSCs have the flexibility, under the Lump Sum Grant subvention mode, to deploy their resources and recruit staff to meet service needs, including handling cases, running groups and programmes, conducting preventive and outreaching service, etc. As SWD-run IFSCs have to take up statutory cases and other cases that are more suitable to be handled by SWD

even if these cases are within the service boundary of NGO-run IFSCs, it is not appropriate to compare the caseload between SWD and NGO-run IFSCs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)224** 

Question Serial No. 0780

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What was the number of single-parent family cases served by integrated

family service centres (IFSCs) last year (i.e. 2009-10)? What is the

estimated number of cases to be served in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The number of single-parent family cases served by IFSCs in 2009-10 and

2010-11 is estimated to be 11 413 and 11 628 respectively.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)225** 

Question Serial No. 0781

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the estimated expenditure for the services to be provided by

integrated family service centres (IFSCs) in 2010-11? Will additional social

workers be provided?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The provision for IFSCs in 2010-11 Estimate is \$685.1 million. The

number of social workers in 2010-11 will remain at the level of 2009-10. The Social Welfare Department will closely monitor the service needs and

consider manpower enhancement where necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)226** 

Question Serial No. 0782

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the provision for and the estimated number of service users of the

Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2010-11? Will there be any variation when compared with that in last year (i.e. 2009-10)? How many organisations will take part in the project? What are the location

distribution of the NSCCP? When will the review be completed?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The Administration has earmarked \$45 million for the pilot NSCCP. The provision is for a period of three years starting from 2008-09. The NSCCP was fully rolled out in March 2009. It is operated by 11 different organisations, each running a project in one of the 11 administrative districts of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The annual allocation for each project is \$1.27 million. The 11 projects provide a total of at least 440 places, consisting of 286 home-based child care places and 154 centre-based care group places. The allocation and the minimum number of places to be provided in 2010-11 will remain the same as in 2009-10. All the projects will operate until the end of March 2011. SWD will conduct a review to evaluate the effectiveness of the NSCCP by the end of 2010.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)227** 

Question Serial No. 0783

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will implement a "Victim Support

Programme" (VSP) in 2010-11 to strengthen support for victims of domestic violence. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the major service users, the estimated number of cases to be served, as well as the estimated expenditure and the staffing establishment

(e.g. the number of social workers) of the programme?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: SWD will provide a subvention of about \$5 million each year for a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to operate the VSP with an aim to enhancing support service to victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. The VSP is

cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. The VSP is expected to serve 800 users in a year. As the service is subvented on Lump Sum Grant mode, the operating NGO has the flexibility in deploying

suitable staff to provide the service.

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Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)228** 

Question Serial No. 0784

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the estimated number of, and government expenditure involved in,

Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases of different categories (including old age, disability, ill health, single-parent family, low earnings, unemployment and others) in 2010-11? Is there any change when compared with the past two years (i.e. 2008-09 and 2009-10)? Please

provide the information in table form.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The average number of CSSA cases and the expenditure by nature of cases

in 2008-09 are as follows:

	2008-09 Actual	
Nature of cases	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)#
Old Age	146 583	9,349
Permanent Disability	17 146	1,137
Ill Health	22 830	1,737
Single Parent	34 098	3,099
Low Earnings	14 476	1,218
Unemployment	26 006	1,714
Others	5 562	360
Total	266 701	18,613

# Expenditure included two additional months of standard rate payment.

Note: Individual figures may not add up to respective totals due to rounding effect.

The estimated average number of CSSA cases and the expenditure by nature of cases in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

	2009-10 Rev	rised Estimate
Nature of cases	Average number of	Expenditure
	cases per month	(\$ million)#
Old Age	148 200	9,617
Permanent Disability	17 500	1,190
Ill Health	23 600	1,801
Single Parent	34 400	3,112
Low Earnings	14 100	1,168
Unemployment	28 900	1,885
Others	6 300	402
Total	273 000	19,175

<sup>#</sup> Expenditure includes one additional month of standard rate payment.

	2010-11	Estimate
Nature of cases	Average number of	Expenditure
	cases per month	(\$ million)
Old Age	149 900	9,177
Permanent Disability	18 000	1,152
Ill Health	24 300	1,761
Single Parent	34 500	2,970
Low Earnings	14 600	1,145
Unemployment	31 600	1,967
Others	6 900	414
Total	279 800	18,586

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Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)229

Question Serial No. 0785

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the estimated number of applications for, and the estimated

expenditure on, Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) and Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme in 2010-11? Is there any change when compared with the past two years (i.e. 2008-09 and 2009-10)? Please provide the information in table form.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

<u>Reply</u>: The average numbers of HOAA and NOAA cases per month and the expenditure incurred in 2008-09 are as follows:

Allowance	2008-09 Actual	
Type	Average number of	Expenditure
-71	cases per month	(\$ million)#
HOAA	404 302	5,543
NOAA	66 029	872

<sup>#</sup> Expenditure included payments of a one-off grant of \$3,000 and two additional months of allowance.

The estimated average numbers of HOAA and NOAA cases per month and expenditure in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

Allowance	2009-10 Revised Estimate	
Type	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)*
HOAA	420 800	5,493
NOAA	69 000	902

<sup>\*</sup> Expenditure includes the payment of one additional month of allowance.

Allowance	2010-11 Estimate	
Type	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)
HOAA	451 000	5,415
NOAA	73 100	878

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Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)230** 

Question Serial No. 0786

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As regards elderly persons under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, is there any change with the estimated number of elderly persons who will return to Guangdong Province and Fujian Province in 2010-11 as compared with those in the previous year (i.e. 2009-10)? What is the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The estimated number of PCSSA recipients residing in Guangdong and Fujian and the estimated total expenditure in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11
Estimated number of PCSSA recipients residing in Guangdong	2 820	2 926
Estimated number of PCSSA recipients residing in Fujian	212	220
Estimated total number of PCSSA recipients	3 032	3 146
Estimated total expenditure	\$105 million	\$107 million

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)231

Question Serial No. 0787

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the provision for the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) in 2010-11? What are the estimated number of participants and the estimated number of participants who can secure employment? Is there any change when compared with the previous year

(i.e. 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The second phase of My STEP implemented from October 2007 to September 2009 had served 611 participants in the New Territories and East Kowloon districts. Amongst the 611 participants, 309 had secured employment. The expenditure involved was \$9.9 million.

The new phase of My STEP has been extended to the whole territory since October 2009 and would last up to September 2011 to serve at least 700 participants. We cannot project the exact number of participants in this phase and the number of those who will secure employment, but our target as set out in the service specifications to the operating agencies is that 45% of the participants are expected to secure full-time employment or return to mainstream schooling for at least one month. Up to the end of January 2010, 34 participants had secured full-time employment. The estimated cost for running this phase is \$12 million and the estimated expenditure in 2010-11 is \$6 million.

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Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)232

Question Serial No. 0788

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: What is the provision for the Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme

(IEAS) in 2010-11? What are the estimated number of participants and the estimated number of participants who can secure employment? Is there any

change when compared with the previous year (i.e. 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The IEAS is a three-year scheme implemented from October 2008 to September 2011. For each implementation year, the estimated expenditure

is about \$60 million and the estimated number of participants is 32 000 (including both ordinarily-assisted and intensively-assisted participants). It is also estimated that at the end of each implementation year, at least 20% of the ordinarily-assisted participants and 40% of the intensively-assisted

participants will secure full-time paid employment.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)233** 

Question Serial No. 0789

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch a new phase of the New Dawn (ND) Project to continue to help single parents and child

carers on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance move towards self-reliance, taking into account the findings and recommendations of the evaluation study on the Project. What areas will be improved in the new phase of the Project? What are the provision for and the estimated number of participants in the Project? Is there any change when compared with the

previous year (i.e. 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: SWD will launch the new phase of the ND Project from April 2010 to September 2011. Under the new phase of the ND Project, more focused employment assistance services will be provided to selected participants. The expenditure for the whole implementation period of 18 months is estimated to be \$15.9 million and a minimum of 4 800 participants will be served. The expenditure for the current phase of the ND Project for the whole implementation period of 30 months (from October 2007 to March 2010) is estimated to be \$40.5 million and the cumulative number of participants served from October 2007 to January 2010 was 9 943.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)234

Question Serial No. 0790

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Under the programme on "Services for Elders", the Government will

allocate \$4,070 million to promote the welfare of the elderly in 2010-11. Please state the respective provisions for residential care services as well as community care and support services for the elderly in 2010-11 and over

the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10).

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The respective provisions for residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in 2010-11 and in the past three years

are as follows:

Financial Year			2009-10	
	2007-08	2008-09	(Revised	2010-11
	(Actual)	(Actual)	Estimate)	(Estimate)
Service	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)
Residential Care	2,082.0	2,247.6	2,328.4	2,509.9
Services				
Community Care	1,073.9	1,231.8	1,274.4	1,300.6
and Support				
Services				
Total:	3,155.9	3,479.4	3,602.8	3,810.5

In 2010-11, apart from the above two services, additional resources have been earmarked for strengthening the administrative support of non-governmental organisations, providing time-limited posts of programme workers in elderly service units, and organising two classes of the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector to provide

an additional 220 training places, etc. All these add up to the projected total expenditure of about \$4,070 million under the "Services for Elders" programme in the 2010-11 Estimate.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)235** 

Question Serial No. 0791

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: (a) What is the estimated number of homes to participate in the conversion of self-care (S/C) hostel and home for the aged (H/A) places in 2010-11? How many S/C hostels and H/As have yet to participate in the conversion programme? What is the provision involved in the 5 599 residential care places to be provided by the participating homes in 2010-11?

- (b) What is the number of elders waitlisting for places in various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in 2009-10? What is their average waiting time? Will the average waiting time for places in these homes be shortened in 2010-11?
- (c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11 that it will purchase vacant nursing home (NH) places from self-financing NHs and RCHEs. However, the number of NH places as shown in the "Targets" is still maintained at 1 574. What are the reasons? What is the specific purchase plan?
- (d) What is the estimated expenditure involved under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) in 2010-11? What is the provision involved in purchasing 321 additional places through EBPS?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: (a) In 2010-11, it is estimated that two more RCHEs will participate in the conversion programme. There remains eight RCHEs which have yet to participate in the programme. The estimated financial provision for a total of 5 599 places under the programme is about \$655 million per annum.

(b) The average waiting time for residential care services for the elderly is given in the table below –

	Number of applicants	Average waiting time
	on the waiting list	(as at end-February
	(as at end-February 2010)	2010) (in months)
Care-and-attention		
(C&A) places in		30 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
subvented/	19 519	30
contract homes		
C&A places		1 1 [Note 2]
under EBPS		11
NH places in		
subvented/	6 274	42
contract homes		

<sup>[</sup>Note 1] Where the elders had no preference for specific RCHEs, for instance, in terms of their location or religious background, the average waiting time for subsidised C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs was 14 months.

[Note 2] Where the elders had no preference for specific RCHEs, for instance, in terms of their location or religious background, the average waiting time for subsidised C&A places under EBPS was two months.

The additional places will help ease the pressure on waiting time. However, as the waiting time for subsidised NH places and care-and-attention places is affected by a number of factors (for example, the special preference of applicants in terms of location, diet, religion, whether the applicant requested for joining family members and/or relatives in the allocation of home, the turn-over rate, whether the applicant is currently receiving community care or home care services etc.), we cannot estimate the extent to which the waiting time will be shortened by the additional places.

- (c) The 1 574 NH places refer to the subsidised NH places currently provided by the subvented NHs. Under the new initiative, SWD will purchase an additional 380 vacant NH places from self-financing NHs and RCHEs in phases starting from 2010-11.
- (d) In 2010-11, SWD will earmark \$521.1 million to provide a total of 7 259 subsidised residential care places under EBPS. The estimated expenditure for the provision of the 321 additional EBPS places is about \$24 million per annum.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)236** 

Question Serial No. 0792

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11 that

training courses will be offered for care staff serving persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the integrated home care services (IHCS) teams. How many training places will be provided? What is the provision

involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department will provide training courses

for 120 care staff serving PWDs in the IHCS teams. The estimated

expenditure is \$35,000.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)237** 

Question Serial No. 0793

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

**Question**:

- (a) Leaving aside the merging of social centres for the elderly (S/Es), the Government has not increased the number of various types of elderly centres for three consecutive years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10). The number of district elderly community centres (DECCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) and S/Es will not increase in 2010-11 either. What are the reasons? Does the Administration plan to provide additional space for these centres? If yes, how much?
- (b) What are the respective provisions for DECCs, NECs and S/Es in 2010-11? Is there any variation when compared with the previous financial year (i.e. 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

- (a) Currently, there are 41 DECCs, 117 NECs and 53 S/Es which form a territory-wide social support network for the elders in the community. Since the launch of the re-engineering exercise of elderly services in 2003, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the standard internal floor area provision for DECCs and NECs by 83 square metres and 156 square metres respectively to meet the enhanced functions of the centres. At present, about half of the DECCs and 40% of the NECs have attained the enhanced standard space provision. SWD will continue to help the remaining centres to move elsewhere or set up sub-bases to meet the prescribed schedule of accommodation. SWD will also monitor the service demand and consider setting up new centres, especially in the newly developed residential sites.
- (b) The estimated annual subventions for various kinds of elderly centres in 2010-11 and the revised estimate for 2009-10 are shown below:

Year	2009-10	2010-11
	(Revised Estimate)	(Estimate)
Centre	(\$ million)	(\$ million)
DECCs	251.2	249.5
NECs	207.3	206.3
S/Es	51.7	51.7
Total:	510.2	507.5

The difference in provision between 2009-10 and 2010-11 is mainly due to the 2009 pay adjustment which took effect from January 2010.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)238** 

Question Serial No. 0794

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the provision for the enhanced home and community care

services (EHCCS) in 2010-11? How many organisations will be responsible for providing the services? In which districts will the newly

set up EHCCS teams mainly serve?

Asked by: Hon. Tam Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2010-11, the estimated annual provision of EHCCS is \$140.3 million.

The services are provided by 14 non-governmental organisations which run a total of 24 EHCCS teams covering the whole territory of Hong

Kong.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)239

Question Serial No. 0795

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The number of cases served by the integrated home care services (IHCS)

in 2010-11 will remain as 29 223 with no increase. What are the reasons?

What are the financial resources for the IHCS?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2010-11, the estimated expenditure for the provision of IHCS is

\$449 million.

In addition to IHCS, the Social Welfare Department also provides enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) to serve frail elders living in the community. Six new teams for EHCCS were set up in December 2008 to provide an additional 877 places and the total service capacity for frail elders provided by both IHCS and EHCCS has increased from 3 822 (as at November 2008) to 4 699 (as at February 2010).

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)240** 

Question Serial No. 0796

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the financial resources for providing 2 384 day care places in the

day care centres for the elderly in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2010-11, the estimated annual expenditure for the 2 384 day care

places is \$174.7 million.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)241** 

Question Serial No. 0797

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What specific plans does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have to

promote active ageing in 2010-11? What is the provision earmarked for this purpose? Is there any difference in provision when compared with last

year (i.e. 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

<u>Reply</u>: The promotion of active ageing is part and parcel of the service provided by

the elderly centres and hence there is no breakdown on its expenditure

alone.

