

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

**HAB001**

Question Serial No.

0692

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In respect of supporting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to build youth hostels, please inform this Committee of:

- a) How many NGOs have expressed to the Administration their interest to build youth hostels so far? How many sites are involved? How many units are expected to be offered?
- b) When will the renting terms of the above-mentioned hostels be formulated and when will application be available for young people? Will NGOs be responsible for the entire application assessment process? What role(s) will the Administration play?
- c) When will the rental rates of the above-mentioned hostels be determined? What factors will be considered? Will it be the Administration or the NGOs to finalise the rental rates for such hostels?
- d) What are the expenditures involved for the Administration's handling of relevant matters?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

So far, a few NGOs have expressed interest in developing hostels for single youths. The number of hostel places to be provided and the pace of supply are however subject to an array of factors. In view of the statutory procedures involved and the time required for the development works, it is estimated that the first project may be completed in two to three to four years time at the earliest.

The Administration has been assisting these NGOs in terms of provision of technical assistance and advice, as well as exploring financial support for the construction costs. We are working out the details for taking forward the initiative with the NGOs. So far, the expenditure involved in handling the relevant matters has been internally absorbed.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB002**

Question Serial No.

0693

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the operation of “Youth Square”, please provide information as follows:

a) Please provide relevant information in the table below –

Year	Number of Visitors	Occupancy Rate and Tenancy Termination Rate			
		Performance Venues and Exhibition Halls	Offices	Catering Facilities	Hostels
2009-10					
2010-11					
2011-12					

b) Under the item “Other Charges”, the Administration has earmarked \$73,700,000 for “Youth Square” in 2012-13. What are the details of this expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

a) The Youth Square was opened by phases starting from August 2009 and was officially opened in March 2010. Information relating to the number of visitors to and the occupancy rates of the Youth Square is as follows -

Year	Number of Visitors	Occupancy Rate			
		Performance Venues and Exhibition Halls	Offices	Catering Facilities	Hostels
2009-10	126 537	55%	100%	100%	61%
2010-11	1 101 416	68%	100%	100%	84%
2011-12 (Estimate)	1 520 000	69%	100%	100%	80%

There were two cases of office tenancy termination in 2011-12. The vacated offices were leased to new tenants shortly thereafter. Tenancy termination is not applicable for hiring of performance venues and exhibition halls, using of hostels and the catering facility.

b) A provision of \$73.7 million is earmarked primarily to cover payment of contract fee to the management and operation services contractor for running the Youth Square, utilities costs, repair and maintenance costs, as well as miscellaneous expenses for the Youth Square.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 28 February 2012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION****HAB003**

Question Serial No.

0694

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title):Programme: (3) District, Community, and Public RelationsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home AffairsDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Please provide the details of each Community Care Fund assistance programme in the table below -

Programme title and content	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Average assistance amount per application	Average processing time per application	Operating costs
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Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kanReply:

Since its establishment, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has launched 15 assistance programmes covering the education, home affairs, medical and welfare areas for target beneficiary groups including children, elderly, disabled, patients, new arrivals and ethnic minorities. As at end January 2012, 11 of them were rolled out by the CCF.

In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011.

Details of the assistance programmes rolled out as at end January 2012 are set out below -

Programme title and content	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Average assistance amount per application	Average processing time per application	Operating costs (i.e. Administration costs)
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in learning activities outside Hong Kong (a three-year programme)	810 (schools)	not applicable <sup>1</sup>	not applicable <sup>1</sup>	Government departments and other organisations	\$980,000

<sup>1</sup> The Education Bureau (EDB) has reserved funding ceilings for participating schools. After the schools have completed the cross-boundary learning activities, they will submit an activity and financial report to EDB in mid-2012. EDB will only release funds to schools after the report has been approved. No data is therefore available at this stage.



<b>Programme title and content</b>	<b>Number of applications received</b>	<b>Number of applications approved</b>	<b>Average assistance amount per application</b>	<b>Average processing time per application</b>	<b>Operating costs (i.e. Administration costs)</b>
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	143	142	\$88,265	entrusted to implement the programmes will process and vet the applications once received. The processing time of each application varies depending on the merit and complexity of each individual application.	\$1,180,000 <sup>2</sup>
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at schools for students from low-income families (for one school year)	56 500	56 500	\$3,220		\$130,000
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations (a two-year programme)	2 <sup>3</sup>	2	\$1,220		\$13,000
(5) Subsidy for persons with severe disabilities aged below 60 from low-income families who are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and require constant attendance and live in the community (a one-year programme)	1 409	803	\$2,000 (per month)		\$470,000
(6) Subsidy for CSSA recipients who are owners of Tenant Purchase Scheme flats for five years or above and not eligible for rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	842 (households)	515 (households)	\$2,000		\$30,000
(7) Subsidy for elders aged 65 or above from low-income families who are on the waiting list for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) to hire household cleaning service and escorting services for medical consultation (a one-year programme)	645	535	\$480 (per month)		\$180,000

<sup>2</sup> \$1,180,000 refers to the administration costs for this programme and programme (11) below.

<sup>3</sup> It was non-peak examination season in the initial implementation stage of this programme, and hence the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the implementation agency have mainly focused on promotion work, including briefing session, radio programmes, designated websites, promotional posters and leaflets, etc. In order to strengthen publicity, HAD and the implementation agency will further cooperate with the four Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities to encourage eligible persons to take part in this programme.

<b>Programme title and content</b>	<b>Number of applications received</b>	<b>Number of applications approved</b>	<b>Average assistance amount per application</b>	<b>Average processing time per application</b>	<b>Operating costs (i.e. Administration costs)</b>
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in private housing paying rents that exceed the maximum rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	not applicable <sup>4</sup>	21 084 (households)	About \$1,400		\$920,000
(9) Subsidy for children with special needs from low-income families who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (a one-year programme)	615	422	\$2,500 (per month)		\$310,000
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	39 (households)	35 (households)	\$2,200		\$16,000
(11) Subsidy for needy patients of HA who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	28	28	\$21,189		see programme (2) above
(12) Allowance for new arrivals from low-income families (a one-off programme)	About 160 000	99 077	\$6,000		\$9,343,000

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 27 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> The persons concerned are not required to submit applications. The Social Welfare Department will identify eligible CSSA households according to the rental information reported by the CSSA recipients, and deposit the subsidy into their bank accounts directly.

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

**HAB004**

Question Serial No.

1593

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 131 of the Budget Speech that “Cultural and creative industries, medical services, education services, innovation and technology, environmental industries, and testing and certification services are the six industries where Hong Kong enjoys advantages for further advancement. The private-sector part of these industries accounted for 8.4 per cent of GDP in 2010 and contributed over \$140 billion value added to our economy, an increase of more than 15 per cent over the previous year. The number of employees engaged in these industries was close to 410 000”. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) please tabulate the policies and measures implemented by the Government for the promotion of cultural and creative industries in the past year, together with the progress of their implementation and the expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (b) please tabulate the policies and measures to be implemented by the Government for the promotion of cultural and creative industries in the coming year, together with schedules, road maps and the expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

- (a) The Government’s expenditure on arts and culture in 2011-12 is more than \$2.8 billion. This includes \$264.2 million subvention to the nine major performing arts groups to support them to develop quality programmes and step up efforts in audience building and supporting arts education as well as undertaking cultural exchanges; \$236.2 million subvention to the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA); \$80.9 million subvention to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) for supporting small and medium-sized arts groups and budding artists, cultivating arts talents, promoting arts education and widening audienceship; and over \$2.2 billion used in other culture-related expenditures such as provision of arts programmes, exhibitions and library services to the public by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has also made use of the Arts and Sports Development Fund (Arts Portion) to further support the development of small and medium sized arts groups and budding artists. This included a provision of \$30 million to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council to support these groups. Furthermore, we launched the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme in June 2011 to provide new funding opportunities to enhance capacity development of promising arts groups and practitioners as well as activities / projects of a larger scale and / or a longer time frame.

Workload arising from the above tasks is absorbed by the existing staff of HAB and its departments and organisations.

- (b) In 2012-13, the Government's expenditure on arts and culture will exceed \$3 billion. We will continue to strengthen our support for the development of cultural software through developing quality arts programmes, stepping up audience building, enhancing arts education and supporting the grooming of arts talents. This is to be achieved through various performances, public arts programmes, museum services and library services implemented by the LCSD as well as funding provided to various arts groups and organisations, including arts groups of different sizes and art forms, the HKAPA, the HKADC and the Hong Kong Arts Festival, etc. The subvention for the nine major performing arts groups will be increased to \$304.2 million, including an additional funding of \$40 million to enable the groups to continue stepping up their efforts in various areas in preparation for the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District. As for the HKAPA, the subvention amount will be increased to \$269.4 million to support its implementation of the conversion of three-year to four-year undergraduate programmes starting from the 2012/13 school year. The HKAPA also plans to take forward a campus expansion and improvement project estimated to cost about \$394 million. The Government's support for the HKADC in 2012-13 will amount to \$87 million. Additional funding support will also be provided to small and medium arts groups from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund. On the other hand, the HKADC has been liaising with individual landlords of industrial buildings for making available certain parts of the latter's premises for lease to arts groups as offices, rehearsal space or studios at concessionary rental. The HKADC plans to seek funding support from the Government and other sources for implementing the arts space projects.

The LCSD also plans to organise a number of mega exhibitions in the coming year and set up a Bruce Lee Gallery in the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

Workload arising from the above tasks will be absorbed by the existing staff of HAB and its departments.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB005**

Question Serial No.