Apart from the elderly centres, SWD also promotes active ageing through the Opportunities for the Elderly Project (OEP). OEP subsidises various social service agencies, district organisations, volunteer groups and educational agencies to carry out programmes to promote a sense of worthiness among the elders and advocate a community spirit of care for elders. Similar to the previous year, \$3 million is earmarked to subsidise programmes under the OEP in 2010-11.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)242** 

Question Serial No. 0798

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How many places will be provided in the Enrolled Nurse Training

Programme for the Welfare Sector in 2010-11? What is the provision involved? How do the figures compare with those of the previous year

(i.e. 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department, in collaboration with the

Hospital Authority, will launch two classes of the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector to provide a total of 220 training places, as in 2009-10. The estimated provision for these classes is \$13.6 million which is \$1.5 million higher than the provision in

2009-10.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)243** 

Question Serial No. 0799

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

Question: It is mentioned in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11" that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will revamp the community mental health support services and set up integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in all 18 districts across the territory to provide one-stop district-based community support services for persons with mental health problems and their families/carers. Would the Government please inform this Committee of how many ICCMWs in total are planned to be set up. What are their specific locations, the staffing establishment and the estimated expenditure? Compared to the previous year (i.e. 2009-10), what additional expenditure is involved for the provision of this aspect of the mental health support services?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

With an additional annual provision of about \$70 million, SWD will revamp the existing community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs in all 18 districts throughout the territory. Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the ICCMWs' operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The operating NGOs of the ICCMWs will be required to provide professional staff like social worker, occupational therapist and other supporting staff.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)244** 

Question Serial No. 1515

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

(3) Services for Elders

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

(5) Services for Offenders

(7) Young People

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the estimated expenditure and concrete work plan for the

Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) under Item 470 in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: Since the setting up of the PFD in 2005, five rounds of applications have been launched to provide matching grants to donations made by business partners to support non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to run social welfare projects for the disadvantaged persons.

By February 2010, the PFD has approved more than 280 welfare projects implemented by over 90 NGOs, involving an amount of more than \$103 million. These projects attracted donations from over 480 business partners, benefiting over 650 000 disadvantaged persons. In view of the favourable response from the community, subject to approval of the Finance Committee, \$200 million will be injected into the Fund in 2010-11 to encourage further cross-sector collaboration to help the disadvantaged.

The sixth round of applications will be invited in 2010-11 whereby NGOs will be encouraged to run projects to enhance the quality of life, employment/skills development, empowerment and exclusion prevention for

the disadvantaged. The actual expenditure of the PFD is subject to the number of applications received, the amount involved and the number of applications subsequently approved.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)245

Question Serial No. 1516

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding item 521 "Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities

through Small Enterprise (3E's Project)" under Operating Account, what are the work plans and the estimated expenditure involved in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: The 3E's Project is a funding project providing seed money to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for setting up small businesses to create employment for persons with disabilities (PWDs). The Marketing Consultancy Office (Rehabilitation) [MCO(R)] of the Social Welfare

Consultancy Office (Rehabilitation) [MCO(R)] of the Social Welfare Department provides support services to NGOs on the setting up and operation of businesses, liaises with government bureaux/departments and the commercial sector to assist NGOs in securing service/job orders and promotes their businesses in publicity/marketing events. These support measures will continue in 2010-11 to further encourage NGOs to set up more small businesses.

In addition, the MCO(R) has been entrusted to continue to collaborate with NGOs in promoting the brand name of "SEPD" (Support of the Employment of People with Disabilities) registered by the Administration for the products and services provided by PWDs. In 2010-11, the MCO(R) will launch a series of promotional programmes for the brand building of "SEPD" such as "Let Them Shine" Cookies Programme, cross-over programme with famous brands and a series of promotional sales.

A total sum of \$50 million was granted for the operation of the 3E's Project since its set up in 2001, and as at February 2010, about \$34 million (i.e. 68%) of the fund has been allocated to NGOs for running 60 small businesses.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)246** 

Question Serial No. 1519

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the specific measures taken by the Labour and Welfare Bureau to

strengthen the prevention and tackling of domestic violence through public education and enhanced training for related professionals in 2010-11, and

what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply: In 2010-11, the focus of the publicity campaign will be on the prevention of domestic violence through positive thinking. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to make use of various media channels and transportation networks to publicise its messages. Territory-wide and district-based public education initiatives and activities will also be organised. Programmes for 2010-11 will include docudrama, education and preventive talks/workshops and details are being worked out. The estimated

expenditure for the publicity campaign is about \$5 million.

SWD will continue to provide training programmes on child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence to social workers and relevant professionals, including clinical psychologists, police officers and medical personnels. It is expected that about 7 000 participants will attend such programmes which will cost \$2 million in 2010-11. On top of basic knowledge and skills in crisis handling and working with families-in-need, the training will focus on multi-disciplinary collaboration, in-depth clinical skills and treatment approaches in working with victims and batterers.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)247

Question Serial No. 0994

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: With reference to the "reply no. LWB(WW)158 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09", please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases that are receiving rent allowance and, amongst these cases, the number of cases that are receiving actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the maximum rent allowance (MRA) (please provide a breakdown of the number of cases living in private housing and those living in public housing by the number of household members) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 (for months with available data)?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: The numbers of cases in public housing estates receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as below:

	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)			2009-10 (as at the end of February 2010)				
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	63 023	67	2 032	65 122	65 671	63	2 490	68 224
2	42 176	3	168	42 347	44 036	1	199	44 236
3	23 053	1	63	23 117	23 669	0	45	23 714
4	14 634	0	30	14 664	13 895	0	30	13 925
5	5 907	0	13	5 920	5 329	1	9	5 339
6 and above	2 300	0	3	2 303	1 930	0	2	1 932
Total	151 093	71	2 309	153 473	154 530	65	2 775	157 370

The numbers of cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to and greater than the MRA (with breakdown by the number of eligible members) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as below:

	2008-09 (as at the end of March 2009)			2009-10 (as at the end of February 2010)				
Number of eligible members	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total	Actual rent less than MRA	Actual rent equal to MRA	Actual rent greater than MRA	Total
1	7 337	745	13 731	21 813	6 985	735	14 015	21 735
2	5 802	188	4 552	10 542	5 634	166	4 677	10 477
3	3 343	29	2 719	6 091	3 239	24	2 813	6 076
4	1 298	2	1 202	2 502	1 315	1	1 247	2 563
5	346	8	411	765	320	8	439	767
6 and above	201	1	152	354	191	0	170	361
Total	18 327	973	22 767	42 067	17 684	934	23 361	41 979

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)248

Question Serial No. 0971

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in paragraph 140 of the Budget Speech that the Government will

increase recurrent funding by about \$9 million to provide 115 additional subsidised day care places for the elderly. Please inform this Committee whether these additional places are included in the number of day care places to be provided in 2010-11 (i.e. 2 384 places) as shown under

Programme 3?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: Of the 115 additional day care places, 70 will be provided in 2010-11 to

increase the total number of places to 2 384 while the other 45 will be

provided in 2011-12.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)249** 

Question Serial No. 2885

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

(3) Services for Elders

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

(5) Services for Offenders

(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 152) that the Administration will further inject \$200 million into the "Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged" (PFD) to facilitate the development of social enterprise (SE). However, it was found from the studies carried out by some companies that quite a number of services or businesses running in the form of SE have been closed down or operating in a deficit. In this connection, would the Administration consider conducting academic and cost-effectiveness study on SE projects with a view to sustaining the operation of the PFD in a cost-effective manner?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The PFD was set up in 2005 to promote tripartite partnership among the business community, the welfare sector and the Government in helping the disadvantaged. Through providing matching grants to donations made by the business partners to support the non-governmental organisations to run time-limited social welfare projects for the disadvantaged, the PFD aims at incentivising the welfare sector to expand their networks in seeking and securing corporate support and participation, as well as promoting corporate social responsibility among the business sector, so as to create a cohesive and caring society.

The subject of SE falls under the purview of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). Following the Chief Executive's annoucement in his 2009-10 Policy Address, the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee (the Committee) has been established under HAB in January 2010 to advise the Government

on the development of SE. The Committee will, amongst other things, undertake research studies on matters pertaining to the development of SEs in Hong Kong.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)250** 

Question Serial No. 3174

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: (a) Regarding the "Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project" (NSCCP), what were the specific implementation details, the expenditure and the number of families benefited from the project in 2009-10?

(b) What is the provision for the NSCCP in 2010-11? Does the Administration plan to extend the project to every district in the territory?

- Reply: (a) The Administration has earmarked \$45 million for the pilot NSCCP. The provision is for a period of three years starting from 2008-09. The NSCCP was fully rolled out in March 2009. It consists of 11 projects, one in each administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The annual provision for each project is \$1.27 million. Together they provide a total of not less than 440 places, consisting of 286 home-based child care places and 154 centre-based care group places. From April to December 2009, an average of 430 children were served by the NSCCP each month. Feedback from stakeholders has been positive generally.
  - (b) The provision for each project in 2010-11 will remain the same as in 2009-10. All the 11 projects will operate until the end of March 2011. SWD will conduct a review to evaluate the effectiveness of the NSCCP by the end of 2010. Upon completion of the review, the Administration will decide on the way forward for the NSCCP.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)251** 

Question Serial No. 3175

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 146) that the Administration will provide a subvention to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for operating the "Victim Support Programme (VSP)". In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what are the specific criteria used in selecting an NGO to run the programme?
- (b) how are the targets and outcome indicators set?
- (c) does the Administration plan to monitor the NGOs? If yes, what are the specific details and the methods used?
- (d) does the Administration plan to review the programme? If yes, what are the specific details?

- Reply: (a) In considering the service operator for the VSP, the Social Welfare Department will adopt a quality assessment approach, taking into account factors like the relevant experiences of the applicant organisations in providing services relating to family violence and training to volunteers, the overall service and management designs, its networking ability, its use of premises and other innovative and value-added services, etc.
  - (b) In deciding the service objectives and output indicators, reference has been made to the service demand and needs of the target service users, the existing service provision and the number of battered spouse and child abuse cases.
  - (c) The VSP will be monitored through the Funding and Service Agreement and the Service Quality Standards.

(d) On-going assessment of the performance of the service operator will be conducted. In addition, feedback will be collected from concerned stakeholders including the service users.

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Director of Social Welfare
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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)252** 

Question Serial No. 3176

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the anti-violence programme for abusers, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the specific operating expenses and the number of beneficiaries of the programme in 2009-10?
- (b) whether there is an estimated expenditure for the programme in 2010-11? If yes, what is the expenditure?
- (c) the effectiveness of the programme since its implementation?

- Reply: (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has approved seven Anti-violence Programmes (AVPs) operated by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs). In 2009-10, two referrals were received from the Court and the total expenditure was \$20,400.
  - (b) An annual recurrent subvention of \$0.9 million has been earmarked for implementing the AVP in 2010-11. The estimated number of beneficiaries and the expenditure involved will depend on the actual number of Court referrals.
  - (c) Since the implementation of the AVP in August 2008, SWD has received a total of four Court referrals. Apart from one case in which the Court order was dismissed before the programme started, the other three cases were completed successfully.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)253

Question Serial No. 3177

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the Batterer Intervention Programme (BIP), would the Administration please inform this Committee:

- (a) the specific operating expenses and the number of beneficiaries of the programme in 2009-10?
- (b) whether there is an estimated expenditure for the programme in 2010-11? If yes, what is the expenditure?
- (c) the effectiveness of the programme since its implementation?

- Reply: (a) In 2009-10, a total of 92 batterers participated in the BIP. There is no breakdown on funding specifically allocated to the BIP as it is now an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by existing social workers of the Family and Child Protective Services Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).
  - (b) It is estimated that about 100 batterers will participate in the BIP in 2010-11. For the same reason stated in (a) above, there is no breakdown on the estimated expenditure.
  - (c) The two-year pilot project of BIP launched by SWD, which was completed in 2008, was proven to be effective in helping abusers change their abusive behaviour. In 2009, an outcome study on the pilot project showed that the programme effects were sustained after a one-year period.

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Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)254** 

Question Serial No. 3178

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the situation of children in family crisis, would the Administration please provide the following information:

- (a) in view of the increasing seriousness of family crisis, children become the group of persons who are most in need of assistance. Why does the Administration not have any plan to increase the number of foster care places and small group home places in 2010-11 so as to protect children who face family crisis?
- (b) what is the manning ratio in small group homes in 2009-10 and will it remain unchanged in 2010-11?
- (c) would the Administration consider allocating provision to conduct consultancy study to help solve the difficult situations encountered by children who face family crisis?

- Reply: (a) The Administration has provided a total of 100 additional residential places for children in 2008-09 and 2009-10 to assist families and children in need of residential care services. The number of residential places in 2010-11 will remain unchanged. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the situation in considering further service enhancement.
  - (b) The operators of small group homes are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant mode. They have the flexibility to deploy suitable staffing to meet service needs, subject to some basic requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreement for Small Group Homes.

(c) SWD will continue to work closely with the service sector to monitor the service demand to ensure adequate support for children in family crisis. At present, there is no plan to commission a consultancy study on this area.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)255** 

Question Serial No. 3179

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the expenditure of integrated family service centres (IFSCs), would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the respective expenditure of IFSCs run by the government sector and the subvented sector in 2009-10? What was the respective utilisation rate?
- (b) the expenditure of IFSCs in 2010-11? Would the Administration increase the manpower of these centres? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: (a) There are currently 61 IFSCs, 40 run by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and 21 by the non-governmental organisations. The estimated expenditure for IFSCs run by the government sector and the subvented sector in 2009-10 is \$483.7 million and \$193.8 million respectively. For service output in 2009-10, the estimated number of intensive counselling/brief counselling/supportive casework cases served by IFSCs run by the government sector and the subvented sector is 63 190 and 28 331 respectively, while the estimated number of groups and programmes organised by IFSCs of the government sector and the subvented sector is 6 360 and 2 676 respectively.

(b) In 2010-11, the estimated provision for IFSCs is \$685.1 million, and the manpower provision will remain at the level as in 2009-10. SWD will closely monitor the service need and consider manpower enhancement where necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)256** 

Question Serial No. 3180

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the day care centres for the elderly, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of elders waiting for the places of day care centres for the elderly in 2009-10;
- (b) the criteria for planning the increase of the 70 additional places (i.e. increasing the number of places to 2 384 places) in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: (a) As at January 2010, there were 1 054 elders waiting for subsidised day care places in the 18 districts.

(b) In 2010-11, 70 places will be provided in Sai Kung (60 places) and Kowloon City (10 places) districts to make up a total of 2 384 day care places for the elderly. Another 45 places will be provided in Kwun Tong district in 2011-12. The provision of these additional day care places is planned with reference to the service demand, elderly population, and availability of suitable premises. We will keep in view the service demand and will continue to identify possible premises for provision of additional day care services as appropriate.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)257** 

Question Serial No. 3181

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the integrated home care services (IHCS), please inform this Committee:

- (a) the number of applications and the waiting time of applicants for IHCS in each of the 18 districts in 2009-10;
- (b) why is it that the number of cases served by IHCS remains unchanged in 2010-11 although the Government stresses that it will help the elders stay in the community?

- Reply: (a) As at January 2010, there were 342 applicants waitlisted for frailty-tested services under IHCS and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) and the average waiting time was about two months. A breakdown of waiting time by district is not available. The Central Waiting List for subsidised long term care services does not capture the number of elders waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS or its waiting time. As a guiding principle, the IHCS teams will continue to accord priority to elders who have urgent needs for non-frailty tested services and provide the most needed services to them almost instantly.
  - (b) The Social Welfare Department provides community care and support services to frail elders through a number of channels which include IHCS and EHCCS. Since December 2008, we have set up six new EHCCS teams to provide an additional 877 places and the total service

capacity for frail elders provided by both IHCS and EHCCS has increased from  $3\,822$  (as at November 2008) to  $4\,699$  (as at February 2010).