2604

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government please advise how the estimation on the number of cases handled by the Tel-Law Scheme through telephone and website as well as the cost per call or website hit in 2012 was made?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The estimation on the number of cases handled by the Tel-Law Scheme through telephone and website in 2012 is based on the actual number of telephone calls received and website hits recorded in 2011. The cost per call or website hit in 2012 is calculated by dividing the estimated total cost of the Tel-Law Scheme by the estimated number of calls and website hits in 2012. The estimated total cost of the Tel-Law Scheme includes (a) rental cost of telephone lines; (b) maintenance cost of the Tel-Law system; and (c) cost of updating the tape contents of the various topics provided under the Tel-Law Scheme.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB006**

Question Serial No.

3119

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government earmarked more than \$486 million for the five financial years from 2010-11 for arts programme development, manpower training, arts education and audience building. In this connection, will the Government please inform this Committee of the actual and estimated expenditures, the distribution of funds and project details in each of the financial year since then?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The actual and estimated expenditures, the distribution of funds and project details of the earmarked provision in each of the financial year from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are shown in the table below:

Measures	Additional resources (\$ million)					
	2010-11 (actual)	2011-12 (revised estimate)	2012-13 (estimate)	2013-14 (estimate)	2014-15 (estimate)	Total (revised estimate)
1. Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	<b>202.5</b>
2. Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69	-	-	-	-	<b>69</b>
3. Enrich the programmes of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	16	16	16	16	16	<b>80</b>

Measures	Additional resources (\$ million)					
	2010-11 (actual)	2011-12 (revised estimate)	2012-13 (estimate)	2013-14 (estimate)	2014-15 (estimate)	Total (revised estimate)
4. Implement the trainee scheme for arts administrators and curators	3.9	6.8	8.2	8.8	4	<b>31.7</b>
5. Support student participation in arts education activities	4	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	<b>21.6</b>
6. Step up the promotion of public art and organise arts and cultural activities in the community	16.3	15	14.6	15	19.4	<b>80.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>149.7</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>485.1</b>

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB007**

Question Serial No.

3120

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government please advise this Committee on the annual investment return of the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) since receiving an injection of \$1.5 billion two years ago? Please also set out the arts and cultural projects whose long-term development was promoted with the help of the ASDF's investment return. How effective is the matching grant scheme so far? Please advise the amount of matching grants approved, as well as the number of business and private organisations participating in the scheme.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The injection of funding into the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) was made in July 2010. The investment return of the fund including the arts portion, between 1 August 2010 and 31 July 2011 was 4.45%. The investment return for the financial year 2011-12 is not yet available as the year has not closed.

The ASDF (arts portion) has supported a number of projects undertaken / recommended by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council since injection, Hong Kong Photo Festival 2010, project relating to art criticism, The 3rd Large Scale Interactive Media Arts Exhibition, Hong Kong Arts Development Awards 2010, 2011-13 Multi-project Grants, Internship Scheme 2011, 4th Arts Ambassadors-in-school School Scheme, Hong Kong Arts Development Awards 2011, Hong Kong Dance Yearbook 2011-12, Fresh Wave 2012 and Translation of Hong Kong Literature Scheme. The total amount of funds approved for these projects is about \$29.7 million.

The Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) was launched in June 2011 to fund projects/initiatives of a larger scale and/or a longer time frame that contribute to the objectives of programme/contents development, audience building, arts education and capacity development. A total of 18 successful applicants at overall ceiling funding amount of \$39 million have been selected for implementation of projects/initiatives of various arts forms under Springboard Grants and Project Grants. There are nine successful applicants for Springboard Grants which provide 200% matching grants up to a maximum of \$3 million for pledged sponsorship or income not less than \$1 million, one quarter of which (i.e. \$250,000) has to come from non-government sponsorship and/or donation. The approved funding amount up to \$23.2 million under Springboard Grants will be matched with not less than \$12 million income pledged by the nine successful applicants, including more than \$5 million non-government sponsorship and/or donation. The number of participating business and private organisations are to be confirmed by the grantees before commencement of the funding arrangements. As the first funding exercise of ACDFS has just been completed, we will assess the effectiveness of the scheme, with the advice of the Advisory Committee on



Arts Development. Judging from the encouraging response to the first funding exercise, the ACDFS with its matching elements has provided incentives for the arts groups to explore different source of funding and encouraged community support for the arts and culture.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB008**

Question Serial No.

3121

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government please advise this Committee on the annual investment return of the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) since receiving an injection of \$1.5 billion two years ago? Which sports were supported by the ASDF's investment return? Has the objective of supporting team sports been achieved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The injection of funding into the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) was made in July 2010. The investment return of the fund including the sports portion, between 1 August 2010 and 31 July 2011 was 4.45%. The investment return for the financial year 2011-12 is not yet available as the year has not closed.

We have made funding available from the sports portion of the ASDF to support directly badminton, dance sport, gymnastics, judo, lawn bowls, squash, table tennis, tenpin bowling and the team sports of cricket, football, hockey and volleyball. We have also made funding available from the ASDF to support athletes from several sports, including team sports, in preparation for and participation in major games, such as the 2010 Asian Games and Asian Para Games.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB009**

Question Serial No.

3122

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government proposed to set up a \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund” (EADF). The investment return of the Fund will replace the current mode of providing subvention to the Hong Kong Sports Institute. Will the Government please inform this Committee of the amount and real rate of return of the EADF since its establishment? Has the Government reviewed how the investment return of the Fund has benefited the new mode of subvention?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The Legislative Council Finance Committee approved a one-off injection of \$7 billion into the EADF in July 2011. Following the implementation of the necessary administrative arrangements, we set up the Fund in January 2012. Most of the seed capital (\$6 billion) has been deposited with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to earn an investment return that is linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund. This investment return will be available in January each year from 2013 onwards. The remaining \$1 billion is deposited with banks to provide a readily available source of funding. We shall closely monitor the mode of operation of the EADF and review its effectiveness in due course.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB010**

Question Serial No.

0561

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

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

Controlling Officer:        Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau:        Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the details of the work plan for the review of the Chinese Temples Ordinance? What is the expected date of completion and how much resources would be allocated for the review exercise?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau is currently conducting a review of the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153) (“the Ordinance”). The review focuses on the power and responsibilities of the Chinese Temples Committee and the religious matters of Chinese temples. The review also involves registration of Chinese temples. It is estimated that the review will be concluded by the end of 2012.

Subject officers of various ranks and grades of the Home Affairs Bureau are involved in, amongst other duties, the review of the Ordinance. No allocation of new resources is required.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 16 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB011**

Question Serial No.

0562

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Please elaborate, in table format, how much resources had the Bureau committed to review its Policy on Private Recreational Leases, including the lease conditions of private clubs, the frequency of lending of the venues and facilities of these clubs, and the means of publicity for these clubs' lending services, in the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively? What are the details and expenditure involved?
- (b) In 2012-13, how much resources will be allocated for reviewing the policy on lending of the venues and facilities of private clubs? What is the estimated expenditure involved? Please tabulate the number, rank, salary and duties of staff responsible for this policy at present.
- (c) In 2012-13, how much resources will be allocated to work related to the policy on lending of the venues and facilities of private clubs, including reviewing the lease conditions, frequency of lending of the venues and facilities of these clubs, and the means of publicity for these clubs' lending services? What are the details of the work involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Officers in several government bureaux and departments, including Home Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Social Welfare Department and Lands Department etc., are involved in reviewing issues relating to organisations that operate on land leased under Private Recreational Leases. These issues include lease renewal conditions, opening up sports facilities to outside bodies and publicity arrangements. The officers concerned undertake this work as part of their broader scope of duties therefore we do not have an estimate of the specific expenditure involved.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB012**

Question Serial No.

0568

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What is the specific work plan of the Administration to support non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to build hostels for youths? How much resources will be committed to subsidise NGOs to build hostels for youths?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Administration has been assisting those NGOs which are interested in using the land granted to them for “Government, Institution or Community” use to build hostels for single youths, in terms of provision of technical advice and assistance as well as exploring financial support for the construction costs. We are working out the details in taking forward the initiative with the NGOs. So far, the expenditure involved in handling the relevant matters has been internally absorbed.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB013**

Question Serial No.

0569

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What is the Administration's work plan for overseeing the operation of the Youth Square? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

To oversee the operation of the Youth Square, the Home Affairs Bureau has set up a Youth Square Management Unit (YSMU) to oversee the daily operation and services provided by the management and operation services contractor. The Youth Square Management Advisory Committee (MAC) was also set up in 2009 to advise on the overall strategy and objectives, themes and programmes, rental policies, and to monitor the performance of the contractor. The contractor reports to the MAC regularly on its performance.

The YSMU comprises one Senior Executive Officer, one Executive Officer I and three non-civil service contract staff. The total estimated staffing expenditure is about \$1.8 million a year. Apart from the YSMU, an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and one Chief Executive Officer are also involved in overseeing the operation of the Youth Square and supervising the YSMU among other duties.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 1 March 2012

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

**HAB014**

Question Serial No.

0570

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the expenditures involved for the Community Care Fund's (CCF) Steering Committee and its sub-committees? How much manpower will be deployed to handle CCF's work?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (FC) approved an injection of \$5 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF) in May 2011. As at end January 2012, the CCF launched 12 assistance programmes. In 2012-13, the estimated cashflow (including administrative costs) for taking forward the CCF initiative and the 12 assistance programmes is around \$420 million, and around 390 man-months of manpower will be deployed in government bureaux/departments.

In addition, the FC approved in July 2011 an additional injection of \$1.5 billion into the CCF for implementing the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families. In 2012-13, the estimated cashflow (including administrative costs) for implementing the programme is around \$268 million. The total estimated man-months required for implementing the programme as a whole is around 1120 man-months.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27 February 2012



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

**HAB015**

Question Serial No.

0901

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Why is the revised estimate for 2011-12 higher than the original estimate by 7 440.9%? And why is the estimate for 2012-13 higher than the original estimate for 2011-12 by merely 6.3%?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Under Programme (4): Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing, the revised estimate for 2011–12 has increased by 7 440.9% compared with the original estimate largely due to a one-off injection of \$7 billion into the Elite Athletes Development Fund approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee on 18 July 2011. The slight increase of 6.3% in the provision for 2012-13 over the original estimate for 2011-12 represents an increase in funding for initiatives under this Programme.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB016**

Question Serial No.

1677

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland. What types of study tours will be organised? What kinds of young people will be selected for such tours? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Commission on Youth sponsors community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people aged between 12 and 29 under the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme). Projects that enhance Hong Kong youth’s awareness and understanding of their home country, foster exchange with Mainland people and strengthen their sense of national identity may apply. It may include one-way or two-way exchange study programmes (with activities held in Hong Kong and the Mainland), and programmes providing practical work placement opportunities in organisations/schools in the Mainland. The selection criteria for participants are determined by the community organisation organising such activities under the Scheme. For 2012-13, the vetting of applications under the Scheme is underway. By way of reference, the total sponsorship granted in 2011-12 was about \$22 million.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21 February 2012

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

**HAB017**

Question Serial No.

1678

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to promote participation in sport by introducing wider choices of sports programmes to suit the needs of people of different age groups. What sports are included in these programmes and why are they chosen? What is the estimated number of people to participate in these programmes and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide variety of sports programmes to promote a strong sporting culture in the community. These programmes cover a wide range of sports including racquet games, ball games, fitness and dance, athletic and aquatic activities. LCSD will provide a wider choice of programmes, such as parent-child activities and less physically demanding activities such as jogging, fitness walking, gateball and lawn bowls to target less active middle-aged people and the working population. In 2012-13, LCSD will organise about 37 300 recreation and sports programmes catering for some 2 140 000 participants with an estimated budget of \$141.1 million.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 23 February 2012

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

**HAB018**

Question Serial No.

1679

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will provide more support to athletes preparing for and participating in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and other major international sports events. What kind of support will be available to these athletes? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

We have allocated \$20 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to help Hong Kong athletes to prepare for the games. We will allocate further funding from the ASDF to support Hong Kong athletes' participation in the games when the qualification results are finalised.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB019**

Question Serial No.

1680

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will strengthen support to the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) with the funding available from the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF). Please describe the operation of the EADF in the past year. How much revenue has it generated and of which, how much has been set aside as funding for the HKSIL?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Legislative Council Finance Committee approved a one-off injection of \$7 billion into the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) in July 2011. Following the implementation of the necessary administrative arrangements, we set up the Fund in January 2012. Most of the seed capital (\$6 billion) has been deposited with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to earn an investment return that is linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund. This investment return will be available in January each year from 2013 onwards. The remaining \$1 billion is deposited with banks to provide a readily available source of funding. We have earmarked \$66.526 million from EADF for allocation to the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited to meet its funding requirements for the remainder of 2011-12. The allocation for 2012-13 is being considered by the Home Affairs Bureau.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB020**

Question Serial No.

1681

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In consultation with sports and other organisations, the Home Affairs Bureau will identify new sports events that could be staged in Hong Kong with a view to encouraging greater public interest in sport and promoting Hong Kong as an events capital. What new sports events have been identified? When will they be staged? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

We will discuss the planning of new “M” Mark major international sports events with “national sports associations” that have expressed an interest in staging such events. Specifically, we will discuss the possibility of hosting four new events in the sports of cycling, football, swimming and dragon boat in 2012-13. We have budgeted \$10 million for supporting “M” Mark events in the coming year.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 23 February 2012

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

**HAB021**

Question Serial No.

1682

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Administration will work closely with the Advisory Committee on Arts Development in promoting local arts development. In this connection, what kinds of projects will be launched? What arts forms will be covered by these projects primarily and the estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Advisory Committee on Arts Development (ACAD) advises the Secretary for Home Affairs on matters relating to arts development, covering performing arts and visual arts. Major areas of work for ACAD in 2012-13 include the following –

- (a) The ACAD launched the first funding exercise of the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) in June 2011 to provide new funding opportunities to enhance capacity development of promising arts groups and practitioners as well as activities/projects of a larger scale and/or a longer time frame. A total of 18 successful applicants have been selected under the Springboard Grants and the Project Grants for implementation of projects and proposals of various art forms, including performing arts, visual arts and multi-disciplinary arts. A total of \$39 million will be disbursed to the grantees by instalments. The next funding exercise of ACDFS is expected to be launched in latter part of 2012.
- (b) Apart from advising the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) on the recurrent subvention for the nine major performing arts groups, which will amount to a total of around \$304 million in 2012-13, ACAD will follow up on the consultancy study on the funding mechanism for the major performing arts groups through its Sub-committee on Funding of the Performing Arts.
- (c) Through the Sub-committee on Arts Education, ACAD will continue to advise HAB on the strategies in the provision of arts education, including the coordination of work in the public sector, and on the engagement of stakeholders and to promote community support and partnership with different sectors in arts education and related matters.
- (d) The ACAD's Sub-committee on the Arts Development Fund (ADF) provides advice to HAB on the assessment of applications under the ADF for advancing cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and other places. In 2011-12, some 40 projects of different art forms have been funded with a total grant of about \$3 million. In 2012-13, subject to the number and eligibility of funding applications received, HAB will continue to provide funding support to local arts groups and artists for participation in cultural exchange activities under ADF on the advice of the Sub-committee on ADF.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21 February 2012



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

**HAB022**

Question Serial No.

1683

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Administration will work closely with the Hong Kong Maritime Museum to take forward its relocation to Central Pier 8 in order to establish a representative maritime museum for Hong Kong. In this connection, what are the details of the scale of the project? When will it be completed? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The scope of the relocation and expansion of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) project comprises the following –

- (a) alteration of the existing building structure of Central Pier 8 and construction of a new museum at Central Pier 8 with new floor slabs and stairs and various facilities which include an exhibition area with themed gallery spaces, a special exhibition gallery, a museum shop, a ticketing counter, a museum café, a museum office, a Maritime Heritage Resource Centre, an artefacts and documents store room, a delivery dock, and ancillary service rooms etc.; and
- (b) reinstatement of the existing museum premises at Murray House as well as the museum office and storage space at Ma Hang Estate, both in Stanley, to bare shell interior conditions.

The project site at Central Pier 8 includes the eastern berth of the lower and upper deck levels, and the whole floor space of the public viewing deck and the roof viewing deck.

The new museum at Central Pier 8 is tentatively scheduled for opening in January 2013. The total estimated cost of the project (including consultancy studies) is \$115.728 million. The Government will provide a capital funding of \$113.778 million to the project while HKMM will contribute \$1.95 million from its own source of funding. Besides, the Government will provide funding support up to a maximum of \$4.429 million per annum for five years starting from the commissioning of the new museum.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB023**

Question Serial No.

1684

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Administration will work closely with the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) in the context of its Strategic Position Review, which reviews its vision, mission and positioning to tie in with the latest development of the culture and arts scene in Hong Kong, and in taking forward the campus expansion and improvement projects pertinent to the implementation of a four-year undergraduate degree structure starting from the 2012/13 academic year. What are the details of the Strategic Position Review? How will it tie in with the development of the arts sector? What are the estimated expenditures for the campus expansion and improvement projects? When will the projects be completed?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Strategic Position Review of the HKAPA studies the future positioning, development direction, organisational structure, funding models and resource requirements of the HKAPA. A steering group comprising Council members, academia, as well as arts experts has been set up to oversee the review, and the consultant has consulted stakeholders in the arts sector in preparing its recommendations, which will help ensure that the review will take heed of the latest development of the arts sector.

The estimated expenditure of the campus expansion and improvement project of the HKAPA is about \$394 million. Subject to funding approval by the Legislative Council Finance Committee in mid 2012, the project is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2015.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB024**

Question Serial No.

1685

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012–13, the Administration will work closely with the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) in facilitating the development of new and budding artists, and other arts support areas. What kinds of new and budding artists stand to benefit from this initiative? What is the estimated expenditure involved? In respect of other arts support areas, what arts forms will be given support?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The HKADC will continue to implement a variety of schemes to support the development of small and medium arts groups, which include new and budding artists and arts groups. Some of these schemes also specifically focus on providing opportunities for new and budding artists or arts groups to develop their capacities and showcase their art performances. One example is the Grant for Emerging Artists Scheme of the HKADC which aims at providing opportunities for emerging artists to present and create artistic works and gain professional experience to further their career. Individuals who have recently completed an arts course/a formal training or mastered the recognised level of techniques in her/his art form, with the potential and commitment in launching a professional career in arts, or organisations with two or more emerging artists being the major artistic personnel of the company are eligible to apply for funding support under the scheme. For 2012-13, a budget of \$1 million is earmarked for the Grant for Emerging Artists Scheme.

Besides, the HKADC will continue to support emerging artists through its Internship Schemes in the disciplines of drama, xiqu, music, dance and visual arts. Young arts administrators and arts talents (such as actors, dancers, musicians and curators) will be provided with internship opportunities in local arts groups to gain work experience. The budget of this scheme for 2012-13 is around \$4.5 million.

For other arts support areas, the HKADC will implement its on-going grant schemes, namely the One-Year/Two-Year Grant, Multi-Project Grant, Project Grant schemes to give support to the development of small and medium-sized arts groups in 2012-13. These grants schemes cover various artforms including music, dance, drama, xiqu, film and media arts, visual arts, literary arts and multi-disciplinary arts.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB025**

Question Serial No.