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)258** 

Question Serial No. 3182

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

- Question: (a) It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 137) that the Government will increase \$160 million to provide 1 000 additional residential care places. Is this amount referring to the figure as stated in the Analysis of Financial Provision under Programme (3) (p. 328, Volume 1B)?
  - (b) Among the 1 000 additional residential care places, what is the number of places that belong to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) or care-and-attention (C&A) homes? Are these additional residential care places subsidised by government or purchased from private RCHEs?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

- Under the Analysis of Financial Provision, it is stated that the provision for 2010-11 Estimate is \$169.5 million (4.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2009-10 for Programme (3). The additional provision includes increasing the supply of subsidised day/residential care places, home care places, making full use of the space in existing subvented RCHEs to provide more long-term-care places, purchasing subsidised nursing home (NH) places from self-financing NHs/RCHEs, the full-year effect of new projects implemented in 2009-10, partly offset by the full year effect of the 2009 pay adjustment, and the creation of two clerical posts in 2010-11.
- (b) The breakdown of the additional subsidised NH places and C&A places offering continuum of care (COC) in RCHEs is as follows –

Initiative		Numb	er of
		plac	es
		NH	COC
		places	places
(1) Increasing the proportion of NH places	from	357	0
50% to 90% of the subsidised reside	ential		
care places in existing contract homes			
(2) Purchasing vacant NH places	from	380	0
self-financing NHs and RCHEs			
(3) Making full use of the space in exist	sting	0	260
subsidised elderly homes to provide a	more		
places that offer continuous care			
(4) Providing additional subsidised reside	ential	81	9
care places through one new contract he	ome		
T	otal:	818	269
Grand t	total:	1 08	37
		(i.e. 818	+ 269)

The above additional 1 087 subsidised residential care places will be provided in subvented, contract or self-financing RCHEs. They will not be purchased from private RCHEs.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)259** 

Question Serial No. 3183

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What is the number of elders waitlisting for care-and-attention (C&A)

homes and nursing homes (NHs) in the 18 districts in 2009-10? What is

the waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

<u>Reply</u>: All applications for subsidised residential care services are put under the

Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long term care services on a territory-wide basis. There are no separate waiting lists for individual districts. The number of applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A and NH places and the average waiting time as at end-February 2010 are as

follows:

		2009-10
		(as at end-February 2010)
C&A	(a) Number of applicants	19 519
Places	(b) Average waiting time	
	(months)	
	<ul> <li>Subvented/Contract</li> </ul>	30 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
	RCHEs	
	<ul> <li>Under Enhanced Bought</li> </ul>	11 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
	Place Scheme (EBPS)	
NH	(a) Number of applicants	6 274
Places	(b) Average waiting time	42
	(months)	

Where the elders had no preference for specific RCHEs, for instance, in terms of their location or religious background, the average waiting time for subsidised C&A places in subvented/contract RCHEs was 14 months.

[Note 2] Where the elders had no preference for specific RCHEs, for instance, in terms of their location or religious background, the average waiting time for subsidised C&A places under EBPS was two months.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)260** 

Question Serial No. 3184

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What types of services are provided by enhanced home and community

care services (EHCCS) in 2009-10? What is the average waiting time for

the services?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: In 2009-10, the types of services provided by EHCCS include nursing care,

rehabilitation exercises, personal care, counselling, meal delivery, home-making, transport and escort services, carer support services, day and residential respite services and 24-hour emergency support services. The average waiting time for EHCCS varies from a few days to a few months in different districts, with an average of about two months as of

January 2010.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)261

Question Serial No. 3185

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the social workers for medical social services (MSS), please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the ratio of psychiatric medical social workers (MSWs) to psychiatric patients in 2009-10;
- (b) the average waiting time for an appointment with a MSW in 2009-10; and
- (c) how would the 14 additional psychiatric MSWs to be created in 2010-11 as mentioned in the Budget help to solve the problems of manpower shortage and prolonged waiting time?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: (a) & (b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) sets up medical social service units (MSSUs) at the public hospitals and the specialist out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority (HA) to provide MSS to persons with mental health problems and their families/carers. The MSS seeks to provide timely psycho-social intervention to service users and help them cope with or solve problems arising from illness, trauma or disability. A range of MSS such as counselling service, applying for various welfare benefits, community resources and appropriate rehabilitation services are provided on referral basis or direct approach. In 2009-10 (as at February 2010), a total of 198 psychiatric MSWs of SWD provided MSS to the patients and their families/carers with welfare needs. There is no waiting list for MSS.

(c) With an additional recurrent funding of about \$6 million, SWD will create 14 MSW posts at SWD's psychiatric MSSUs in various hospitals and clinics of the HA in order to provide support to the discharged psychiatric patients in 2010-11. It is estimated that each MSW will be able to handle about 70 active cases per month.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)262** 

Question Serial No. 3186

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Government please list the provision of places for residential care

homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the 18 districts in the whole territory in 2009-10 and the average waiting time for each type of RCHD in

each district?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply: The distribution of existing/planned provision of places in residential care

homes for persons with disabilities by the 11 administrative districts of the

Social Welfare Department (SWD)<sup>(Note 1)</sup> in 2009-10 is as follows:

Type of Service	RSCCC	LSCH	HWH	IVTC	НММН	HSMH	C&A/ SD	HSPH	C&A/ AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC)
District	(Note 2)	(Note 3)	(Note 4)	(Note 5)	(Note 6)	(Note 7)	(Note 8)	(Note 9)	(Note 10)	(Note 11)	(Note 12)
Central & Western/ Southern/ Islands	44	170	168	0	333	547	200	100	375	7	0
Eastern/ Wanchai	0	0	119	0	85	173	100	58	0	40	8
Kwun Tong	0	0	84	0	308	230	0	65	0	61	3
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	12	0	237	0	184	359	88	100	0	76	17
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	220	55	0	0	52	10	0
Sham Shui Po	0	200	169	0	60	104	0	0	78	30	0
Sha Tin	0	0	206	0	186	470	102	88	0	0	1
Tai Po/North	24	0	80	170	80	104	100	0	0	90	32
Yuen Long	0	0	104	0	169	106	100	50	80	46	0
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	30	425	162	0	189	479	100	0	0	20	3
Tuen Mun	0	612	180	0	364	431	67	67	240	20	0
Total:	110	1 407	1 509	170	2 178	3 058	857	528	825	400	64

- (Note 1) The provision is captured according to the 11 administrative districts of SWD
- (Note 2) RSCCC stands for residential special child care centre
- (Note 3) LSCH stands for long stay care home
- (Note 4) HWH stands for halfway house
- (Note 5) IVTC stands for integrated vocational training centre
- (Note 6) HMMH stands for hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
- (Note 7) HSMH stands for hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
- (Note 8) C&A/SD stands for care and attention home for severely disabled persons
- (Note 9) HSPH stands for hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
- (Note 10) C&A/AB stands for care and attention home for the aged blind
- (Note 11) SHOS stands for supported hostel
- (Note 12) SGH(MMHC) stands for small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children/integrated small group home

SWD operates a computerised central referral system (the System) for waitlisting of various types of residential services on a territory-wide basis. Since the applicants may indicate preference for more than one centre which may involve more than one district, the System does not capture information on the average waiting time by district. The territory-wide average waiting time for various residential services in 2008-09 is as follows:

Type of Service	Average Waiting Time in 2008-09 (months)
RSCCC	13.8
LSCH	22.9
HWH	5.6
IVTC <sup>(Note 13)</sup>	N.A.
НММН	39.6
HSMH	51.6
C&A/SD	36.0
HSPH	112.4
C&A/AB	2.6
SHOS	27.2
SGH(MMHC)	14.9

(Note 13) IVTC admits service users directly and hence SWD does not capture statistics in this respect

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)263** 

Question Serial No. 0179

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please provide the following information on the procurement of services of employment agencies (EAs) in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10) and in 2010-11 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) to (e) The details on the procurement of services of EAs in SWD as at end-March of the past three financial years (i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10) are appended below. Figures for the financial year ending 2010-11 are not yet available.

	1		T	I	
	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	
Number of contracts	N.A.	30	28	23	
signed with EAs [Notes 1 & 2]		(+7.1%)	(+21.7%)	(-)	
Contract sum for each EA	N.A.	0.17	0.27	0.5	
(\$ million) [Note 2]		to	to	to	
		4.46	4.22	3.57	
		(+5.7%)	(+18.2%)	(-)	
Term of service for each	N.A.	12	12	12	
EA (months)		(-)	(-)	( - )	
		,			
Number of workers	N.A.	1 to 9	1 to 9	1 to 8	
	N.A.				
supplied by each EA and their duties [Note 2]		( - )	(+12.5%)	( - )	
then duties					
		_			
	To pro	vide IT suppo	rt to various I	Γ systems	
				-	
The workers' salaries	SWD has	no available ii	nformation on	the workers'	
(maximum, median and	salaries payable by each EA as the contracts which				
minimum salaries)	SWD enters into with EAs specify only the service				
payable by each EA		fee charged by the latter in providing agency			
	_	•	ries of agency		
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Note 1: The contracts which SWD enters into with EAs are concerned with information technology (IT) services procured under the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer's bulk contract.

Note 2: Figures in ( ) denote percentage change of the maximum value/number for each year.

- (f) In 2009-10, the number of workers supplied by EAs is 30 as compared with the existing staff of 5 223 in SWD.
- (g) It is estimated that the expenditure on procuring the services of the EAs would be about 0.12% of SWD's operational expenses in the 2009-10 Revised Estimate.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)264** 

Question Serial No. 1336

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

000 – Operational Expenses

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: 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 positions 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 to the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: Apart from non-civil service contract staff, the Social Welfare Department has not employed other types of temporary staff in the financial years in question.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)265** 

Question Serial No. 1337

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

000 – Operational Expenses

Programme: All

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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	( )	( )	( )	( )
positions 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 have been				
employed as civil				
servants				
If there were chances	( )	( )	( )	( )
for employment as				
civil servants, the				
number of NCSC staff				
who failed to do so				
Percentage of NCSC	( )	( )	( )	( )
staff to the total				
number of staff in the				
department				

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Information on the full-time NCSC staff [Note] employed in the Social Reply: Welfare Department (SWD) between 2007-08 to 2009-10 is appended below. Information on 2010-11 is not available as the NCSC staff position changes constantly.

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	
Number of NCSC staff as at 31 December of the financial year	N.A.	405 (-4%)	423 (-39%)	693 (-)	
Breakdown of positions:					
General & clerical support services		201 (+14%)	177 (+9%)	163 (-)	
Customer services & marketing work		165 (-18%)	200 (-55%)	440 (-)	
Executive support & project management	N.A.	20 (-29%)	28 (-26%)	38 (-)	
Health care and welfare services		15 (+7%)	14 (-70%)	46 (-)	
IT support services		4 (0%)	4 (-33%)	6 (-)	
Breakdown of salaries:					
• <=\$8,000	N.A.	116 (-29%)	164 (-34%)	249 (-)	
• \$8,001-\$16,000	14.71.	255 (+14%)	223 (-44%)	400 (-)	
• > \$16,000		34 (-6%)	36 (-18%)	44 (-)	
Benefits of NCSC staff	which are no less favourable than benefits, entitlements and employment protection as provided under the Employment Ordinance (and other employment legislation that binds the Government), e.g. at least 12 days of annual paid leave, not more than 3 consecutive days of full paid sick leave granted at discretion per month in addition to the paid sickness days provided under the Employment Ordinance and statutory compensations under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance for duty-related injuries, etc.				
Length of employment in years:		260 (20)	070 (470)	<b>53</b> 9 ( )	
• < 5	N.A.	269 (-3%)	278 (-47%)	528 (-)	
• >= 5  Number of NCSC staff who have been employed as civil servants  If there were chances for employment as civil servants, the number of NCSC staff who failed to do so	N.A.  136 (-6%)  145 (-12%)  SWD has not collected any information on NCSC staff's applications for various civil service posts. The requested figures are not available. However, for the recruitment exercises conducted by SWD in the financial years in question, about 330 NCSC staff of the Department have been appointed as civil servants.				
Percentage of NCSC staff to the total number of staff in the department	N.A.	7% (-13%)	8% (-38%)	13% (-)	

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

[Note]: "Full-time" employment refers to "continuous contract" as defined under the Employment Ordinance. According to the Employment Ordinance, an employee who works continuously for the same employer for four weeks or more, with at least 18 hours in each week is regarded as working under a continuous contract.

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

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)266** 

Question Serial No. 1338

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

000 – Operational Expenses

Programme: All

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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		<b>F</b> : ( )		7

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

#### Reply:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	
Contents of	Cleansing, security guard, telecommunications and				
outsourced service	information technology, employment agencies,				
contracts [Note 1]		training, horticult	ure, catering and		
		medical care	e & support		
Number of	Not	<b>54</b> <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	75	60	
Number of	Not	<i>5</i> 1	75	69	
outsourced service	available	(-28%)	(-8.7%)	(-)	
contracts	[N.A.]	1 [Note 2]			
Estimated value of		\$97.6 million <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	\$26.8 million	\$42.5 million	
outsourced service	N.A.	(+264%)	(-37%)	( - )	
contracts					
Number of		Information not available			
workers employed	N.A.				
under outsourced					
service contracts					
Number of					
outsourced service					
contracts that can	N.A.	Nil			
be replaced by					
employment of					
permanent staff by					
the Government					

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

- [Note 1] These refer to outsourced service contracts with contract value over \$50,000 awarded during the year, including services provided to the service centres operated by the Social Welfare Department, and also the procurement of services of employment agencies for information technology services under the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer's bulk contract.
- [Note 2] Including a four-year training contract (with contract value of about \$75 million) and a three-year medical care & support contract (contract value of \$0.3 million).

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)267** 

Question Serial No. 1700

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the "Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise" Project (3E's Project), please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How much allocation was and will be allocated to launch the project in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively?
- (b) How many jobs were created for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the past two financial years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2009-10)?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: (a) The 3E's Project provides seed money to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for setting up small businesses to create employment for PWDs. As at end-February 2010, a total sum of

about \$4 million was granted to NGOs for the operation of eight business projects under the 3E's Project in 2009-10. It is estimated that the expenditure for 2010-11 will be similar to that of 2009-10.

(b) From 2008-09 to 2009-10 (as at February 2010), a total of 98 jobs have been created for the PWDs under the 3E's Project.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)268** 

Question Serial No. 1714

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the scheme under which allowance is granted to persons with severe disabilities, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of recipients of this allowance in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved in 2009;
- (b) the estimated numbers of persons receiving this allowance in full or in half respectively in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the estimated expenditure involved in 2010-11; and
- (c) the numbers of persons with disabilities (PWDs) and households with PWDs in each public housing estate in Hong Kong in 2008, and the numbers of recipients of the allowance for persons with severe disabilities and households with these recipients living in each public housing estate?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: (a) The 2009-10 Revised Estimate for expenditures on Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) is as follows:

	2009-10 Revised Estimate		
	(\$ million)#		
HD A	563		
ND A	2,008		

<sup>#</sup> The 2009-10 Revised Estimate includes the payment of one additional month of allowance.

The numbers of HDA and NDA recipients by geographical district as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

Geographical			
district*	HDA	NDA	Total
Central and Western	561	3 296	3 857
Eastern	1 598	10 338	11 936
Islands	148	1 504	1 652
Kowloon City	934	5 573	6 507
Kwai Tsing	1 066	9 134	10 200
Kwun Tong	1 825	11 000	12 825
North	625	4 318	4 943
Sai Kung	908	4 947	5 855
Sha Tin	1 610	10 391	12 001
Sham Shui Po	967	6 083	7 050
Southern	622	6 155	6 777
Tai Po	637	5 011	5 648
Tsuen Wan	686	4 012	4 698
Tuen Mun	780	7 674	8 454
Wan Chai	423	1 951	2 374
Wong Tai Sin	1 119	8 072	9 191
Yau Tsim Mong	511	3 694	4 205
Yuen Long	819	6 528	7 347
Total	15 839	109 681	125 520

<sup>\*</sup>The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

(b) The estimated average numbers of, and expenditures on, HDA and NDA cases in 2010-11 are provided below. We do not have the breakdown by geographical district.

	Estimated average number of	Estimated expenditure
	cases per month	(\$ million)
HDA	18 800	590
NDA	119 300	1,993

(c) We do not have information on the numbers of PWDs and households with PWDs in each public housing estate in Hong Kong, or the numbers of persons receiving Disability Allowance and households with such persons in each public housing estate in 2008.

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)269** 

Question Serial No. 0057

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of households which are currently on CSSA living in each public housing estate over the territory and this number as a percentage of the total number of households in that estate;
- (b) the number of CSSA recipients who are currently on CSSA living in each public housing estate over the territory and this number as a percentage of the total number of tenants in that estate; and
- (c) a breakdown of households on CSSA by nature of cases (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low earnings, unemployment and new arrivals) in each public housing estate?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: Table 1: The number and percentage of CSSA households and recipients in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2010

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	% of total number of households in the public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	% of total population in the public housing estate
Ap Lei Chau	604	14%	1 219	9%
Bo Shek Mansion	67	25%	96	15%
Broadview Garden	33	8%	62	5%
Butterfly	1 400	26%	2 353	20%
Chak On	542	31%	900	21%
Cheung Ching	670	14%	1 464	10%
Cheung Fat	460	32%	763	22%
Cheung Hang	634	15%	1 168	8%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	% of total number of households in the public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	% of total population in the public housing estate
Cheung Hong	1 490	18%	2 787	12%
Cheung Kwai	64	14%	141	9%
Cheung On	557	37%	924	22%
Cheung Shan	190	12%	456	9%
Cheung Wah	806	35%	1 550	24%
Cheung Wang	1 070	25%	2 513	19%
Ching Ho	1 920	29%	4 230	22%
Cho Yiu Chuen	259	10%	442	5%
Choi Fai	202	16%	428	10%
Choi Ha	280	43%	435	27%
Choi Hung	1 531	21%	2 833	15%
Choi Ming Court	754	27%	1 822	19%
Choi Wan (I)	893	16%	1 963	10%
Choi Wan (II)	453	16%	981	11%
Choi Ying	995	25%	1 881	18%
Choi Yuen	1 405	28%	2 511	19%
Chuk Yuen (North)	665	44%	1 140	26%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 569	27%	2 729	17%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	153	15%	260	9%
Chun Shek	472	22%	821	14%
Chung On	741	27%	1 625	17%
Clague Garden Estate	81	15%	161	10%
Easeful Court	71	14%	283	13%
Fortune	835	40%	1 236	25%
Fu Cheong	2 250	38%	4 001	24%
Fu Heng	845	40%	1 562	27%
Fu Shan	317	20%	564	14%
Fu Shin	866	32%	1 715	23%
Fu Tai	1 180	24%	3 167	17%
Fu Tung	224	14%	535	9%
Fuk Loi	573	19%	1 035	13%
Fung Tak	775	54%	1 165	37%
Fung Wah	141	34%	238	22%
Grandeur Terrace	1 029	25%	3 207	21%
Hau Tak	764	18%	1 494	11%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	% of total number of households in the public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	% of total population in the public housing estate	
Healthy Village	137	12%	235	7%	
Heng On	486	42%	947	27%	
High Prosperity Terrace	86	11%	297	10%	
Hin Keng	433	48%	836	29%	
Hin Yiu	220	28%	419	21%	
Hing Man	313	16%	689	11%	
Hing Tin	195	36%	462	26%	
Hing Tung	353	17%	662	10%	
Hing Wah (I)	558	25%	1 070	14%	
Hing Wah (II)	857	25%	1 484	17%	
Ho Man Tin	1 135	24%	2 025	15%	
Hoi Fu Court	984	36%	1 963	23%	
Hoi Lai	974	20%	2 660	15%	
Hong Tung	243	53%	320	36%	
Hung Hom	292	35%	463	21%	
Jat Min Chuen	504	14%	869	8%	
Ka Fuk	460	23%	890	13%	
Ka Wai Chuen	315	19%	514	11%	
Kai Tin	569	25%	932	14%	
Kai Yip	1 196	29%	1 932	20%	
Kam Peng	51	21%	108	14%	
Kin Ming	1 576	23%	3 865	18%	
Kin Sang	232	35%	433	23%	
King Lam	823	45%	1 297	33%	
Ko Cheung Court	331	18%	1 067	15%	
Ko Yee	301	26%	472	14%	
Kwai Chung	3 305	25%	6 653	18%	
Kwai Fong	1 293	21%	2 454	13%	
Kwai Hing	160	42%	308	32%	
Kwai Shing (East)	1 434	23%	2 742	15%	
Kwai Shing (West)	880	17%	1 747	12%	
Kwong Fuk	1 102	18%	2 263	12%	
Kwong Tin	358	16%	690	9%	
Kwong Yuen	748	47%	1 275	31%	
Kwun Lung Lau	166	12%	272	7%	

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	% of total number of households in the public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	% of total population in the public housing estate
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	812	17%	1 494	11%
Lai King	795	19%	1 566	13%
Lai Kok	824	29%	1 366	19%
Lai On	316	23%	472	13%
Lai Tak Tsuen	228	9%	403	5%
Lai Yiu	517	19%	994	12%
Lakeside Garden	28	12%	67	9%
Lam Tin	615	24%	1 191	16%
Lee On	732	20%	1 529	13%
Lei Cheng Uk	687	47%	1 238	32%
Lei Muk Shue	1 971	19%	3 962	13%
Lei Tung	789	27%	1 294	17%
Lei Yue Mun	905	30%	1 906	21%
Lek Yuen	678	21%	1 259	14%
Leung King	1 052	32%	1 928	21%
Lok Fu	802	22%	1 344	13%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	515	14%	936	9%
Lok Wah (North)	354	12%	841	8%
Lok Wah (South)	2 004	30%	3 195	22%
Long Bin Interim Housing	157	28%	178	18%
Long Ping	1 410	29%	3 058	21%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	1 062	56%	1 768	37%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	1 059	16%	1 964	10%
Lung Hang	688	16%	1 664	12%
Lung Tin	119	34%	166	23%
Ma Hang	108	12%	227	7%
Ma Tau Wai	446	22%	843	16%
Mei Lam	860	21%	1 489	14%
Mei Tin	1 321	24%	2 804	18%
Mei Tung	173	27%	281	17%
Ming Tak	315	21%	572	13%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	241	10%	374	6%
Model Housing	108	17%	265	11%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	126	14%	220	9%
Nam Cheong	315	39%	585	26%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	% of total number of households in the public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	% of total population in the public housing estate	
Nam Shan	653	25%	1 140	16%	
Nga Ning Court	52	13%	136	9%	
Ngan Wan	61	15%	120	9%	
Oi Man	938	15%	2 125	11%	
Oi Tung	1 180	31%	1 901	20%	
On Tin	184	26%	626	20%	
On Ting	1 172	24%	1 959	15%	
On Yam	912	17%	1 795	11%	
Pak Tin	2 473	30%	4 281	18%	
Ping Shek	687	15%	1 347	11%	
Ping Tin	1 585	29%	2 717	17%	
Po Lam	671	30%	1 350	20%	
Po Tat	2 182	30%	4 766	20%	
Po Tin	1 768	28%	2 103	24%	
Po Tin Interim Housing	466	30%	503	20%	
Pok Hong	591	44%	1 160	30%	
Prosperous Garden	109	17%	138	8%	
Sai Wan	58	9%	133	6%	
Sam Shing	292	17%	591	12%	
Sau Mau Ping (South)	739	24%	1 480	19%	
Sau Mau Ping	3 625	30%	7 053	19%	
Sha Kok	1 497	24%	2 593	16%	
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	81	12%	196	6%	
Shan King	1 607	24%	3 058	17%	
Shek Kip Mei	1 577	32%	2 708	20%	
Shek Lei (I)	1 274	27%	2 340	17%	
Shek Lei (II)	2 097	25%	4 292	18%	
Shek Mun	309	19%	582	15%	
Shek Pai Wan	833	16%	1 616	10%	
Shek Wai Kok	1 102	18%	2 191	12%	
Shek Yam (East)	592	25%	973	15%	
Shek Yam	780	30%	1 785	20%	
Sheung Lok	174	51%	216	37%	
Sheung Tak	1 280	23%	3 026	15%	
Shui Pin Wai	772	33%	1 360	22%	

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	% of total number of households in the public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	% of total population in the public housing estate
Shun Lee	814	19%	1 490	12%
Shun On	709	24%	1 255	16%
Shun Tin	1 425	21%	2 723	14%
Siu Sai Wan	816	14%	1 682	8%
So Uk	232	20%	355	12%
Sun Chui	1 190	18%	2 296	12%
Sun Tin Wai	557	17%	1 109	11%
Tai Hang Tung	665	34%	999	19%
Tai Hing	2 050	25%	3 454	18%
Tai Ping	114	30%	285	21%
Tai Wo	983	42%	1 674	26%
Tai Wo Hau	1 475	20%	2 818	13%
Tai Yuen	872	19%	2 048	13%
Tak Tin	1 153	52%	1 728	37%
Tin Chak	1 185	30%	2 689	22%
Tin Ching	1 074	28%	2 237	23%
Tin Heng	1 539	27%	5 218	22%
Tin King	305	27%	628	18%
Tin Ping	495	36%	1 069	24%
Tin Shui	1 439	19%	2 991	11%
Tin Tsz	948	29%	1 622	17%
Tin Wah	1 129	31%	2 409	20%
Tin Wan	725	24%	1 171	13%
Tin Yan	1 709	32%	2 888	27%
Tin Yat	821	25%	2 691	21%
Tin Yiu	1 640	20%	3 497	13%
Tin Yuet	1 282	31%	3 006	23%
Tsing Yi	313	36%	558	24%
Tsui Lam	445	24%	1 041	17%
Tsui Lok	155	49%	269	33%
Tsui Ping (South)	812	18%	1 312	10%
Tsui Ping (North)	1 904	54%	3 226	39%
Tsui Wan	239	36%	405	23%
Tsz Ching	2 360	30%	4 188	18%
Tsz Hong	510	26%	1 537	19%

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA households	% of total number of households in the public housing estate	Number of CSSA recipients	% of total population in the public housing estate
Tsz Lok	1 515	25%	2 820	15%
Tsz Man	411	21%	806	13%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	30	12%	58	7%
Tung Tau	1 625	48%	2 455	32%
Un Chau	1 642	28%	2 598	16%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 987	31%	3 176	20%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	1 338	29%	2 347	19%
Verbena Heights	221	23%	327	17%
Wah Fu	1 254	14%	2 544	9%
Wah Kwai	481	41%	687	25%
Wah Lai	334	23%	859	17%
Wah Ming	861	43%	1 604	27%
Wah Sum	366	25%	842	17%
Wan Hon	578	59%	897	45%
Wan Tau Tong	345	44%	569	29%
Wan Tsui	667	19%	1 312	12%
Wang Tau Hom	966	17%	1 780	10%
Wo Che	1 029	17%	2 438	12%
Wo Lok	446	23%	787	17%
Wu King	584	14%	1 494	10%
Yat Tung	2 495	22%	6 897	17%
Yau Lai	1 269	23%	2 821	17%
Yau Oi	1 676	19%	3 519	13%
Yau Tong	1 066	30%	2 155	20%
Yiu On	463	36%	898	23%
Yiu Tung	977	19%	1 742	11%
Yue Kwong Chuen	87	9%	136	5%
Yue Wan	424	20%	819	13%
Yung Shing Court	552	33%	1 372	21%
Total	171 178	24%	333 305	16%

Table 2 : The number of households on CSSA by nature of cases in each of the public housing estates as at the end of February 2010

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau	267	61	53	118	52	38	15	604
Bo Shek Mansion	59	1	-	3	3	1	-	67
Broadview Garden	13	3	3	8	2	4	-	33
Butterfly	780	60	126	243	31	135	25	1 400
Chak On	366	10	39	75	8	38	6	542
Cheung Ching	331	36	49	89	63	86	16	670
Cheung Fat	260	33	39	54	19	48	7	460
Cheung Hang	359	35	43	73	35	82	7	634
Cheung Hong	916	83	85	173	65	147	21	1 490
Cheung Kwai	25	3	7	9	9	11	-	64
Cheung On	308	42	47	53	22	77	8	557
Cheung Shan	108	9	14	22	17	17	3	190
Cheung Wah	442	29	86	120	57	57	15	806
Cheung Wang	331	66	100	194	139	217	23	1 070
Ching Ho	668	48	164	543	155	263	79	1 920
Cho Yiu Chuen	187	9	9	12	16	23	3	259
Choi Fai	88	5	27	31	23	25	3	202
Choi Ha	189	16	15	15	13	31	1	280
Choi Hung	890	66	110	231	92	128	14	1 531
Choi Ming Court	249	59	110	124	118	87	7	754
Choi Wan (I)	422	57	99	141	73	84	17	893
Choi Wan (II)	229	15	42	80	36	42	9	453
Choi Ying	451	21	73	246	52	136	16	995
Choi Yuen	857	47	113	207	41	109	31	1 405
Chuk Yuen (North)	362	36	86	71	31	66	13	665
Chuk Yuen (South)	900	73	119	271	69	116	21	1 569
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	104	4	9	14	5	16	1	153
Chun Shek	271	15	58	65	26	29	8	472
Chung On	288	64	87	116	56	104	26	741
Clague Garden Estate	62	-	1	4	6	6	2	81
Easeful Court	12	4	8	14	21	10	2	71
Fortune	592	33	69	48	30	57	6	835
Fu Cheong	1 433	61	166	226	180	171	13	2 250
Fu Heng	448	46	116	92	43	88	12	845
Fu Shan	185	13	26	33	32	24	4	317

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Fu Shin	441	39	87	162	35	82	20	866
Fu Tai	407	108	98	188	143	225	11	1 180
Fu Tung	82	17	22	59	20	22	2	224
Fuk Loi	363	25	33	79	19	41	13	573
Fung Tak	505	33	77	47	36	69	8	775
Fung Wah	88	12	8	13	7	12	1	141
Grandeur Terrace	123	23	101	362	173	231	16	1 029
Hau Tak	382	48	82	107	58	78	9	764
Healthy Village	99	5	6	15	8	4	-	137
Heng On	235	23	58	67	36	45	22	486
High Prosperity Terrace	7	3	9	21	28	15	3	86
Hin Keng	213	34	39	62	29	39	17	433
Hin Yiu	90	15	27	51	13	17	7	220
Hing Man	127	26	21	64	35	35	5	313
Hing Tin	84	13	16	38	23	18	3	195
Hing Tung	197	17	30	59	17	31	2	353
Hing Wah (I)	298	53	54	56	47	44	6	558
Hing Wah (II)	550	52	41	116	31	60	7	857
Ho Man Tin	656	48	122	125	83	86	15	1 135
Hoi Fu Court	605	27	65	104	85	87	11	984
Hoi Lai	278	38	75	220	185	160	18	974
Hong Tung	223	2	4	6	2	6	-	243
Hung Hom	205	12	23	18	14	19	1	292
Jat Min Chuen	339	22	40	37	27	36	3	504
Ka Fuk	256	20	43	52	26	55	8	460
Ka Wai Chuen	222	7	26	16	13	30	1	315
Kai Tin	356	34	44	52	31	50	2	569
Kai Yip	821	43	71	143	27	78	13	1 196
Kam Peng	28	1	6	4	4	8	-	51
Kin Ming	360	88	214	400	216	276	22	1 576
Kin Sang	97	11	34	36	16	28	10	232
King Lam	479	59	96	80	34	72	3	823
Ko Cheung Court	44	11	33	119	59	55	10	331
Ko Yee	207	15	13	31	11	19	5	301
Kwai Chung	1 117	201	320	692	336	549	90	3 305
Kwai Fong	659	105	119	138	118	137	17	1 293
Kwai Hing	90	10	11	25	8	14	2	160
Kwai Shing (East)	727	81	118	170	120	203	15	1 434