1686

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration will work closely with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority to ensure co-ordination with concerned government departments in the planning of infrastructure projects and the core arts and cultural facilities for the West Kowloon Cultural District. What are these core facilities? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Legislative Council Finance Committee approved a one-off upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion to the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority for implementing the WKCD project in July 2008. The WKCD development will be implemented in two phases and the construction works are scheduled to commence in stages from 2013. All Phase 1 developments are targeted for completion by 2020 whereas the Phase 2 developments will be completed beyond 2020. The core arts and cultural facilities and their respective target completion dates are listed below -

<b>Target Completion Date :</b>	<b>Facilities and Venues :</b>
2014-2015*	Arts Pavilion
2015-2017	Xiqu Centre (Main Theatre, Tea House and Arts Education Facility)
	Freespace (with Music Box) and Outdoor Theatre
	Centre for Contemporary Performance (3 Blackboxes and Education Facility)
2017-2020	M+ (Phase I)
	Lyric Theatre
	Medium Theatre I
	Music Centre (Concert Hall, Recital Hall and Arts Education Facility)

	Mega Performance Venue and Exhibition Centre
	Musical Theatre
Beyond 2020	Great Theatre
	M+ (Phase II)
	Medium Theatre II
	Xiqu Small Theatre

Note : \* The WKCD will provide not less than 23 hectares of public open space, majority of which will be provided through the Great Park. Part of the Great Park is expected to be completed in 2014-15, while the completion date of the remaining portion is subject to further design and planning.

The planning and construction of the whole WKCD project will span over a decade, during which changes in economic conditions and other relevant factors may affect construction costs. A more realistic estimate of the project cost would be available after the finalisation of design and returns of tenders of the first batch of facilities.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 23 February 2012

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

**HAB026**

Question Serial No.

1687

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council will vigorously enhance public awareness and understanding of culture and the arts and explore alternative, non-government funding and venue support for the arts. What kinds of non-government funding and venue support are being explored right now? By estimation, how much funding and how many venues will be made available?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) is following up on the initiative of providing art space at suitable industrial premises announced by the Chief Executive in his 2011-12 Policy Address. Such space will be available for rent by artists at concessionary rates. The HKADC has been liaising with individual landlords of industrial buildings for making available certain parts of the latter's premises for lease to arts groups as offices, rehearsal space or studios at concessionary rental. The HKADC plans to seek funding support from the Government and other sources for implementing the arts space projects. Details on the venues to be made available and the estimated expenditure will be worked out subject to the HKADC's discussion with the landlords concerned.

In addition, the HKADC will continue to implement its initiatives to provide venue support for the arts with non-government funding, including the "Jockey Club Performing Arts Venue Subsidy Scheme" which supports small-to-medium sized local arts groups, individual artists and emerging arts practitioners to have free use of the Black Box Theatre of the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre for performances, as well as the Performing Arts Venue Subsidy Scheme which supports the performances of small-to-medium sized arts groups in six venues not under the management by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB027**

Question Serial No.

0668

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in Brief Description that the Administration will “provide secretariat support to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) and its committees”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the following: (a) the present implementation situation, including application for and expenditure of individual assistance programmes, of the CCF; (b) the assistance programmes to be rolled out in the coming year and the expenditure involved; (c) the latest donation and balance position of the CCF; and (d) the administration cost incurred since the implementation of the CCF and its percentage relative to the subsidies granted.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

- (a) Since its establishment, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has launched 15 assistance programmes covering the education, home affairs, medical and welfare areas for target beneficiary groups including children, elderly, disabled, patients, new arrivals and ethnic minorities. As at end January 2012, 11 of them were rolled out by the CCF.

In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011.

The number of beneficiaries and the expenditure incurred for assistance programmes rolled out as at end January 2012 are set out below -

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in learning activities outside Hong Kong (a three-year programme)	not applicable <sup>1</sup>	0.98 <sup>2</sup>
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	142	13.71 <sup>3</sup>
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at schools for students from low-income families (for one school year)	56 500	182.16
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations (a two-year programme)	2 <sup>4</sup>	0.015
(5) Subsidy for persons with severe disabilities aged below 60 from low-income families who are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and require constant attendance and live in the community (a one-year programme)	803	5.24
(6) Subsidy for CSSA recipients who are owners of Tenant Purchase Scheme flats for five years or above and not eligible for rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	515 (households)	1.06
(7) Subsidy for elders aged 65 or above from low-income families who are on the waiting list for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) to hire household cleaning service and escorting services for medical consultation (a one-year programme)	535	0.18
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in private housing paying rents that exceed the maximum rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	21 084 (households)	30.75
(9) Subsidy for children with special needs from low-income families who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (a one-year programme)	422	0.31

<sup>1</sup> The Education Bureau (EDB) has reserved funding ceilings for participating schools. After the schools have completed the cross-boundary learning activities, they will submit an activity and financial report to EDB in mid-2012. EDB will only release funds to schools after the report has been approved. No data is therefore available at this stage.

<sup>2</sup> As the expenditures incurred by participating schools for cross-boundary learning activities are to be reimbursed by the CCF in mid-2012, this only represents administration costs incurred for this programme.

<sup>3</sup> Including \$1.18 million administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

<sup>4</sup> It was non-peak examination season in the initial implementation stage of this programme, and hence the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the implementation agency have mainly focused on promotion work, including briefing session, radio programmes, designated websites, promotional posters and leaflets, etc. In order to strengthen publicity, HAD and the implementation agency will further cooperate with the four Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities to encourage eligible persons to take part in this programme.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	35 (households)	0.09
(11) Subsidy for needy patients of HA who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	28	0.59
(12) Allowance for new arrivals from low-income families (a one-off programme)	99 077	603.85

(b) The following programmes will be rolled out in 2012-13 -

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
(1) Enhancing after-school child care service to support low-income families with both parents employed	40
(2) Providing financial assistance on dental services (including dentures) for the elderly	100
(3) Subsidy for low-income elderly tenants in private housing	50

Taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, the Steering Committee and Subcommittees of the CCF will consider other programme proposals to provide assistance to the underprivileged and low-income families.

(c) As at end January 2012, the amount of donations pledged is about \$1.8 billion, some of which will be made by yearly instalments over three years, and the actual amount of donations received is around \$680 million.

As at end January 2012, the balance of the CCF is about \$6.5 billion. This includes a balance of \$0.9 billion for implementing the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families, the unused funds (including interest) (if any) of which will be returned to the Government after the completion of the programme.

(d) The administration cost incurred up to end January 2012 is about \$22.8 million, which is 2.8% of the total disbursements under the CCF.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 27 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB028**

Question Serial No.

0669

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 90 of the Budget Speech that “Since its establishment in 2011, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has launched over ten assistance programmes, benefiting several hundred thousands of people. Such programmes include the provision of a lunch subsidy for students from low-income families, and a subsidy for Hospital Authority’s patients using specified self-financed cancer drugs. Initiatives can be implemented on a pilot basis under the CCF to help the Government identify measures to be incorporated into its regular assistance and service programmes. Upon examining the effectiveness of individual programmes, we shall decide the appropriate ones to be incorporated into the Government’s regular assistance programmes, subject to the views of the Steering Committee on the CCF. I shall make the corresponding financial arrangements.” Would the Administration please inform the Committee on:

- (a) what criteria will the Administration adopt in determining which CCF measures will be incorporated into its regular assistance programmes;
- (b) what are the measures that the Administration has initially considered to be incorporated into the regular assistance programmes; and
- (c) what is the estimated recurrent expenditure involved for such programmes?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the Community Care Fund (CCF) programmes will continue to evaluate programmes that have been rolled out. We will take into account the outcome of evaluation and the advice of the CCF Steering Committee and relevant Subcommittees in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government’s regular assistance and service as well as the annual provision involved.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB029**

Question Serial No.

0670

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 189 of the Budget Speech that “On sports infrastructure...Preparatory work is underway for the development of a sports complex at Kai Tak. This project involves the construction of a main stadium, a secondary stadium and an indoor sports arena. We are conducting a consultancy study on the project to explore the most suitable construction and financing arrangements.” The Brief Description of this Programme also mentions that the Bureau has “conducted a consultancy study on the procurement and financing options for the proposed Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak”. Will the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the above initiatives, including the estimated consultancy fee and the scope of work (please specify if a cost-benefit assessment was included)? What sports and facilities are covered by the consultancy? What are their design and costs?
- (b) What are the projected commencement and completion dates of the project?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

- (a) The sports complex at Kai Tak will feature three core venues – a 50 000-seat multi-purpose stadium with a retractable roof to cater for major sports and other events, a 5 000-seat secondary stadium and a 4 000-seat indoor sports arena that can be used for local or community events as well as international competitions. In September 2011, the Home Affairs Bureau engaged a consultant at a cost of \$1.38 million to study the project procurement and financing options, and to propose ways of delivering the project. The consultancy study is due for completion in the second quarter of 2012. The study does not include a cost-benefit assessment as it is primarily a strategic and qualitative assessment for formulating a viable project procurement and financing option. The estimated capital cost of the complex is about \$20 billion and will be reviewed after further study on the implementation details of the selected procurement and financing option.
- (b) The timetable is also under review and will be ascertained after further study on the implementation details of the selected procurement and financing option.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB030**

Question Serial No.

0671

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Brief Description of this Programme mentions that the Bureau has “allocated direct funding to district football teams” and “provided funding to help the Hong Kong Football Association in its reforms aimed at better promoting the long-term development of local football”. Will the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the above initiatives, including the respective expenditures involved?
- (b) What mechanism and criteria have been adopted by the Administration to determine whether the funding is used in a cost-effective manner and helps to realise the objective of promoting football development?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

To promote football at the community level, we have earmarked an allocation of about \$5.4 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to district-based football teams taking part in the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) League for the 2011-12 football season. Teams can use these additional resources to hire coaches, purchase equipment and improve team administration. Teams are required to set performance indicators and targets, and to submit regular reports to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB).