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Kwai Shing (West)	486	45	68	120	56	92	13	880
Kwong Fuk	524	53	115	207	73	102	28	1 102
Kwong Tin	171	18	32	58	30	38	11	358
Kwong Yuen	382	66	79	87	25	74	35	748
Kwun Lung Lau	110	4	8	9	15	19	1	166
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	520	33	60	59	54	80	6	812
Lai King	442	42	52	95	53	98	13	795
Lai Kok	492	44	56	121	31	72	8	824
Lai On	214	21	23	27	9	20	2	316
Lai Tak Tsuen	129	18	31	16	18	14	2	228
Lai Yiu	294	30	31	54	46	56	6	517
Lakeside Garden	14	2	5	4	-	3	-	28
Lam Tin	347	14	36	116	43	49	10	615
Lee On	302	58	114	110	40	94	14	732
Lei Cheng Uk	366	38	47	88	42	94	12	687
Lei Muk Shue	820	116	168	375	179	269	44	1 971
Lei Tung	458	65	58	98	39	52	19	789
Lei Yue Mun	431	39	71	138	88	113	25	905
Lek Yuen	356	51	63	113	24	57	14	678
Leung King	545	49	121	128	47	139	23	1 052
Lok Fu	402	57	87	107	52	87	10	802
Lok Man Sun Chuen	303	22	41	42	29	73	5	515
Lok Wah (North)	141	22	40	57	36	47	11	354
Lok Wah (South)	1 493	46	97	198	34	122	14	2 004
Long Bin IH	27	10	18	8	3	86	5	157
Long Ping	561	63	133	333	106	182	32	1 410
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	560	67	90	163	54	103	25	1 062
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	509	74	100	173	68	119	16	1 059
Lung Hang	281	27	78	119	80	79	24	688
Lung Tin	73	14	9	7	3	12	1	119
Ma Hang	45	11	11	21	9	9	2	108
Ma Tau Wai	227	14	33	111	20	39	2	446
Mei Lam	449	41	80	147	40	85	18	860
Mei Tin	313	58	147	385	138	235	45	1 321
Mei Tung	112	8	12	19	1	17	4	173
Ming Tak	179	18	19	47	19	30	3	315
Ming Wah Dai Ha	166	14	20	8	11	20	2	241
Model Housing	46	8	8	16	21	6	3	108

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Moon Lok Dai Ha	90	3	15	7	3	7	1	126
Nam Cheong	174	16	28	47	17	31	2	315
Nam Shan	363	21	62	118	28	45	16	653
Nga Ning Court	11	1	5	13	12	9	1	52
Ngan Wan	30	2	7	10	4	8	-	61
Oi Man	371	48	119	206	79	103	12	938
Oi Tung	775	64	87	139	53	57	5	1 180
On Tin	24	7	11	54	48	36	4	184
On Ting	637	77	96	152	36	153	21	1 172
On Yam	518	57	71	72	80	99	15	912
Pak Tin	1 487	61	217	292	151	234	31	2 473
Ping Shek	380	41	54	92	35	78	7	687
Ping Tin	968	81	112	169	85	145	25	1 585
Po Lam	313	51	52	130	56	58	11	671
Po Tat	1 081	67	175	316	257	258	28	2 182
Po Tin	810	128	275	120	19	393	23	1 768
Po Tin Estate	114	34	78	19	9	203	9	466
Pok Hong	290	21	75	81	58	51	15	591
Prosperous Garden	99	-	4	-	3	3	-	109
Sai Wan	27	2	9	3	9	7	1	58
Sam Shing	136	16	21	63	11	35	10	292
Sau Mau Ping (South)	316	16	42	179	62	111	13	739
Sau Mau Ping	2 090	145	277	395	315	351	52	3 625
Sha Kok	852	97	130	192	40	125	61	1 497
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	42	5	14	5	8	6	1	81
Shan King	782	80	151	303	64	188	39	1 607
Shek Kip Mei	952	44	142	187	94	134	24	1 577
Shek Lei (I)	706	91	87	170	75	120	25	1 274
Shek Lei (II)	922	118	172	281	206	333	65	2 097
Shek Mun	64	13	36	108	15	56	17	309
Shek Pai Wan	475	59	68	69	91	56	15	833
Shek Wai Kok	617	41	90	184	60	93	17	1 102
Shek Yam (East)	363	46	41	41	34	61	6	592
Shek Yam	411	53	48	80	88	87	13	780
Sheung Lok	152	8	2	5	1	5	1	174
Sheung Tak	519	71	144	193	171	168	14	1 280
Shui Pin Wai	515	22	54	96	25	54	6	772
Shun Lee	466	35	53	108	48	93	11	814

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Shun On	433	29	51	81	36	75	4	709
Shun Tin	844	52	140	153	72	148	16	1 425
Siu Sai Wan	349	83	95	129	74	76	10	816
So Uk	115	14	23	19	15	43	3	232
Sun Chui	623	65	103	208	55	119	17	1 190
Sun Tin Wai	266	36	50	105	34	51	15	557
Tai Hang Tung	465	20	65	50	23	37	5	665
Tai Hing	1 135	77	202	284	59	253	40	2 050
Tai Ping	36	5	16	26	8	22	1	114
Tai Wo	609	47	115	103	32	64	13	983
Tai Wo Hau	815	90	111	200	74	159	26	1 475
Tai Yuen	377	32	140	137	76	97	13	872
Tak Tin	817	38	86	87	37	80	8	1 153
Tin Chak	435	44	138	260	110	187	11	1 185
Tin Ching	340	42	94	317	68	166	47	1 074
Tin Heng	231	44	143	456	307	326	32	1 539
Tin King	104	17	27	84	21	42	10	305
Tin Ping	210	28	48	109	31	59	10	495
Tin Shui	550	77	142	319	107	208	36	1 439
Tin Tsz	531	57	88	110	44	100	18	948
Tin Wah	518	52	110	166	100	163	20	1 129
Tin Wan	434	56	87	59	34	39	16	725
Tin Yan	639	71	197	384	75	312	31	1 709
Tin Yat	113	23	78	260	152	181	14	821
Tin Yiu	609	62	209	358	106	250	46	1 640
Tin Yuet	451	34	157	256	144	219	21	1 282
Tsing Yi	168	21	27	33	14	41	9	313
Tsui Lam	160	19	54	121	46	40	5	445
Tsui Lok	127	5	4	12	2	3	2	155
Tsui Ping (South)	537	35	52	69	39	69	11	812
Tsui Ping (North)	1 130	76	173	239	92	165	29	1 904
Tsui Wan	141	23	16	29	8	16	6	239
Tsz Ching	1 416	74	174	255	238	186	17	2 360
Tsz Hong	114	14	49	133	126	69	5	510
Tsz Lok	872	60	106	209	118	137	13	1 515
Tsz Man	215	16	37	50	37	48	8	411
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	8	1	6	4	5	4	2	30
Tung Tau	1 070	81	101	144	61	156	12	1 625

Public housing estate	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploy- ment	Others	Total
Un Chau	1 141	68	115	108	61	138	11	1 642
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 402	75	147	99	71	180	13	1 987
Upper Wong Tai Sin	800	77	90	144	89	126	12	1 338
Verbena Heights	150	7	28	11	5	19	1	221
Wah Fu	594	106	126	231	115	65	17	1 254
Wah Kwai	330	37	35	31	18	28	2	481
Wah Lai	103	21	35	51	55	60	9	334
Wah Ming	445	42	81	121	57	95	20	861
Wah Sum	162	25	45	58	29	44	3	366
Wan Hon	519	5	13	15	13	10	3	578
Wan Tau Tong	200	26	46	43	7	20	3	345
Wan Tsui	330	47	59	117	47	58	9	667
Wang Tau Hom	430	70	89	147	63	138	29	966
Wo Che	375	78	152	152	107	118	47	1 029
Wo Lok	255	29	38	68	23	31	2	446
Wu King	170	25	73	147	58	96	15	584
Yat Tung	488	118	263	629	436	512	49	2 495
Yau Lai	529	22	89	318	135	146	30	1 269
Yau Oi	716	99	151	297	119	259	35	1 676
Yau Tong	534	51	88	143	111	130	9	1 066
Yiu On	208	35	75	84	19	31	11	463
Yiu Tung	551	64	97	112	64	75	14	977
Yue Kwong Chuen	51	6	8	7	5	7	3	87
Yue Wan	209	31	32	84	25	39	4	424
Yung Shing Court	230	24	61	76	72	84	5	552
Total	86 673	8 474	15 419	25 846	12 383	19 468	2 915	171 178

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Director of Social Welfare

18 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)270** 

Question Serial No. 0081

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration mentioned in paragraph 146 of the 2010-11 Budget Speech that "the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide a subvention of about \$5 million each year to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for operating the 'Victim Support Programme (VSP)'. Under the programme, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services will be provided to victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings". In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee whether victims of elder abuse cases will be included under the programme? If no, what are the reasons?

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The VSP aims to serve victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, including elders abused by their spouses which, according to statistics compiled by SWD, account for most of the elder abuse cases in Hong Kong. Cases handled by the VSP will comprise referrals from Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)/Family and Child Protective Services Units of SWD, and IFSCs/Integrated Services Centres of NGOs, as well as referrals from the Police for providing company to child witnesses during the trial process.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)271** 

Question Serial No. 0083

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration mentioned in paragraph 140 of the 2010-11 Budget Speech that it will "provide 115 additional subsidised day care places for the elderly." In this connection, would the Administration please inform this Committee:

- (a) the number of additional places for each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong?
- (b) the number of elders waitlisting for day care services in the 18 districts in Hong Kong?
- (c) whether the Administration will further increase the number of subsidised day care places for the elderly in the face of a growing demand for the services? If yes, please give the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: (a) The 115 day care places will be provided in Sai Kung, Kwun Tong and Kowloon City through setting up new centres or in-situ expansion of an existing centre to provide 60, 45 and 10 extra places respectively.

- (b) As at January 2010, there were 1 054 elders waiting for subsidised day care places in 18 districts.
- (c) We will keep in view the demand and will continue to identify possible venues for provision of additional day care services.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)272

Question Serial No. 0405

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the third phase of the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP), which organisations have been commissioned by the Administration to run the programme? What are the numbers of participants in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong? At what percentages of the total number of eligible persons in that district? How many participants can sustain employment in the labour market after joining the programme? (What are the numbers of participants who have secured full-time and part-time employment respectively)?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: In the third phase of the My STEP programme, the Social Welfare Department has commissioned four non-governmental organisations, namely the Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association and The Salvation Army to operate a total of five projects from October 2009 to September 2011, with each project supporting a service cluster covering various districts as shown in the table below. The projects are to serve a total of at least 700 able-bodied long-term unemployed Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients aged 15 to 29. The minimum number of CSSA recipients to be served in each service cluster and that number as a percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 29 in the corresponding service cluster are provided as follows:

Service Clusters	Minimum number of CSSA recipients to be served	Percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 29 (as at end-January 2010)
Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	110	11.3%
Sha Tin and Tai Po/North	110	12.7%
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing and Tuen Mun	160	14.5%
Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong and Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	160	11.1%
Hong Kong Island and Outlying Islands, including Tung Chung in Lantau Island, Kwun Tong and Kowloon City	160	11.6%

As at end-January 2010, 328 CSSA recipients aged 15 to 29 had participated in the third phase of the My STEP programme. Of these, 34 secured full-time paid employment and three secured part-time paid employment.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)273

Question Serial No. 0406

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the "family and child protection service", it is stated in the Estimate that the number of supervision cases served in this respect will be increased to 10 865 in 2010-11. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons why it will not increase the number of workers correspondingly in respect of family and child protection, given that the average number of supervision cases per worker will be increased as a result?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: Additional manpower resources have been provided to the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to tackle the increase in caseload over the past few years. Taking into account the 12 additional social workers allocated in 2009-10, the total number of social workers in FCPSUs rose from 133 in 2006-07 to 168 in 2009-10, representing an increase of 26%.

Other than strengthening manpower, SWD has also introduced various measures to address the increase in workload in FCPSUs, including deploying non-social work staff to support social workers, improving multi-disciplinary collaboration with the Police and medical service units, enhancing support services like refuge centres for women and child care services, strengthening training, supervisory and clinical support for social workers. SWD will continue to keep in view the workload and manpower situation of the FCPSUs and explore improvement measures, where necessary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)274** 

Question Serial No. 0891

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the occasional child care service (OCCS), please provide the following information:

- (a) what is the number of subvented organisations running OCCS in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong, the number of places for OCCS provided by these organisations, the ratio between the number of organisations and the number of available places and their utilisation rate?
- (b) what is the current cost per place per month of OCCS? How is the figure derived? Of the cost per month, what is the amount of subsidy provided by the Government for each place?
- (c) to my understanding, some members of the public are not aware of the availability of OCCS or the details of its service. Would the Administration consider allocating additional provision for promoting the OCCS to solve the problem of leaving children unattended at home?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: (a) The number of organisations receiving subvention from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide OCCS, the number of OCCS places involved and the utilisation rate of the service in each of the 11 administrative districts of SWD in 2009-10 are as follows:

SWD District	Number of Organisations Providing OCCS	Number of OCCS Places	Utilisation Rate from April to December 2009
Eastern/Wan Chai	12	36	45%
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	15	46	47%
Kwun Tong	18	47	50%
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	15	54	53%
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	14	57	41%
Sham Shui Po	9	33	55%
Sha Tin	13	35	48%
Tai Po/North	14	49	48%
Yuen Long	12	34	46%
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	13	65	55%
Tuen Mun	12	38	47%
Total	147	494	49%

- (b) SWD does not have information on the average cost per OCCS place per month which varies from one centre to another. Currently the OCCS operators receive around \$33,000 annually from SWD for providing each OCCS place.
- (c) OCCS is publicised through distribution of service pamphlets through relevant welfare organisations, community groups, offices of the Home Affairs Department and the Housing Department, maternal and child health centres, etc. and the SWD's website. The operators of OCCS are also required to promote their service to the general public living in the vicinity. SWD will continue to work with the service sector to enhance the publicity of the OCCS.