We have also earmarked time-limited funding to help the HKFA implement the recommendations of the Consultancy Study for Football Development in Hong Kong. In this connection, in 2011 we granted \$2.2 million from the ASDF to the HKFA to engage a “change agent” to draw up a governance structure, a development strategy and a business plan for the HKFA. In October 2011, the Sports Commission endorsed a proposal to earmark \$20 million annually from the ASDF for allocation to the HKFA over a period of three years to allow it to implement the recommendations of the “change agent”, which include the appointment of core staff for the management of the HKFA. The HKFA is required to report regularly to HAB and the Football Task Force on the progress of implementing the change agent’s recommendations.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB031**

Question Serial No.

0672

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Administration will “promote the development of social enterprises (SEs) and nurture more social entrepreneurs together with relevant stakeholders”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the following: (a) the actual work done in this aspect in the past; (b) criteria adopted for measuring the effectiveness of promotional effort and whether the number of SEs, percentage of SE’s contribution on Gross Domestic Product and the number of people employed by SEs were adopted as criteria; and (c) whether targets on the development of SEs be set.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

In 2011-12, to promote the development of Social Enterprises (SEs), the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) launched (a) the SE Award Scheme and the “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and organisations/individuals which/who have provided support to SEs; (b) the SE Bazaar to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote caring consumption among the general public; and (c) a series of structured training programme to nurture social entrepreneurs. Apart from the four new initiatives mentioned above, HAB also implemented other ongoing efforts including sponsoring the SE Summit and a business plan writing competition.

The Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the ESR Programme) set up under the Home Affairs Department in 2006 provides seed grants for eligible organisations to run SEs during their initial operations. A sum of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the ESR Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

The Social Enterprise Advisory Committee (SEAC) was set up in 2010 to advise the Government on, amongst other things, the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting the sustainable development of SEs in Hong Kong. SEAC is monitoring the above measures to ensure their effectiveness. We will also continue our dialogue with SE operators and relevant stakeholders to gauge the effectiveness of our initiatives.



Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB032**

Question Serial No.

0673

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In respect of recreation under this Programme, will the Administration please inform this Committee on the following:

- (1) it is mentioned in the Brief Description that the Bureau has “obtained more free tickets from event sponsors and organisers for distribution to people from less privileged backgrounds, so as to give them the opportunity to attend major sports events”. In this connection, please advise the respective number of tickets distributed to people from less privileged backgrounds, celebrities and people of other categories in the past three years and the prices of the tickets; the respective ratios of such tickets actually used to gain admission to the events, broken down by the above categories; and whether the Administration has taken into account the attendance of each category of people in the past in deciding the number of tickets they get; and
- (2) regarding studies on the promotion of “Sport for All” and other sport-related issues, please provide the subject, objective, expenditure and the responsible organisation in respect of each study conducted in the past two years. Please also advise the subjects and estimated expenditures in respect of the studies to be conducted in the next two years.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

(1) Between 2009-10 and 2011-12, there were ten major international sports events for which event organisers and companies in the Core Sponsor Group of the Major Sports Events Committee sponsored the purchase of tickets for allocation to people from less privileged backgrounds. The details are –

Event name	Year	Date of event	Total no. of tickets for less privileged	Value per event ticket	Total ticket value
2009 East Asian Games	2009- 10	5 - 13 December 2009	3 269	\$47 (average)	\$154,350
Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2009-10	26 - 28 March 2010	100	\$1,080	\$108,000
	2010-11	25 - 27 March 2011	100	\$1,250	\$125,000
	2011-12	To be held on 23 - 25 March 2012	100	\$1,500	\$150,000

Event name	Year	Date of event	Total no. of tickets for less privileged	Value per event ticket	Total ticket value
FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix – Hong Kong	2009-10	14 -16 August 2009	340	\$20	\$6,800
	2010-11	20 - 22 August 2010	1 380	\$20	\$27,600
	2011-12	19 - 21 August 2011	1 320	\$45 (average)	\$59,400
Hong Kong Cricket Sixes	2011-12	28 - 30 October 2011	640	\$100	\$64,000
Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2010-11	18 - 21 November 2010	140	\$120	\$16,800
	2011-12	1- 4 December 2011	200	\$200 (average)	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>Year 2009-10</b>		<b>3 709</b>	/	<b>\$269,150</b>
	<b>Year 2010-11</b>		<b>1 620</b>	/	<b>\$169,400</b>
	<b>Year 2011-12</b>		<b>2 260</b>	/	<b>\$313,400</b>

The total number of tickets given to people from less privileged backgrounds for the above sports events was 7 589, with a total ticket value of \$751,950. A further 5 225 tickets with no face value were allocated to people from less privileged backgrounds to watch another five events. No sponsored tickets were distributed to celebrities through this channel.

(2) Details of studies on the promotion of “Sport for All” and other sport related issues engaged by Home Affairs Bureau and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are –

#### 2010-11

Subject	Objective	Expenditure (\$'000)	Organisation Commissioned
Event Profile and Economic Impact Assessment of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex (MPSC) in Kai Tak and Other Major Sporting Venues in Hong Kong	To identify the nature and number of new and existing events likely to be held at the MPSC and to conduct an economic impact assessment on the event profiles and patronage projections.	1,425	GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd
Review of the adequacy of sports venues for hosting an Asian Games similar to the scale of the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games	To assess the adequacy of sports venues in Hong Kong for hosting an Asian Games.	76	GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd
Telephone Survey on Hong Kong’s Bid to host the 2023 Asian Games	To gauge the public’s views on whether Hong Kong should bid to host the 2023 Asian Games.	170	Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>	<b>Organisation Commissioned</b>
Financial and Economic Impact Assessment of the Proposed 2023 Asian Games in Hong Kong	To assess the financial and economic impacts if Hong Kong were to host the Asian Games in 2023.	1,356	GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd
Thematic Household Survey 2010 (1st Round) (part relating to sport)	To study the Hong Kong people's level of interest and participation in sport and views on the availability and adequacy of sports facilities.	800 (for the part relating to sport)	The Nielson Company (commissioned by the Census and Statistics Department)

## 2011-12

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>	<b>Organisation Commissioned</b>
Procurement and Financing Options for the MPSC at Kai Tak	To formulate and evaluate the pros and cons of viable project procurement and financing options, and to recommend the preferred options for taking forward the project.	1,380	PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services Limited
Conducting the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) in 2011-12	Provision of advisory services on project design, monitoring and coordinating services for project implementation; statistical services on conducting data analysis and compiling study report for the PFT.	971	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
	Provision of services on study of students' physical fitness; conducting the physical fitness test for secondary schools and kindergartens; statistical services on conducting data analysis and writing up study report for the PFT.	608	The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China
	Provision of services on household survey for the PFT.	1,881	MVA Hong Kong Limited
	Provision of services on conducting the physical fitness tests; collecting and inputting data for the PFT.	695	The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China

LCSD plans to commission another study on the participation patterns of Hong Kong people in physical activities in 2013-14. The estimated cost of the study is yet to be confirmed.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27 February 2012

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

**HAB033**

Question Serial No.

0675

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Bureau will “introduce the public swimming pool monthly ticket scheme”. Will the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the latest details of the scheme, including the charge for the monthly ticket, the commencement date of the scheme, the estimated additional expenditure and revenue loss incurred by implementing the scheme?
- (b) Has the Administration evaluated the impact of the monthly ticket scheme on the usage of public swimming pools? For example, will it lead to overcrowding during peak hours? What will the Administration do to resolve the problem?
- (c) Will the Administration consider introducing a monthly ticket for non-peak hours? If not, what are the reasons?
- (d) Will the Administration expand the monthly ticket scheme to other sports facilities? If yes, what is the plan? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

- (a) We have initially proposed to set the price of the swimming pool monthly ticket at \$350 (with a concessionary rate of \$175), although we will consider views expressed by Members on the proposal at the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 10 February 2012. We plan to introduce the monthly ticket in early July 2012. The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the scheme in 2012-13 is \$3.9 million. Based on the usage pattern of public swimming pools, we estimate that the introduction of swimming pool monthly tickets at \$350 may result in some revenue loss in individual admission fees, but such loss will likely be offset by revenue gained from the sales of monthly tickets.
- (b) Based on the current usage patterns, we envisage that public swimming pools will have sufficient capacity to accommodate the increased attendance arising from the introduction of the monthly ticket. LCSD will deploy additional staff at the pool entrance to strengthen crowd control when the scheme is introduced. With more new swimming pools coming into operation in the coming years, the introduction of the scheme would unlikely have a significant impact on the operation of public swimming pools.

- (c) There are a number of logistical issues to address if two types of monthly ticket with different validity periods (i.e., peak days and non-peak days) are made available. We will study this suggestion and assess its viability after the implementation of the monthly ticket scheme when we have a chance to ascertain the impact of the scheme on the operation of swimming pools.
- (d) At present, LCSD operates a monthly ticket scheme for the use of its fitness rooms. There is keen competition for the use of other public sports facilities such as football pitches and sports centres, and the introduction of monthly tickets to allow unlimited use of these facilities is not practicable. We therefore do not have any plan to extend the monthly ticket scheme to other sports facilities at present.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 23 February 2012

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

**HAB034**

Question Serial No.