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Date	19 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)275** 

Question Serial No. 0892

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will continue to monitor the operation of the pilot

Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2010-11. Please provide in details the manpower and expenditure arrangement of the project, as well as the response from the public to the project and the effectiveness of

the project.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The Administration has earmarked \$45 million for the pilot NSCCP. The provision is for a period of three years starting from 2008-09. There are 11 projects under the NSCCP, one in each administrative district of the Social Welfare Department. The annual provision for each project is \$1.27 million. The operating organisations of the NSCCP may decide on their own manpower arrangement, but there must be at least one social worker in each project. Feedback from the stakeholders concerned has been positive generally. From April to December 2009, an average of 430 children were served by the NSCCP each month.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)276** 

Question Serial No. 0893

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(1) Family and Child Welfare Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is estimated that the total expenditure for Family and Child Welfare in 2010-11 is \$1,792,000,000. Please provide a breakdown of allocation of provision by each relevant service (namely standalone child care centres, occasional child care service, foster care service, small group homes, residential homes for children, family and child protection service, clinical psychological support service, family aide, family life education, family support networking teams and integrated family service centres) and their percentages in the provision for the entire programme.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The estimated provision for individual service and its percentage of the total estimated provision for the different services under the Family and Child Welfare Programme in 2010-11 are listed below:

Services	Estimated provision in 2010-11 (\$ million)	Percentage of the total estimated provision (%)
Standalone child care centres	4.5	0.25
Occasional child care centres	16.5	0.92
Foster care	100.4	5.60
Small group homes	134.4	7.50
Residential homes for children	197.1	11.00
Family and child protection service	175.1	9.77
Clinical psychological support service	72.6	4.05
Family aide	7.4	0.41
Family life education	25.1	1.40

Services	Estimated provision in 2010-11 (\$ million)	Percentage of the total estimated provision (%)
Family support networking teams	5.8	0.32
Integrated family service centres	685.1	38.23

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)277

Question Serial No. 0894

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme,

please provide the following information in 2009 (i.e. 2009-10): the number of unemployed recipients, their sex, age distribution, number of years of

receiving CSSA, nature of job and wage as well as residing district.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: Statistics on CSSA unemployed recipients<sup>®</sup> with breakdown by selected

profiles as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

Table 1: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by sex

Sex	Number of recipients
Male	21 042
Female	12 579
Total	33 621

Table 2: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	1 815
20 – 29	2 607
30 – 39	4 125
40 – 49	9 658
50 – 59	15 416
Total	33 621

Table 3 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	6 609
More than 1 - 2	3 603
More than 2 - 3	2 250
More than 3 - 4	2 204
More than 4 - 5	1 981
More than 5	16 974
Total	33 621

Table 4: CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	294
Clerk	26
Construction worker/ labourer/decoration worker	100
Delivery worker	244
Domestic helper/baby sitter	188
Driver	59
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	706
Salesperson	95
Waiter/waitress	119
Watchman/guard	43
Others	557
Jobless	31 190
Total	33 621

Table 5 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	Number of recipients
\$ 0	31 190
\$1 - \$1,630 <sup>@</sup>	2 431
Total	33 621

Table 6 : CSSA unemployed recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district*	Number of recipients
Central and Western	291
Eastern	1 264
Islands	776
Kowloon City	1 361
Kwai Tsing	3 274
Kwun Tong	3 973
North	1 595
Sai Kung	1 094
Sha Tin	1 965
Sham Shui Po	3 637
Southern	442
Tai Po	893
Tsuen Wan	752
Tuen Mun	2 692
Wan Chai	233
Wong Tai Sin	2 349
Yau Tsim Mong	2 245
Yuen Long	4 785
Total	33 621

<sup>@</sup> CSSA unemployed recipients refer to those who are unemployed or who are gainfully employed but with employment earnings less than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,630 with effect from 1.2.2009) and working less than 120 hours a month.

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<sup>\*</sup> The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)278

Question Serial No. 0895

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme,

please provide the following information in 2009 (i.e. 2009-10): the number of low earnings recipients and their sex, age distribution, number of years of

receiving CSSA, nature of job, wage as well as residing district.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: Statistics on CSSA low earnings recipients® with breakdown by selected

profiles as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

Table 1: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by sex

Sex	Number of recipients
Male	11 131
Female	11 103
Total	22 234

Table 2: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by age group

Age group	Number of recipients
15 – 19	1 145
20 – 29	3 384
30 – 39	3 554
40 – 49	8 917
50 – 59	5 234
Total	22 234

Table 3 : CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by duration of stay on CSSA

Duration of stay on CSSA (year)	Number of recipients
1 or less	2 089
More than 1 - 2	1 620
More than 2 - 3	1 361
More than 3 - 4	1 496
More than 4 - 5	1 618
More than 5	14 050
Total	22 234

Table 4: CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by occupation

Occupation	Number of recipients
Cleaner	3 277
Clerk	987
Construction worker/labourer/decoration worker	898
Delivery worker	1 108
Domestic helper/baby sitter	586
Driver	957
General worker/labourer (other than those of construction)	4 980
Salesperson	1 586
Waiter/waitress	1 353
Watchman/guard	1 720
Others	4 782
Total	22 234

Table 5 : CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by employment earnings

Employment earnings	Number of recipients
\$1,630 <sup>@</sup> - \$4,199	9 213
\$4,200 – \$5,999	6 381
\$6,000 - \$7,999	4 906
\$8,000 or above	1 734
Total	22 234

Table 6 : CSSA low earnings recipients with breakdown by geographical district

Geographical district *	Number of recipients
Central and Western	150
Eastern	898
Islands	647
Kowloon City	725
Kwai Tsing	2 616
Kwun Tong	3 158
North	1 090
Sai Kung	1 106
Sha Tin	1 486
Sham Shui Po	1 656
Southern	493
Tai Po	663
Tsuen Wan	675
Tuen Mun	1 317
Wan Chai	58
Wong Tai Sin	2 125
Yau Tsim Mong	510
Yuen Long	2 861
Total	22 234

- @ CSSA low earnings recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed and with employment earnings equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than two able-bodied adults/children (i.e. \$1,630 with effect from 1.2.2009) and working not less than 120 hours a month.
- \* The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)279** 

Question Serial No. 0896

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Regarding Old Age Allowance (OAA), please provide the following information:

- (a) the numbers of recipients of Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) and Higher Old Age Allowance (HOAA) respectively in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the expenditure involved in 2009 (i.e. 2009-10);
- (b) the estimated numbers of recipients of NOAA and HOAA respectively in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the estimated expenditure involved in 2010-11;
- (c) the population of elders aged 65 to 69 and aged 70 or above and the number of households involved in each district in Hong Kong in 2009 (i.e. 2009-10); and
- (d) the population of elders and the number of households involved in each public housing estate in Hong Kong, and the numbers of OAA recipients and households involved in each public housing estate in 2008 (i.e. 2008-09).

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: (a) The 2009-10 Revised Estimate for expenditures on HOAA and NOAA is as follows:

2009-10 Revised Estimate (\$ million)#	
HOAA	5,493
NOAA	902

<sup>#</sup> The 2009-10 Revised Estimate includes the payment of one additional month of allowance.

The numbers of HOAA and NOAA recipients by geographical district as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

Geographical district*	HOAA	NOAA	Total
Central and Western	16 202	961	17 163
Eastern	43 495	5 405	48 900
Islands	4 932	838	5 770
Kowloon City	26 836	3 251	30 087
Kwai Tsing	30 772	8 517	39 289
Kwun Tong	40 480	8 922	49 402
North	13 103	2 417	15 520
Sai Kung	14 242	3 697	17 939
Sha Tin	29 692	6 664	36 356
Sham Shui Po	25 471	3 591	29 062
Southern	17 050	2 496	19 546
Tai Po	13 012	2 452	15 464
Tsuen Wan	16 923	2 902	19 825
Tuen Mun	17 441	4 624	22 065
Wan Chai	11 739	547	12 286
Wong Tai Sin	33 757	6 017	39 774
Yau Tsim Mong	19 226	2 042	21 268
Yuen Long	19 131	3 701	22 832
Total	393 504	69 044	462 548

<sup>\*</sup>The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

(b) The estimated average number of HOAA and NOAA cases per month and the estimated expenditure in 2010-11 are as follows. We do not have the breakdown by geographical district.

	2010-11 (Estimate)			
	Average number of cases per month	Expenditure (\$ million)		
НОАА	451 000	5,415		
NOAA	73 100	878		

(c) The population of elders aged 65 to 69 and aged 70 or above, and the number of households involved in each district in Hong Kong in 2008 (most updated figures available) are as follows:

District	Number of	persons aged	Number of domestic households with persons aged		
	65 - 69	70 or above	65 - 69	70 or above	
Central and Western	7 100	25 100	6 300	19 000	
Wan Chai	5 500	18 000	4 800	13 400	
Eastern	22 200	61 900	18 700	49 600	
Southern	8 800	25 100	7 000	20 400	
Sham Shui Po	14 100	44 000	12 300	36 400	
Kowloon City	13 300	36 200	11 600	29 100	
Wong Tai Sin	16 700	53 400	15 200	44 400	
Kwun Tong	24 400	65 000	21 800	53 700	
Yau Tsim Mong	9 900	28 600	8 800	22 600	
Kwai Tsing	20 600	44 900	18 500	35 800	
Tsuen Wan	9 900	22 000	8 100	17 400	
Tuen Mun	12 800	25 400	11 700	20 900	
Yuen Long	11 600	31 500	9 900	25 300	
North	6 800	21 000	6 300	16 700	
Tai Po	6 700	18 900	6 000	14 900	
Sha Tin	18 800	44 800	16 600	35 100	
Sai Kung	9 900	23 100	9 200	18 600	
Islands	3 000	11 500	2 900	7 000	
Total	222 300	600 300	195 700	480 200	

Note: Figures may not add up to the total owing to rounding.

(d) The total number of elders living in public housing estates in 2008 is 461 495. We do not have information on the numbers of elders and households involved, or the numbers of OAA recipients and households involved in each public housing estate in 2008.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)280** 

Question Serial No. 0897

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: What are the specific details of work of the Administration to prevent and

combat domestic violence in 2010-11? What is the estimated expenditure so

involved?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The Administration is committed to preventing and tackling domestic violence. The Social Welfare Department has all along been providing a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through the Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. In 2010-11, the total estimated provision for family and child welfare services is \$1,792 million.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)281** 

Question Serial No. 2992

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Regarding the operation of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

(CSSA) Scheme in 2009, please provide the number of CSSA households and recipients by nature of cases (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, unemployment and new arrivals, etc.) in the 18 districts in Hong Kong and the amount of assistance to each category of recipients.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply: The numbers of CSSA cases by case nature and by geographical district as at

the end of February 2010 are as follows:

C 1 1				Case 1	nature			
Geographical district*	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploymen t	Others	Total
Central and Western	2 459	250	278	230	127	373	71	3 788
Eastern	8 578	1 149	1 049	1 546	697	1 056	303	14 378
Islands	1 720	248	437	882	558	780	214	4 839
Kowloon City	8 226	677	1 136	1 407	495	1 421	282	13 644
Kwai Tsing	14 931	2 130	2 125	3 280	1 933	3 213	593	28 205
Kwun Tong	21 425	1 672	2 682	4 551	2 228	3 453	687	36 698
North	7 665	812	1 398	2 197	683	1 503	545	14 803
Sai Kung	4 217	873	1 046	1 422	817	941	324	9 640
Sha Tin	9 021	1 557	1 925	2 679	989	1 713	587	18 471
Sham Shui Po	14 329	1 059	2 399	2 745	1 262	3 916	586	26 296
Southern	5 403	1 173	685	739	412	399	209	9 020

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Geographical district*	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemploymen t	Others	Total
Tai Po	5 849	483	992	1 176	358	777	251	9 886
Tsuen Wan	5 184	450	559	1 141	396	824	224	8 778
Tuen Mun	11 009	2 223	2 378	2 780	759	2 765	568	22 482
Wan Chai	1 411	93	165	110	59	327	94	2 259
Wong Tai Sin	13 214	1 215	1 789	2 822	1 470	2 047	415	22 972
Yau Tsim Mong	5 563	380	1 133	1 123	405	2 833	353	11 790
Yuen Long	12 622	1 725	2 948	5 175	1 894	4 328	782	29 474
Total	152 826	18 169	25 124	36 005	15 542	32 669	7 088	287 423

<sup>\*</sup> The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

The numbers of CSSA recipients by case nature and by geographical district as at the end of February 2010 are as follows:

Caaamahiaal	Case nature							
Geographical district*	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central and Western	2 522	287	360	539	440	439	100	4 687
Eastern	10 688	1 587	1 811	3 778	2 360	1 728	380	22 332
Islands	2 406	465	1 041	2 343	1 925	1 968	290	10 438
Kowloon City	9 499	904	1 630	3 387	1 586	2 270	408	19 684
Kwai Tsing	20 206	3 242	3 960	8 187	6 719	6 549	1 080	49 943
Kwun Tong	29 730	2 657	5 037	11 279	7 430	7 252	1 165	64 550
North	9 837	1 162	2 525	5 448	2 240	3 131	827	25 170
Sai Kung	5 708	1 276	2 122	3 733	2 866	2 190	382	18 277
Sha Tin	11 975	2 384	3 838	6 395	3 282	3 554	1 095	32 523
Sham Shui Po	17 817	1 580	3 436	6 675	4 033	5 560	879	39 980
Southern	6 480	1 545	1 083	1 775	1 349	657	237	13 126
Tai Po	7 513	755	1 944	2 837	1 204	1 588	378	16 219
Tsuen Wan	6 535	652	928	2 716	1 301	1 461	370	13 963

Geographical	Case nature							
district*	Old Age	Permanent Disability	Ill Health	Single Parent	Low Earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tuen Mun	14 394	2 801	3 743	6 619	2 537	4 811	759	35 664
Wan Chai	1 467	98	181	234	166	305	107	2 558
Wong Tai Sin	17 437	1 921	3 101	6 969	4 701	3 849	578	38 556
Yau Tsim Mong	6 169	500	1 467	2 575	1 246	3 169	475	15 601
Yuen Long	16 936	2 685	5 568	13 024	6 694	9 306	1 215	55 428
Total	197 319	26 501	43 775	88 513	52 079	59 787	10 725	478 699

<sup>\*</sup> The boundaries of the geographical districts are broadly similar to those of the District Councils.

The estimated CSSA expenditure by case nature in 2009-10 is as follows:

	CSSA
Case nature	Expenditure (Estimate)
	(\$ million)#
Old Age	9,617
Permanent Disability	1,190
Ill Health	1,801
Single Parent	3,112
Low Earnings	1,168
Unemployment	1,885
Others	402
Total	19,175

<sup>#</sup> Expenditure includes one additional month of standard rate payment.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)282

Question Serial No. 0112

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

**Question**: The Administration stated that it will continue to provide training for social

workers and professionals in handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence in the financial year 2010-11. Please inform this Committee of the contents of the training and the estimated

expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Social Welfare Department will continue to provide training programmes on handling child abuse, spouse battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence to social workers and relevant professionals, including clinical psychologists, police officers and medical personnels. It is expected that about 7 000 participants will attend such programmes which will cost \$2 million in 2010-11. On top of basic knowledge and skills in crisis handling and working with families-in-need, the focus of the training will also be on multi-disciplinary collaboration, in-depth clinical skills and treatment approaches in working with victims and batterers.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)283** 

Question Serial No. 0113

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that it will continue to implement the

Anti-violence Programme (AVP) for abusers in the financial year 2010-11. Please inform this Committee of the number of beneficiaries and the actual expenditure of this programme in the financial year 2009-10, as well as the details, the staffing establishment, the estimated expenditure and the

estimated number of beneficiaries of this programme in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The AVP is psycho-educational in nature and is designed for abusers who are ordered by the Court under the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance (formerly the Domestic Violence Ordinance) to attend. The Director of Social Welfare has approved seven non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the AVP.

An annual recurrent subvention of \$0.9 million has been earmarked for implementing the AVP. The Social Welfare Department will provide funding to the operating NGOs based on the number of Court referrals handled by them. In 2009-10, two referrals were successfully completed and the expenditure involved was \$20,400. The concerned NGOs have the flexibility to deploy suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The estimated number of beneficiaries and the expenditure involved in 2010-11 will depend on the actual number of Court referrals.

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Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)284** 

Question Serial No. 0114

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that it will implement a "Victim Support

Programme" (VSP) in the financial year 2010-11 to enhance support for victims of domestic violence. Please inform this Committee of the details, the staffing establishment, the estimated expenditure and the estimated

number of beneficiaries of the VSP.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Social Welfare Department will provide a subvention of about \$5 million each year for a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to operate the VSP. Under the VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services will be provided to victims of spouse battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. The operating NGO will flexibly deploy suitable staff to provide the service and it is expected to serve 800 service users in a year.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)285** 

Question Serial No. 0115

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 139 of his Budget Speech that an "elderly home care pilot scheme" will be launched. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details, the anticipated outcome and the expenditure of the scheme;
- (b) the distribution of districts where the scheme will be launched; and
- (c) the selection criteria regarding the invitation of organisations with experience in elderly services to submit expressions of interest as mentioned in the Budget Speech.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

- Reply: (a) The Pilot Scheme on Home Care Services for Frail Elders (Pilot Scheme) is planned to provide a new package of intensive and tailor-made home care services for elders on the waiting list for nursing home places, so as to better serve their special needs and help relieve the pressure of their carers. In the end, the elders may be able to stay at home for as long as possible. The Pilot Scheme is expected to commence in early 2011 and will last for three years, serving about 510 elders in total. A one-off grant of \$55 million will be sought from the Lotteries Fund for implementing this Pilot Scheme.
  - (b) The Pilot Scheme will be implemented in Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City and Sham Shui Po districts.
  - (c) The services will be delivered through non-governmental organisations or social enterprises with experience in elderly care and established service networks in the districts concerned. In order to allow potential service operators to make suggestions on the service content and

delivery model, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite service proposals through a non-committal Expression of Interest exercise. In light of the proposals received, SWD will finalise the detailed service specifications and invite qualified operators to submit formal service proposals.

Patrick T K Nip
Director of Social Welfare
17 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)286** 

Question Serial No. 0116

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 137 of his Budget Speech that 1 000 additional subsidised nursing home (NH) places and those offering a continuum of care (COC) will be provided. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the way to derive the number of additional places?
- (b) the geographical distribution and the type of these places?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: (a) & (b) A breakdown of the additional subsidised NH places and those offering COC is as follows –

Initiative	Number	of Dlagge
initiative	Number	
	NH	COC
	Places	Places
(1) Increasing the proportion of NH places from	357 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	0
50% to 90% of the subsidised residential care		
places in existing contract residential care		
homes for the elderly (RCHEs)		
(2) Purchasing vacant NH places from	380 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>	0
self-financing NHs and RCHEs		
(3) Making full use of the space in existing	0	260 <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
subsidised elderly homes to provide more places		
that offer continuous care		
(4) Providing additional subsidised residential care	81 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>	9 <sup>[Note 2]</sup>
places through one new contract home		
	818	269
Total:		
	1 0	87
Grand total:	(i.e. 818	3 + 269)

[Note 1] Territory-wide [Note 2] Yau Tsim Mong District

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)287

Question Serial No. 0117

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Financial Secretary stated in paragraph 140 of his Budget Speech that 115 additional subsidised day care places for the elderly will be provided.

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

(a) the way to derive the number of these additional places?

(b) the geographical distribution of these day care places?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

<u>Reply</u>: (a) & (b)

The additional 115 day care places is planned and provided in three districts, namely Sai Kung, Kwun Tong and Kowloon City, with reference to the service demand, elderly population and availability of suitable premises.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)288

Question Serial No. 0118

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that it will continue to implement the Batterer

Intervention Programme (BIP) in the financial year 2010-11. Please inform this Committee of the number of beneficiaries and the actual expenditure of the BIP in the financial year 2009-10, as well as the details, the staffing establishment, the estimated expenditure and the estimated number of

beneficiaries of the BIP in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: In 2009-10, a total of 92 batterers participated in the BIP. It is estimated that

about 100 batterers will participate in the BIP in 2010-11. There is no breakdown on manpower and funding specifically allocated to the BIP as it is an integrated component of the counselling service for batterers provided by existing social workers of the Family and Child Protective Services Units

of the Social Welfare Department.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)289** 

Question Serial No. 0119

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Administration stated that it will continue to launch publicity and public

education programmes on prevention of domestic violence in the financial year 2010-11. Please inform this Committee of the details, the staffing establishment, the estimated expenditure and the estimated number of

beneficiaries of the programmes in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: In 2010-11, the focus of the publicity campaign will be on the prevention of domestic violence through positive thinking. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to make use of various media channels and transportation networks to publicise its messages. Territory-wide and district-based public education initiatives and activities will also be organised. Programmes for 2010-11 will include docudrama, education and preventive talks/workshops and details are being worked out. The estimated expenditure is about \$5 million. The campaign will be targetted at the public at large and will be carried out by SWD's existing staff.

Patrick T K Nip
Director of Social Welfare
16 March 2010

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

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)290** 

Question Serial No. 0410

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: As mentioned in paragraph 141 of the Budget Speech by the Financial Secretary, \$60 million will be used to provide 268 additional subvented residential care places for persons with disabilities, 154 additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services and 260 additional places for day training and vocational rehabilitation services. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the criteria for provision of the additional places; and
- (b) the amount of subvention per subvented place.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

- Reply: (a) The Administration will provide an additional recurrent funding of about \$60 million to enhance pre-school services, residential services and day services in 2010-11. The planned provision is made having regard to demand for the respective services and availability of suitable premises for setting up the services.
  - (b) The estimated provisions for the additional rehabilitation services places in 2010-11 are as follows:

Type of Service	Number of Places	Estimated Expenditure (Full Year) (\$ million)
Pre-school Services	154	11.7
Day Services	260	16.8
Residential Services	268	35.6

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)291

Question Serial No. 0411

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration proposes to set up integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in all 18 districts across the territory to provide one-stop district-based community support services for persons with mental health problems and their families/carers in 2010-11. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the services to be provided by ICCMWs;
- (b) the details of the location, the estimated number of persons to be served and the estimated expenditure of the ICCMWs; and
- (c) the estimated amount of subvention for each service user, including persons with mental health problems and their families/carers.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: (a) The ICCMW provides one-stop district-based community support services for persons with mental health problems and their families/carers as well as local residents through a spectrum of services ranging from early prevention to risk management. These include community education, day training, occupational therapy assessment and training, group training/programmes, counselling, outreaching visits and where required, direct liaison with the Hospital Authority for urgent medical consultation to meet the varying needs of service users.

(b) & (c) With an additional annual provision of about \$70 million, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will revamp the existing community mental health support services and set up ICCMWs in all 18 districts throughout the territory. It is estimated that the ICCMWs will serve about 18 000 discharged mental patients and persons with suspected mental health problems per year with a wide range of community support services in one location in the vicinity of their homes. SWD will continue to identify suitable premises for the ICCMWs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)292

Question Serial No. 1060

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration proposes to introduce a pilot Bought Place Scheme in 2010-11 to encourage operators of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) to upgrade the service standard, to help the market develop more service options for persons with disabilities (PWDs) and to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the scheme and its estimated expenditure; and
- (b) demarcation by district, the anticipated increase in the number of subsidised residential care places in each district and the amount of subsidy per place.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: (a) The Government has proposed to earmark \$64 million under the Lotteries Fund for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to introduce a four-year pilot Bought Place Scheme (the BPS) for the private RCHDs with a view to upgrading the service standard of these homes, helping the market develop more service options for PWDs, and increasing the overall supply of subsidised residential care places to meet service demand. SWD is in the course of consulting relevant stakeholders on the operational details of the BPS, such as the eligibility criteria, the target service users, the level of government subsidy, the staffing requirements, the net floor area per resident and the maximum number of places to be purchased from each home.

(b) Taking into account the availability of quality places in the private RCHDs, SWD will adopt a two-phased approach in purchasing 300 BPS places during the pilot period, with an initial purchase of around 100 places in the first year, building up to a total of 250-300 from the second year onwards.

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### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN OUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)293** 

Question Serial No. 1061

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Secretary for Labour and Welfare Director of Bureau:

Question:

The Administration stated that it would continue to monitor the operation of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) so as to provide one-stop district-based support services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) and their families/carers. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific details and estimated expenditures of monitoring the operation of the centres; and
- (b) the details, estimated number of beneficiaries and estimated expenditure of the one-stop district-based support services.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the Service Performance Management System (SPMS) to monitor the service performance of the non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The NGOs must comply with the service requirements laid down in the Funding and Service Agreement for the respective subvented service. It is also incumbent upon the NGOs to have good corporate governance to ensure service quality. The SPMS applies to the NGOs operating the 16 DSCs. The expenditure for monitoring the operation of DSCs is absorbed within SWD's existing resources.
- (b) The DSCs provide a range of one-stop district-based community support services to PWDs and their families/carers which include individual/group training programmes, care and support service, personal development programmes, social and recreational activities, carer support programmes, volunteer development programmes, programme for autistic persons, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and community education. The DSCs operate on a 'membership system' and do not have a fixed capacity. As at

end-December 2009, 4 412 members were registered at the 16 DSCs. The estimated expenditure of DSCs in 2010-11 is \$109.8 million.

Patrick T K Nip
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19 March 2010

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)294** 

Question Serial No. 1062

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration proposes to continue to monitor private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) through the implementation of the Voluntary Registration Scheme (VRS) and plans to introduce a licensing scheme for all RCHDs. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the VRS, the staffing establishment and the estimated expenditure involved for VRS; and
- (b) the details of the licensing scheme, the licensing standards and the estimated expenditure involved for the licensing scheme?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) In preparation for the licensing scheme to regulate all RCHDs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented a VRS for private RCHDs since 2006 to encourage private RCHD operators to enhance their service quality. Under the VRS, information on private RCHDs meeting the requirements in general management, fire safety, building safety and health care will be uploaded to SWD's homepage for public viewing. The manpower and estimated expenses for operating the VRS are absorbed by SWD with existing resources.
- (b) The Administration is in the process of drafting the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Bill with a view to introducing it into the Legislative Council within the 2009-10 legislative session. SWD will secure additional resources for implementing the licensing scheme in due course.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)295** 

Question Serial No. 1066

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration proposed to continue to support projects funded under "Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise" Project (3E's Project) to create employment for persons with disabilities (PWDs). Would the Administration please inform this

Committee of:

(a) the details and the estimated expenditure involved for the project in 2010-11, the outcome in 2009-10 and the estimated outcome in 2010-11; and

(b) the nature of work, the geographical distribution, the number of jobs by work nature that are to bring about for PWDs and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: (a) & (b) The 3E's Project was set up in 2001. Under the 3E's Project, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are provided with seed money to set up businesses, thus creating employment for PWDs. In 2009-10 (as at February 2010), a total sum of about \$4 million has been granted to NGOs to set up eight businesses involving the creation of 65 jobs, including 49 for PWDs.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to encourage NGOs to submit proposals for funding allocation under the 3E's Project and it is estimated that the expenditure for 2010-11 will be similar to that of 2009-10. As the 3E's Projects are subject to NGOs' submission of proposals, SWD cannot

project the location, expenditure, nature of work and job opportunities to be created for PWDs in 2010-11.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)296

Question Serial No. 1067

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration mentions that it will provide additional day places,

residential places and pre-school places. Please inform this Committee of the staffing arrangement, estimated expenditure and expected number of

beneficiaries for each type of service?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has earmarked additional resources to

provide 154 pre-school places, 260 day places and 268 residential care

places at an estimated annual expenditure of \$60 million.

Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)297

Question Serial No. 1068

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Administration stated that physiotherapy and nursing care for ageing residents in subvented residential care homes for the mentally handicapped would be strengthened. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of additional places for physiotherapy and various nursing care services in 2010-11; and
- (b) the estimated expenditure for each type of service and the amount of subvention per subvented place.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: (a) & (b) In 2010-11, the Social Welfare Department has earmarked an annual funding of some \$40 million for providing additional health care staff for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) and hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) with a view to strengthening physiotherapy and health care support for the ageing users of these residential care homes, thereby helping them maintain physical health and basic self-care abilities. It is estimated that about 20% of the residents of HSMHs and HMMHs will benefit from this new initiative.

The non-governmental organisations operating HSMHs and HMMHs are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention mode. They have the flexibility in deploying the subventions to

arrange suitable staffing to enhance service quality and meet service needs.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)298** 

Question Serial No. 2051

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration proposed to earmark \$163 million under the Lotteries

Fund (LF) to implement a pilot scheme to provide persons with severe disabilities with home-based care and nursing care services. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the services and the estimated expenditure involved for each type of service under the

scheme?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Administration has proposed to earmark \$163 million under the LF for

the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to implement a three-year pilot scheme (the Scheme) for providing about 540 persons with severe disabilities who are living in Kwun Tong District and Tuen Mun District and are on the waiting lists for subvented residential care services with home-based support services. Under the Scheme, a package of home-based support services including personal care and escort service, occupational therapist/physiotherapist rehabilitation training service and

nursing care service would be provided.

SWD will work out the implementation details in consultation with the non-governmental organisations concerned.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)299** 

Question Serial No. 2052

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to operate various employment assistance projects in 2010-11. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the various employment assistance projects and the estimated expenditure involved; and
- (b) the estimated number of beneficiaries and the average amount of subsidy for each of them.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: SWD will continue to operate the following employment assistance projects in 2010-11:

- (a) The Integrated Employment Assistance Scheme (IEAS) has been implemented since October 2008 and will last up to September 2011. It aims at providing employment assistance services to unemployed able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients aged 15 to 59 to help them overcome work barriers and enhance employability. The estimated expenditure on IEAS is \$180 million for the three-year implementation period and the estimated number of participants is 32 000 for each implementation year. The highest amount of temporary financial aid (TFA) for each needy participant is \$1,000.
- (b) The third phase of the Special Training and Enhancement Programme (My STEP) has been implemented since October 2009 and will last up to September 2011. It aims at providing targetted employment assistance services and motivational/disciplinary training to unemployed able-bodied youth aged 15 to 29 who have been on CSSA for a long time. The estimated expenditure on the third phase of My STEP is \$12 million for the whole implementation period and the

- estimated number of participants is at least 700. The highest amount of TFA for each needy participant is \$1,000.
- (c) The new phase of the New Dawn (ND) Project will be implemented in April 2010 and will last up to September 2011. It aims at providing employment assistance services to single parents and child carers who are on CSSA and whose youngest child is aged 12 to 14. The estimated expenditure on the new phase of the ND Project is \$15.9 million for the whole implementation period and the estimated number of participants is at least 4 800. The highest amount of TFA for each needy participant is \$1,500.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)300** 

Question Serial No. 2053

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated that the Administration will proceed to replace the existing

Computerised Social Security System (CSSS) in 2010-11. Please inform this Committee details of the replacement programme and the estimated

expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at its meeting on 16 January 2009 approved a total sum of \$386.139 million for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to replace the CSSS. In 2009-10, SWD had

started preparation work for the replacement of the CSSS, which included the preparation of tender documents. A Steering Committee has been set up

since July 2009 to monitor the work progress.

The replacement of the CSSS will be implemented in three phases. The first phase will cover the setting up of the infrastructure, platform and application system to take over the functions of the existing CSSS. The second phase will cover the development of improved functionalities of the management information system and information exchange/sharing system. In the third phase, the e-service functionalities will be enabled. The new system is targetted for completion by 2013.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)301

Question Serial No. 2054

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: It is stated that a new phase of the New Dawn (ND) Project will be launched in 2010-11 to continue to help single parents and child carers on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance move towards self-reliance, taking into account the findings and recommendations of the evaluation study on the Project. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the new phase of the Project and the estimated expenditure; and
- (b) details of the assistance to be provided to participants of the ND Project and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

- Reply: (a) The new phase of the ND Project will be implemented in April 2010 and last up to September 2011. It will serve a minimum of 4 800 participants in the whole territory. The estimated expenditure is \$15.9 million for the whole implementation period.
  - (b) Under the new phase of the ND Project, the operating agencies will provide the participants with employment assistance services, including job matching, counselling, advice and information on child care and after-school-care arrangements and post-employment support. In addition, temporary financial aid will be provided to needy participants to support their employment-related expenses.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)302** 

Question Serial No. 2055

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Social Security

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that in 2010-11 training would continue to be

provided for social security staff to strengthen their knowledge and skills in providing social security services. Please inform this Committee of the details of the training programme, the estimated number of trainees and the

estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: In 2010-11, training programmes covering investigation and verification

techniques, legal, professional and management knowledge as well as customer service and communication skills will be arranged for social security staff. The number of participants is estimated to be 1 700 and the

total training budget is \$0.4 million.