0751

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) According to the performance measures provided by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), starting from 2011, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education has focused on sponsoring civic education projects with greater publicity impact. Will the Administration advise on the criteria adopted for measuring “greater publicity impact”?
- (b) What are the total actual and estimated expenditures of civic education projects sponsored by the HAB in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13? What is the total number of participants involved?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

- (a) In assessing the funding applications for the Community Participation Scheme (CP Scheme) administered by the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE), the CPCE will consider various factors, including creativity, scale, means of publicity, etc. of the proposed projects. The CPCE will also accord higher priority to applications which involve inter-district or territory-wide activities.
- (b) The amount of approved sponsorship for civic education projects sponsored under the CP Scheme in 2010-11 and 2011-12 were \$4.62 million and \$8.09 million respectively. As funding applications for 2012-13 are still being processed, we are unable to provide the amount of approved sponsorship at this stage. The total number of participants involved in the sponsored projects is not available.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 6 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB035**

Question Serial No.

0752

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland, what are the actual and estimated numbers of tours organised in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively? What are the total actual and estimated expenditures for these tours respectively?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Commission on Youth granted sponsorship of about \$20 million for 199 projects and \$22 million for 135 projects in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively under the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme). For 2012-13, the vetting of applications under the Scheme is underway, hence the estimated number of tours to be organised and the estimated expenditures are not available at this stage.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB036**

Question Serial No.

1412

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The number of participants under the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland dropped from 9 365 in 2010 to 8 741 in 2011. The Administration estimated that number of participants will increase to 9 900 in 2012. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

To enhance the effectiveness of the study tours and to enable the participants to benefit more from such experience, starting from 2011-12, projects seeking sponsorship from the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” are required to provide pre- and post-tour activities, such as thematic seminars / workshops and experience sharing session, etc. Since the cost of each tour had increased, the estimated number of participants sponsored was reduced to 8 741 in 2011. In view of the keen demand for organising study tours to the Mainland and the benefit for the youths to understand the various aspects of the Mainland better, the target has been adjusted upward to 9 900 in 2012.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21 February 2012

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

**HAB037**

Question Serial No.

1417

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding consultancy studies commissioned by the Home Affairs Bureau and the departments under its purview for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, if any, please provide the following information in the given format:

- (1) Please provide information in the table below for sponsored projects on public policy studies and strategic public policy studies from 2009-10 to 2011-12.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning / in progress /completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Please provide the following information for any consultancy projects for which provisions have been earmarked in 2012-13.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning / in progress /completed)	If expected to be completed in 2011-12, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (3) What are the criteria in commissioning consultancy projects to research institutes?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

(1) Consultancy projects on public policy studies and strategic public policy studies from 2009-10 to 2011-12 -

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/ tender/ others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commence-ment date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Development and Strategy Research Centre and Performing Arts Asia	Tender	Study on the manpower situation and needs of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong  The study is conducted in collaboration with the Central Policy Unit to collect up-to-date information on the sector and make recommendations on improvement measures.	\$2.48 million	2009	In progress	Not applicable as the study is in progress.	Not applicable as the study is in progress.
URS Scott Wilson Ltd.	Open tender	Football development in Hong Kong	\$1.3 million	June 2009	Completed	The Football Task Force chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs was set up to oversee the implementation of the report's recommendations.	We held a press conference on 11 March 2010 and briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 17 March 2010. The report is available on HAB's website.
InnoFoco Limited	Selective tendering	Research Study on Public Arts Education  The study aims to analyse the adequacy and effectiveness of the existing provision of "public arts education" in Hong Kong, and to recommend	\$1.3 million	26 June 2009	Completed	The Advisory Committee on Arts Development is following up on the recommendations of the study.	The findings and recommendations of the study were reported to the Legislative Council.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/ tender/ others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
		strategies to nurture a greater appreciation of culture and the arts among the local populace.					
Deloitte Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited	Open tender	To recommend future regulatory model for the Hong Kong property management industry	\$0.81 million	August 2009	Completed	Not applicable	The results have been taken into account by the Home Affairs Department in formulating the proposals to introduce a regulatory framework for the property management industry.
GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd	Open tender	Event Profile and Economic Impact Assessment of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex (MPSC) in Kai Tak and Other Major Sporting Venues in Hong Kong	\$1.42 million	January 2010	Completed	The Administration will consider the procurement and financing options for the MPSC having regard to the findings of the study.	The study is for internal reference and will provide the basis for further planning of the project.
GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd	Single tender	Bid for the Asian Games - Where does Hong Kong Stand - Adequacy of Sports Venues for Hosting an Asian Games similar to the Scale of the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games	\$0.076 million	March 2010	Completed	The findings of the study were included in the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.	The findings of the study were included in the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
The Nielson Company (commissioned by the Census and Statistics Department)	Open tender	Thematic Household Survey 2010 (1 <sup>st</sup> Round) (the part on sports)	\$0.79 million  (for the part relating to sport)	March 2010	Completed	The findings will be used as reference for formulating future strategies for the development of community sports, especially to encourage members of the public to do sport on a regular basis.	The findings were publicised in the Census and Statistics Department's Thematic Household Survey Report No. 46. In July 2011, we briefed the Community Sports Committee under the Sports Commission on the findings.
GHK (Hong Kong) Limited and Creative Thinking-Positive Solutions Pty Ltd	Selective tendering	The Research Study on a New Funding Mechanism for Performing Arts Groups in Hong Kong  The study aims to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong, and draw up a comprehensive proposal on a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups.	\$5.08 million	12 March 2010	In progress	Not applicable	Not applicable

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GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd	Single tender	Financial and Economic Impact Assessment of the Proposed 2023 Asian Games in Hong Kong.	\$1.36 million	August 2010	Completed	The findings of the study were incorporated into the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.	The findings of the study were incorporated into the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.
Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Telephone Survey of Public Opinion	\$0.17 million	November 2010	Completed	The survey was part of the public consultation exercise to gauge the public's views on whether Hong Kong should bid to host the 2023 Asian Games.	The findings of the survey were reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 10 December 2010.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open tender	Provision of Advisory Services on Project Design, Monitoring and Coordinating Services for Project Implementation; Statistical Services on Conducting Data Analysis and Compiling Study Report for the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT)	\$0.97 million (Funding involved in 2010-12 is \$0.58 million)	February 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) website.	Not applicable

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The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China	Open tender	Provision of Services on Study of Students' Physical Fitness; Conducting the Physical Fitness Test for Secondary Schools and Kindergartens; Statistical Services on Conducting Data Analysis and Writing Up Study Report for the PFT	\$0.61 million	February 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the LCSD website.	Not applicable
MVA Hong Kong Limited	Open tender	Provision of Services for Household Survey on the PFT	\$1.8 million	March 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the LCSD website.	Not applicable
The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China	Open tender	Provision of Services on Conducting the Physical Fitness Test; Collecting and Inputting Data for the PFT	\$0.69 million	March 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the LCSD website.	Not applicable



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Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Family Survey 2011  The objective is to collect information and data on the existing situation of families in Hong Kong.	\$0.59 million	March 2011	In progress	The Family Council was briefed on the preliminary findings in February 2012. The Subcommittee on Family Support under the Family Council will discuss the final report in the second quarter of 2012.	Not applicable
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy Study on Family Education  The objective is to study the existing provision and promotion strategies of family education.	\$0.95 million	March 2011	In progress	The Family Council will be briefed on the findings at its meeting to be held in June 2012.	Not applicable
PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services Ltd	Open tender	Procurement and Financing Options for the MPSC at Kai Tak.	\$1.38 million	September 2011	In progress	The study is still in progress.	Not applicable
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Provision of consultancy service on on-street promotional and trading activities.	\$0.35 million	December 2011	In progress	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Deloitte Consulting (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy for enhancing the evaluation of assistance programmes under the Community Care Fund (CCF)	\$1.15 million  (Funding involved in 2011-12 is \$0.115 million)  (Expenditure to be recovered from the CCF)	February 2012	In progress	Not applicable (because the project is in progress)	Not applicable

(2) Consultancy projects for which provision has been earmarked in 2012-13 -

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/ tender/ others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/ completed)	If expected to be completed in 2011-12, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open tender	Provision of Advisory Services on Project Design, Monitoring and Coordinating Services for Project Implementation; Statistical Services on Conducting Data Analysis and Compiling Study Report for the PFT	\$0.97 million  (Funding involved in 2012-13 is \$0.39 million)	February 2011	In progress	Not applicable
Deloitte Consulting (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy for enhancing the evaluation of assistance programmes under the CCF	\$1.15 million  (Funding involved in 2012-13 is \$1.035 million)  (Expenditure to be recovered from the CCF)	February 2012	In progress	The results will be taken into account by the Government departments and organisations entrusted to implement the CCF programmes in the evaluation of the programmes.

These two studies have commenced in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively and are expected to complete in 2012-13. Provisions have been made in both years.

- (3) We assess tenders to undertake consultancy projects by using marking schemes that take into account factors such as the experience of the tenderer, professional qualifications of the project teams, details of the manpower plan and implementation plan and the fee proposal.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB038**

Question Serial No.

1443

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the increasing cross-boundary co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide information on cross-boundary co-operation projects involving the Home Affairs Bureau:

- (1) Please set out in the table below the information on cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland from 2009-10 to 2011-12:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?

- (2) Please set out in the table below the information on cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland for 2012-13:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

- (3) Apart from the projects set out in the above tables, are there any cross-boundary co-operation conducted in other forms? If yes, what are the forms of co-operation? What are the manpower and expenditure involved for the past three years and for 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (1) Information on major cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland from 2009-10 to 2011-12:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange	To promote mutual understanding and communication among the youths from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and increase their understanding of the culture of the three places.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	2009-10: About \$420,000  2010-11: About \$320,000  2011-12: About \$750,000	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao	Completed	Yes. Relevant information was uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net ( <a href="http://www.prculture.org">www.prculture.org</a> ). The manpower and expenditure involved were internally absorbed by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB).
Service Corps Programme (Phase I)	To develop Hong Kong young people's tenacity and potential, encourage them to serve others and contribute to the country, increase their understanding of the country, enhance their sense of national identity, and to promote volunteerism.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	2011-12: About \$800,000	The People's Government of Shaoguan City	Completed	Yes. Relevant information and footage on the programme were uploaded to the Programme website ( <a href="http://www.servicecorps.hk">www.servicecorps.hk</a> ). The manpower and expenditure involved were internally absorbed by HAB.