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Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)303** 

Question Serial No. 2056

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Family and Child Welfare

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: As regards the support services for victims of domestic violence, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the provisions for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- (b) the details of services provided, the number of beneficiaries in 2009-10 and the estimated number of beneficiaries in 2010-11?
- (c) the average amount of subsidy for each beneficiary in 2009-10 and the estimated amount of subsidy for each beneficiary in 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) The revised estimate for services provided to family and child welfare including service for victims of domestic violence is about \$1,715 million in 2009-10 and the estimate for 2010-11 is \$1,792 million.
- (b) & (c) The Social Welfare Department provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, Family Crisis Support Centre, Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, residential care placements for children and child care centres, etc. Since these services are provided not just for victims of domestic violence, but also for other families in need, separate service statistics on users who are victims of domestic violence is not captured. Hence, we do

not have the total number of service beneficiaries who are victims of domestic violence and the breakdown of the funding allocation for each such beneficiary.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)304** 

Question Serial No. 2057

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Administration stated that the Social Welfare Department (SWD)

would promote active ageing with the Elderly Commission (EC). Please inform this Committee of the details, the distribution by district, the estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure on the

scheme.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

<u>Reply</u>: The promotion of active ageing is part and parcel of the services provided

by all the 211 subvented elderly centres in the 18 districts, including district elderly community centres, neighourhood elderly centres and social centres for the elderly. There is hence no breakdown of the

expenditure on active ageing alone.

SWD collaborates with the EC on the latter's initiatives to promote active ageing through the elderly centres' territory-wide network. These initiatives include the Elder Academy Scheme (EAS) and the Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project (NAAP) which have been launched since early 2007 and early 2008 respectively.

There are 98 elder academies in primary/secondary schools and five in tertiary institutions, providing approximately 13 000 learning places for elders in the 2009/10 academic year.

The NAAP was launched in early 2008 to mobilise different organisations, individuals and elders who were interested in serving the community to promote the message of active ageing and caring for elders. At present, a total of 75 district projects are being carried out across the territory, covering about 200 000 elders and their family members.

The estimated expenditure on the EAS in 2010-11 is \$1.3 million and will be funded by the Elder Academy Development Foundation held under trust by the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated. Funding for the NAAP in 2010-11 will be borne by the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)305** 

Question Serial No. 2058

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Administration stated that the Social Welfare Department (SWD)

would continue to provide additional subsidised and non-subsidised care places for the elderly by setting up new contract homes. Please inform this Committee of the number of new homes to be set up, their distribution by district, the estimated number of places to be provided by

each home and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: In 2010-11, there will be two new contract homes for the elderly. Details

on these two homes are as follows:

	Number	Number	Location	Estimated
	of	of		annual
	subsidise	non-		expenditures
	d places	subsidised		for
		places		subsidised
				places
				(\$ million)
Un Chau Estate	67	45	Sham Shui Po	9.7
Contract Home			District	
Tung Chung	70	47	Islands	9.8
Contract Home			District	
Total	137	92	-	19.5

Apart from the above two contract homes, SWD is also planning to set up another four contract homes in the next four years in Central & Western and Yau Tsim Mong districts, providing about 260 subsidised places and 170 non-subsidised places.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)306

Question Serial No. 2059

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that training courses would continue to be

offered for care staff serving persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the integrated home care services (IHCS) teams. Please inform this Committee of the details of the training, the estimated number of trainees

and the estimated expenditure.

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon. Wong Sing-chi

Reply: In 2010-11, training will be provided for 120 care staff serving PWDs in

IHCS teams. The training will cover physical care skills, nursing and psychological needs of PWDs, occupational safety as well as communication and stress management skills. The total training budget is

\$35,000.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)307

Question Serial No. 2060

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that the Social Welfare Department would

purchase vacant nursing home (NH) places from self-financing NHs and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Please inform this Committee of the estimated number of places to be purchased, their

distribution by district and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Government will earmark \$53.8 million to purchase a total of 380

vacant NH places from self-financing NHs and RCHEs over the territory.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)308** 

Question Serial No. 2061

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (5) Services for Offenders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) proposed to continue to run the pilot

project on enhanced probation service (EPS) at the two designated courts. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the details of the project, the estimated number of service users and the estimated expenditure

involved?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: Pursuant to Security Bureau's policy initiative to tackle the drug abuse problem, apart from existing probation services for young persons convicted for drug offences, SWD has implemented a two-year pilot project on EPS to provide more focused, structured and intensive treatment programmes for convicted young drug offenders aged below 21 who are put on probation supervision at two designated Probation Offices with effect from 1 October 2009. Services of the EPS include more frequent progress reports to courts, more frequent urine tests and curfew checks, intensive counselling programmes, therapeutic groups, employment assistance and school guidance, etc. With an annual provision of \$1.8 million, the EPS aims to serve a total of 480 young drug offenders in two years. An evaluation on the effectiveness of the EPS will be conducted in 2011-12.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)309** 

Question Serial No. 2063

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: According to the Administration, the manpower provision of the service of

outreaching social work teams (OSWTs) will be enhanced. Please inform this Committee of the manpower deployed, the estimated number of

beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: Pursuant to Security Bureau's policy initiative to tackle the drug abuse problem, a total of 16 additional social workers will be provided in 2010-11, one each to the existing 16 OSWTs to strengthen the proactive outreaching

services to at-risk youths, in particular those who may have drug abuse problem and with low motivation to seek help, so as to engage them for early intervention and support. The total recurrent subvention for 16 additional

social workers in 2010-11 is about \$7.9 million.

With the enhancement of the manpower, the 16 OSWTs serving the whole territory can handle around 670 additional cases per month.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)310** 

Question Serial No. 2064

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (7) Young People

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration will continue to implement the modernisation works of

youth service units. Please inform this Committee of the details of the

works and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

of 2010-11.

Reply: The Social Welfare Department secured funding of \$324.86 million from the Lotteries Fund in July 2009 to implement a modernisation programme for 74 youth service units and community centres. The programme aims to upgrade and modernise the hardware of the centres which include up-to-date fitting out works and facilities, as well as furniture and equipment to attract more young people to join their activities and meet the youths' changing needs. This modernisation programme is expected to be completed by end

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)311** 

Question Serial No. 2066

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (5) Services for Offenders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: Would the Administration please inform this Committee whether there are

counselling and employment services for the discharged prisoners? If yes, please give the details of the programmes. What are the estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure involved? If no, what are the

reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides subvention to the Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (SRACP) to run Social

Service Centres (SSCs) and Employment Development Units (EDUs) rendering counselling and employment services to discharged prisoners.

In 2010-11, SWD will allocate to SRACP \$28 million and \$1.26 million to run five SSCs and four EDUs, providing services for around 4 500 and 1 200 discharged prisoners respectively throughout the year.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)312

Question Serial No. 2067

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Administration stated that the Social Welfare Department would help

implement a Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services (the Scheme) to provide residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) with visiting pharmacist services. Please inform this Committee of the details, the estimated number of beneficiaries and the estimated expenditure of the

Scheme.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Scheme will serve a total of 70 to 80 RCHEs within the three-year

pilot period. All licensed RCHEs can apply to join the Scheme. A committee will be set up to select the most suitable RCHEs based on their readiness, strengths and limitations, capability of acting in concert with the visiting pharmacists, possible benefits from the service, etc. The visiting pharmacists will work together with the participating RCHEs to review and improve their drug management systems. The services include: medication reconciliation to avoid polypharmacy, enhancement of drug records, identification of drug management problems and proposing improvement measures, provision of drug education to RCHE staff,

telephone hotline service, etc.

It is estimated that about 5 000 RCHE residents will benefit from the Scheme. The total expenditure is estimated to be \$5 million.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)313** 

Question Serial No. 2068

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that it will prepare for increasing the

proportion of nursing home (NH) places in existing contract homes. Please provide the details, estimated number of beneficiaries and

estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

<u>Reply</u>: Increasing the proportion of NH places in the existing contract residential

care homes for the elderly (contract homes) up to 90% involves enhancement of the care setting, acquisition of necessary furniture and equipment and recruitment of appropriate care and para-medical professionals which need to be planned according to the specific physical environment and staffing condition of individual contract homes. The Social Welfare Department has therefore prepared to develop customised improvement plan for each contract home and work with concerned operators to carry out the necessary renovation and preparatory work. The estimated number of beneficiaries is 357 and the estimated

expenditure is \$39 million per annum.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)314

Question Serial No. 2069

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: The Administration stated that training would continue to be provided for

professional and non-professional staff serving demented elders. Please inform this Committee of the details of the training programme, the

estimated number of trainees and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: In 2010-11, training will be arranged for 120 professional staff and

180 non-professional staff who provide services to the demented elders. The training will cover medical, psychological and care needs of demented elders, support to carers as well as legal issues relating to care

for demented elders. The total training budget is \$135,000.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)315

Question Serial No. 2070

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (3) Services for Elders

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration stated that it will continue with the Home

Environment Improvement Scheme for the Elderly (the Scheme). Please provide the details, districts covered by the Scheme, estimated number of

beneficiaries and estimated expenditure involved in the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Government earmarked one-off funding of \$200 million in 2008-09

to implement the Scheme for five years. The Scheme commenced in mid-2008 territory-wide to assist elderly people living in dilapidated homes with poor fittings to carry out minor home maintenance and/or acquire necessary household items to improve their living condition. The target beneficiaries are elders aged 60 or above, including those living alone or with other elders, lacking family support, and with limited financial means. The amount of subsidy for each eligible elderly household is subject to a ceiling of \$5,000. We expect that about 40 000 elderly households will benefit from this Scheme over the five-year

period.

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# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. LWB(WW)316

Question Serial No. 2730

<u>Head</u>: 170 – Social Welfare Department

<u>Programme</u>: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Social Welfare

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In 2010-11, the Administration will oversee the provision of additional

places for day training, vocational rehabilitation, pre-school service and subvented residential care home for persons with disabilities. Please inform this Committee of the staffing arrangement, estimated expenditure

and estimated number of beneficiaries for each type of service.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply: The Social Welfare Department has earmarked additional resources of

about \$60 million to provide pre-school, residential, day training and vocational rehabilitation services in 2010-11. A breakdown by places and

estimated provision is as follows:

Type of Service	Number of Places/ Beneficiaries	Estimated Provision (Full Year) (\$ million)
Pre-school Services	154	11.7
Residential Services	268	35.6
Day Training Services	160	12.9
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	100	3.9

The operating non-governmental organisations of the above services are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system. They have the flexibility in deploying the subvention to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)317** 

Question Serial No.

2867

<u>Head</u>: 186 – Transport Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Commissioner for Transport

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: This Committee has carried motions on a number of occasions calling for the

Government to provide additional resources to effectively improve the existing rehabus services. In the Estimates, the Government proposes to procure four additional rehabuses in the coming year (i.e. 2010-11). Will the Administration inform this Committee if the procurement of four additional rehabuses is sufficient to satisfy the current demand? If not, what measures does the Administration have to address the problems confronted by persons with

disabilities in using means of public transport?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

### Reply:

Rehabus operation comprises scheduled route (SR) services and dial-a-ride (DAR) services. Three out of the four new rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining one deployed on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed on DAR services during the off peak periods.

If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses together with the on-going service rationalisation will be able to fully cater for the applicants currently on the waiting list of SR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce the booking orders currently not entertained by about 25%.

With the availability of more accessible public transport services and facilities, persons with disabilities at present have more choices on the mode of transport to travel around the territory than before. The Transport Department will continue to review annually the fleet size of rehabuses having regard to the service demand and to encourage public transport operators to improve the accessibility of public transport services and facilities.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)318** 

Question Serial No.

1356

<u>Head</u>: 186 – Transport Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Commissioner for Transport

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

<u>Question</u>: Please provide information on the utilisation of rehabus services:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
				(up to the latest situation)
<b>Scheduled route services</b>			•	
Daily passenger trips				
Number of vehicles				
Number of passengers on				
waiting list as at year-end				
Dial-a-ride services				
Daily passenger trips				
Number of vehicles				
Number of orders received				
Number of orders not				
entertained				

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

Requested information on the utilisation of rehabus services is as follows:

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	2007	2008	2009	2010
				(up to January 2010)
Scheduled route services		-		
Average daily passenger trips Note 1	926	941	992	1 098
Number of vehicles as at year-end	62	70	70	74
Number of passengers on waiting list as at year-end	62	58	62	39
<u>Dial-a-ride services</u>				<u> </u>
Average daily passenger trips	935	985	1 052	1 141
Number of vehicles used for dial-a-ride services full day as at year-end Note 2	24	30	30	32
Number of orders received	95 510	108 182	122 369	11 499
Number of orders not entertained	9 101	10 034	11 105	935

Note 1 : Scheduled route services operate during peak periods on weekdays only. No service on Sundays and public holidays.

Note 2: Vehicles used for scheduled route services are deployed on dial-a-ride services when they are outside the operating periods in Note 1.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)319** 

Question Serial No.

2154

<u>Head</u>: 186 – Transport Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: The Administration plans to procure four additional rehabuses and replace six

old vehicles in 2010-11. Will the Administration provide a definition of "old vehicles"? What is the number of the rehabuses the Administration plans to replace in the coming three years? Will the Administration inform this Committee of the age profile of the current 115 rehabuses? Will the Administration inform this Committee of the estimated decrease in waiting

time as a result of the four additional buses?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

#### Reply:

All rehabuses are required to undergo annual vehicle examination to ensure their roadworthiness. Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will recommend the replacement of vehicles which are assessed to be beyond economical repair. Vehicle replacement programme in the coming years will depend on the condition of individual vehicles, the outcome of examination, and recommendation by the EMSD.

The average age of the current 115 rehabuses is about four and a half years, ranging from three months to 11 years.

Rehabus operation comprises scheduled route (SR) services and dial-a-ride (DAR) services. Three out of the four new rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining one deployed on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed on DAR services during the off peak periods.

For SR services, the average waiting time was about two months in 2009. If the demand for the services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses together with the on-going service rationalisation will be able to fully cater for the applicants currently on the waiting list of SR services.

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DAR services are operated on a first-come-first-served basis and may be booked in advance without time restriction. Demand on DAR services also varies at different time and on different days. As such, it is difficult to give a precise estimate on the number of days in advance required to secure the provision of DAR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce booking orders currently not entertained by about 25%.

JOSEPH Y T LAI
Commissioner for Transport
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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)320** 

Question Serial No.

1993

<u>Head</u>: 186 – Transport Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: In respect of the rehabus, the Administration will provide additional funding of

about \$8 million to acquire four new buses and replace six old buses. Will the Administration advise the utilisation of rehabus services in 2009-10 and 2010-11? What is the waiting time for rehabus services for persons with disabilities and senior citizens in 2009-10? What will be the estimated waiting

time upon procurement of new buses?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

### Reply:

Rehabus operation comprises scheduled route (SR) services and dial-a-ride (DAR) services. Three out of the four new rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining one on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed on DAR services during the off peak periods. It is estimated that the total passenger trips for the two rehabus services in 2009-10 and 2010-11 will be about 696 000 and 733 000 respectively.

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**LWB(WW)320** 

Question Serial No.

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**LWB(WW)321** 

Question Serial No.

1073

<u>Head</u>: 186 – Transport Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Commissioner for Transport

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question: How did the Administration assess that the replacement of six rehabuses and

the procurement of four additional rehabuses in the coming year (i.e. 2010-11)

were adequate to cope with service demand?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

Rehabus operation comprises scheduled route (SR) services and dial-a-ride (DAR) services. Three out of the four new rehabuses will be deployed on SR services and the remaining one deployed on DAR services. Rehabuses used for SR services will be flexibly deployed on DAR services during the off peak periods.

If the demand for SR services remains at the present level, the three additional rehabuses together with the on-going service rationalisation will be able to fully cater for the applicants currently on the waiting list of SR services. Assuming that the demand for DAR services remains at the present level, the additional rehabuses should help reduce the booking orders currently not entertained by about 25%.

With the availability of more accessible public transport services and facilities, persons with disabilities at present have more choices on the mode of transport to travel around the territory than before. The Transport Department will continue to review annually the fleet size of rehabuses having regard to the service demand and to encourage public transport operators to improve the accessibility of public transport services and facilities.

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