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11th and 12th Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) Cultural Cooperation Meetings	To enhance the cultural cooperation of GPRD, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three sides to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of HAB and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Completed  (24 to 25 June 2010 22 to 23 June 2011)	A press release was issued and the relevant information was uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net ( <a href="http://www.prdculture.org">www.prdculture.org</a> ).  The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of HAB and LCSD.
International Museum Day 2009, Hong Kong	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,307,000	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province, Guangzhou Municipal Bureau of Culture and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Completed  (16 to 17 May 2009)	General programme publicity. The cost was covered by LCSD's budget.
Inscription of Cantonese Opera onto the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity	Event of GPRD.  Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macau jointly applied through the Central Government to UNESCO for the inscription.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	Hong Kong paid RMB 700,000 as its share of the cost with Guangdong and Macao.	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Cantonese Opera was officially inscribed onto UNESCO Representative List of the ICH of Humanity in September 2009.	The inscription was widely covered by local media in September and October 2009.

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A Retrospective Exhibition of Ding Yanyong's Art	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$18,000	Guangzhou Museum of Art	Completed  (12 November 2009 to 1 March 2010)	The exhibition was publicised by the Guangzhou Museum of Art which absorbed the cost incurred.
"Revolution Once More — Dr Sun Yat-sen from Xing Zhong Hui to the Governments in Guangzhou" Exhibition	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$841,000	Guangzhou Museum	Completed  (17 September 2010 to 16 March 2011 at Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was covered by LCSD's budget.
		Nil	Guangzhou Museum	Completed  (25 March to 11 June 2011 at Guangzhou Museum)	The exhibition was publicised by Guangzhou Museum which absorbed the cost incurred.
Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2011: Xin Yi Dai — An International University Students Exchange Exhibition	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$620,000	Shenzhen International Cultural Exchange Association, Shenzhen Municipal Bureau of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Guan Shanyue Art Museum and Special Foundation for Development of Culture and Communication Shenzhen	Completed  Exhibition staged from 5 to 21 August 2011 at Guan Shanyue Art Museum (Shenzhen).  Exhibition staged from 29 September to 16 October 2011 at Sha Tin Town Hall (Hong Kong).	General programme publicity. The cost of the exhibition in Hong Kong was covered by LCSD's budget.
"Xiuyan Impact Crater" Exhibition	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$154,000	Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry of Chinese Academy of Sciences	Completed  (24 August to 28 November 2011)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in LCSD's budget.
"In Search of the Ideal Nation — Dr Sun Yat-sen and Guangzhou after 1911 Revolution" Exhibition	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$882,000 (estimated)	The Memorial Museum of Generalissimo Sun Yat-sen's Mansion	Ongoing  (30 September 2011 to 28 March 2012)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was covered by LCSD's budget.



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A Showcase of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Cantonese Opera Masters	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$416,500	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Completed  16 May 2011 at the Friendship Theatre in Guangzhou;  27 November 2011 at the Clementina Leitao Ho Brito Theatre in Macao;  21 December 2011 at the Sha Tin Town Hall Auditorium in Hong Kong.	Publicity for the performances in Guangzhou and Macao were provided by the respective hosting organisation.  For the Hong Kong performance, promotion to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage etc. and publicity expenses covered by LCSD's budget.
Cantonese Opera Day	Event of GPRD. A Cantonese Opera Day will be organised each year on the last Sunday of November in Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$2,850,000 for 2009-12	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Every year on the last Sunday of November (29 November 2009; 28 November 2010; and  27 November 2011 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre)	Promotion to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage etc. Expenses incurred in Hong Kong covered by LCSD's budget.
4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition	Event of GPRD. Hong Kong Public Libraries collaborates with the Shenzhen Library every year to promote reading through organising writing competitions on the same theme and reciprocal travelling exhibitions in libraries of the winning entries.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$420,940 for 2009-12	Shenzhen Library	Completed for 2009-12. Next event will be held from October 2012 -2013.	Promotion through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage, etc. Cost covered by LCSD's budget.

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The development of the GPRD Cultural Information Website	<p>To develop a brand new GPRD Cultural Information Website (www.prdculture.org) to facilitate prompt dissemination of information on cultural activities in the region. The objective was to provide a more effective means of fostering cultural exchange and collaboration among Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	The annual operating and maintenance cost of the information website was equally shared by the three places. The total cost borne by Hong Kong for the period 2009-12 was \$221,800.	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	<p>The website was officially commissioned in 2009.</p> <p>This is an on-going project and continued efforts will be made to enhance the design of the website, enrich its content and widely publicise it to the public.</p>	Press releases have been issued and other means of publicity have been employed to introduce the website to the public and user groups in the three places. The Department of Culture Guangdong Province was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the website, while the daily liaison work was absorbed by LCSD.
Visit of Yuanwang-6 Space Tracking Ship to Hong Kong	<p>Public programme to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$1,879,000	China Satellite Maritime Tracking and Control Department	Completed (30 April to 3 May 2009 at the Pier, Ocean Terminal, Tsim Sha Tsui)	General programme publicity. The cost was absorbed by LCSD's budget.
“Modern Metropolis: Material Culture of Shanghai and Hong Kong” Exhibition	Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,724,000	Shanghai Administration of Culture Heritage and the Shanghai History Museum	Completed (29 April to 17 August 2009 at the Hong Kong Museum of History)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was absorbed by LCSD's budget.

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The National Theatre of China - "Red Rose & White Rose"	A play in Putonghua.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$800,000	The National Theatre of China	Completed  (11 to 13 September 2009 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre)	Publicity expenses included in LCSD's programme cost.
"A Century of China" Exhibition	Exhibition to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$4,490,000	National Museum of China	Completed  (23 September 2009 to 4 January 2010 at the Hong Kong Museum of History)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was covered by LCSD's budget.
"Centenary of China's 1911 Revolution" Exhibition	Exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the 1911 Revolution.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,915,000	Hubei Provincial Museum	Completed  (2 March to 16 May 2011 at the Hong Kong Museum of History)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in LCSD's budget.
"Biodiversity in China – An Exhibition on China's Wildlife Specimens" Exhibition	Exhibition to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$3,252,000	Chongqing Museum of Natural History	Completed  (18 December 2009 to 31 August 2010 at the Hong Kong Science Museum)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was covered by LCSD's budget.
"Legends of Luxury and Elegance: Lifestyles of Han Nobility" Exhibition	Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,871,000	Hunan Provincial Museum	Completed  (10 February to 3 May 2010 at the Hong Kong Museum of History)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in LCSD's budget.

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Expo 2010 Shanghai China	<p>First major collaboration between Hong Kong and Shanghai in the arts sector with 22 cultural events (total 47 performances) and two visual art exhibitions presented.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$22,990,000	Various working partners in the arts sector	Completed  (May to October 2010 in Shanghai)	General programme publicity. The cost was covered by LCSD's budget.
Showcase of Outstanding Young Performers in Kunqu Opera	<p>Programme of Chinese Opera Festival 2010.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$740,000	This programme was supported by the Ministry of Culture	Completed  (22 to 24 June 2010 at the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall)	Promotion to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage etc. Cost covered by LCSD's budget.
“River of Wisdom – the Animated Version of Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival” Exhibition	<p>A cultural collaborative initiative between the HKSAR Government and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$26,528,000  (excluding sponsorship)	Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination	Completed  (9 to 29 November 2010 at the Asia World Expo)	Major publicity drive to promote the exhibition which had attracted about 930 000 visitors. The cost was covered by LCSD's budget and sponsorship.
“Cultural Relics of the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom” Exhibition	Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,346,000	Historical Museum of the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom, Nanjing	Completed  (20 May to 16 November 2011 at the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in LCSD's budget.

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“The Flavours of Everyday Life in China – Memories from the Past Half Century” Exhibition	Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,617,000	Chaoyang District Culture Centre, Beijing	Completed  (6 July to 26 September 2011 at the Hong Kong Museum of History)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in LCSD’s budget.
“Genesis and Spirit: A Showcase of Intangible Cultural Heritage of China” Exhibition	To raise public awareness of intangible cultural heritage in the Mainland and Hong Kong	\$1,840,000	Ministry of Culture	Completed  (9 to 27 October 2011 at the Hong Kong Central Library)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in LCSD’s budget.
“Revolution Once More – Dr Sun Yat-sen from Xing Zhong Hui to the Governments in Guangzhou” Exhibition	Exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the 1911 Revolution.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	The cost was absorbed by Jinan City Museum	Jinan City Museum and Guangzhou Museum	Completed  (9 to 31 October 2011 at the Jinan City Museum)	The exhibition was publicised by Jinan City Museum which absorbed the cost incurred.
The National Ballet of China	Opening programme of the World Cultures Festival 2011 – Enchanting Arts of Asia.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$3,139,000	The National Ballet of China	Completed  (20 to 21 & 23 October 2011 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre)	Promotion to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage etc. Cost covered by LCSD’s budget.
“Knowledge • Power: The Imperial Examination System of the Qing Dynasty” Exhibition	Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,430,000 (estimated)	Shanghai Jiading Museum	Completed  (9 November 2011 to 6 February 2012 at the Hong Kong Museum of History)	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in LCSD’s budget.

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Exhibition of Rare Books and Special Collections from the National Library of China	<p>The exhibition showcased ancient rare books and special collections from the National Library of China, aiming to bring the general public a close access to the precious historical cultural relics of China and to know more about the Chinese civilisation.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$1,991,000	National Library of China (Beijing)	Completed (9 December 2011 to 15 January 2012)	Promotion to public through publicity posters, leaflets, press release, commercials, e-news, LCSD and GPRD websites absorbed by existing manpower provision. Publicity expenses included in LCSD's programme cost.
The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao International Sporting Goods Fair	<p>The Fair has been organised in Guangzhou annually since 2004. The LCSD has a booth at the Fair to promote sports events held in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	2009-10: \$408,697 2010-11: \$437,872 2011-12: \$487,010	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	Completed	Publicity materials were distributed to the public at the Fair. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.
The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Football Exchange Programme	<p>The Programme is organised in Macao annually. LCSD sends two youth teams to compete with teams from Guangdong and Macao.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	2009-10: \$57,826 2010-11: \$54,131 2011-12: \$73,976	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	Completed	Publicity was released through the "national sports association" (NSA) concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.

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The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Basketball Exchange Programme	<p>The Programme is organised in Hong Kong annually. Two youth teams (boys and girls) from Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong respectively take part.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	<p>2009-10: \$238,791</p> <p>2010-11: \$253,558</p> <p>2011-12: \$300,000 (estimated) (The event will be held from 17 to 19 February 2012.)</p>	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	Completed	Publicity was released through the NSA concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.
The Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth	<p>The programme has been hosted by Hong Kong and Shanghai in alternate year since 2005.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	<p>In 2009-10, due to the spread of H1N1 in the community, the programme was not held.</p> <p>2010-11: \$290,423</p> <p>2011-12: \$258,632</p>	The Shanghai Sports Bureau	Completed	Publicity was released through the NSA concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.

(2) Information on major cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland to be implemented in 2012-13:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Estimated expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange	To promote mutual understanding and communication among the youths from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and increase their understanding of the culture of the three places.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$800,000 (estimated)	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao	An annual event to take place usually during summer holidays.	Yes. Relevant information will be uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net ( <a href="http://www.prculture.org">www.prculture.org</a> ). The manpower and expenditure involved will be internally absorbed by HAB.
Service Corps Programme (Phase II and III)	To develop Hong Kong young people's tenacity and potential, encourage them to serve others and contribute to the country, increase their understanding of the country, enhance their sense of national identity, and to promote volunteerism.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$2,600,000 (estimated)	The People's Government of Shaoguan City	Phase II and III of the programme is expected to commence in February and September 2012 respectively.	Yes. Relevant information on the programme will be uploaded to the Programme website ( <a href="http://www.servicecorps.hk">www.servicecorps.hk</a> ). The manpower and expenditure involved will be internally absorbed by HAB.
13th Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) Cultural Cooperation Meeting	To enhance the cultural cooperation of GPRD, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three sides to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	about \$1,000,000 (estimated)  (Hong Kong will host the 13th GPRD Cooperation Meeting.)	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	The coming meeting will be held in April 2012.	Press release will be issued and the relevant information will be uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net ( <a href="http://www.prdculture.org">www.prdculture.org</a> ).  The manpower and expenditure involved will be absorbed within the existing resources of HAB and LCSD.



Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Estimated expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
Cantonese Opera Day	<p>Event of GPRD. A Cantonese Opera Day will be organised each year on the last Sunday of November in Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$1,200,000 (estimated)	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	On the last Sunday of November 2012 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre.	<p>Will be promoted to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage etc.</p> <p>Expenses to be incurred in Hong Kong will be covered by LCSD's budget.</p>
4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition	<p>Event of GPRD. Hong Kong Public Libraries collaborates with the Shenzhen Library every year to promote reading through organising writing competitions on the same theme and reciprocal travelling exhibitions in libraries of the winning entries.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$151,000 (estimated)	Shenzhen Library	Next event will be held from October 2012 -2013.	<p>Will be promoted through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage, etc.</p> <p>Cost will be covered by LCSD's budget.</p>
The development of the GPRD Cultural Information Website	<p>To develop a brand new GPRD Cultural Information Website (www.prdculture.org) to facilitate prompt dissemination of information on cultural activities in the region. The objective was to provide a more effective means of fostering cultural exchange and collaboration among Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	<p>The annual operating and maintenance cost of the information website was equally shared by the three places.</p> <p>The total operating and maintenance cost to be borne by Hong Kong in 2012-13 is \$74,000.</p>	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	This is an on-going project and continued efforts will be made to enhance the design of the website, enrich its content and widely publicise it to the public.	

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Estimated expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
“Maritime Porcelain Road: Relics from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Museums” Exhibition	Event of GPRD.  Related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,450,000 (estimated)	Macao Museum and Guangdong Provincial Museum	Exhibition will be staged in the three places on the following dates:  May to October 2012 at Macao Museum;  November 2012 to June 2013 at Guangdong Provincial Museum; and  July 2013 to February 2014 at Hong Kong Museum of Art.	The exhibitions in Macao and Guangzhou will be publicised by Macao Museum and Guangdong Provincial Museum respectively, which will absorb the cost incurred.  The cost to be incurred in staging the exhibition and related publicity in Hong Kong will be covered by LCSD’s budget.
“Imperishable Affection: The Art of Feng Zikai” Exhibition	Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,998,000 (estimated)	Zhejiang Provincial Museum	To be held on 25 May to 25 July 2012 at the Hong Kong Museum of Art.	General exhibition publicity. The cost will be included in LCSD’s budget.
“Genesis and Spirit: A Showcase of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Sichuan, China” Exhibition and Performances	Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$1,000,000 (estimated)	Ministry of Culture and Sichuan Provincial People’s Government	To be held in June 2012 at the Hong Kong Central Library and Hong Kong City Hall.	General exhibition and performance publicity. The cost will be included in LCSD’s budget.
“Treasures of the First Emperor of China” Exhibition	A major exhibition to celebrate the 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$15,600,000 (estimated) (excluding sponsorship)	The Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Relics Bureau and the Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center	To be held in July to November 2012 at the Hong Kong Museum of History.	The exhibition will be widely publicised to arouse the public’s interest. Meanwhile, a wide range of territory-wide public art projects and education activities will be arranged to tie in with the exhibition. The costs of the exhibition and related programmes will be covered by LCSD’s budget and sponsorship.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Estimated expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
The Secret Garden of Emperor Qianlong Exhibition	A major exhibition to celebrate the 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$6,080,000 (estimated) (excluding sponsorship)	The Palace Museum	To be held in June to October 2012 at the Hong Kong Museum of Art.	The exhibition will be widely publicised to arouse the public's awareness of the programme. The cost will be covered by LCSD's budget and sponsorship.
The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao International Sporting Goods Fair	The Fair has been organised in Guangzhou annually since 2004. The LCSD has a booth at the Fair to promote sports events held in Hong Kong.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$550,000 (estimated)	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	To be confirmed	Publicity materials will be distributed to the public at the Fair. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.
The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Football Exchange Programme	The Programme is organised in Macao annually. LCSD sends two youth teams to compete with teams from Guangdong and Macao.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$80,000 (estimated)	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	To be confirmed	Publicity will be released through the NSA concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.
The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Basketball Exchange Programme	The Programme is organised in Hong Kong annually. Two youth teams (boys and girls) from Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong respectively take part.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$330,000 (estimated)	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	To be confirmed	Publicity will be released through the NSA concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Estimated expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
The Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth	The programme has been hosted by Hong Kong and Shanghai in alternate year since 2005.  Not related to the Framework Agreement.	\$300,000 (estimated)	The Shanghai Sports Bureau	To be confirmed	Publicity will be released through the NSA concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.

- (3) On the culture front, apart from the projects set out in the above tables, we will continue to enhance our cultural co-operation with Mainland through visits and commissioning of other arts and cultural programmes, signing of Memoranda of Understanding and collaboration amongst local arts groups and those in the Mainland. The manpower and expenditure involved have been absorbed by HAB's and LCSD's resources for the past three financial years, and HAB and LCSD will continue to absorb the manpower and expenditure involved in 2012-13.

Besides, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) has signed Memoranda of Collaboration (MoC) with seven sports institutions on the Mainland with a view to strengthening collaboration and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland in athletes training and other areas. The HKSI will continue to work with these institutions and organise exchange activities with existing resources. The HKSI will continue to explore the signing of similar MoCs with other mainland institutions in 2012-13.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB039**

Question Serial No.

2164

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the aspect of working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth in promoting national education among the general public, please provide the estimated expenditure for national education, the contents of relevant projects and the expected number of beneficiaries in 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The provision earmarked for the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth (COY) on national education promotion in 2012-13 is about \$30 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organisations to organise youth study tours to the Mainland and local promotional activities on civic education (including national education), promotion on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications enhancing understanding of various aspects of the Motherland (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

For youth study tours to the Mainland sponsored by the COY, the estimated number of participants in 2012 would be about 9 900. As regards the number of participants of other programmes and activities, we are unable to provide an estimation as those programmes and activities are yet to be planned by the concerned organisations.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB040**

Question Serial No.

2165

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In respect of fostering partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises and nurturing more social entrepreneurs, what are the specific plans for 2012-13? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

To foster the partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), the Administration will continue to implement the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership through a matching forum and a mentorship scheme. To nurture social entrepreneurs, we will continue to sponsor a business plan writing competition for tertiary students and implement a series of structured training programme. In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked about \$19 million to support and promote the development of SEs. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of HAB and HAD will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid measures.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 24 February 2012

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

**HAB041**

Question Serial No.

2166

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding support to the Family Council in promoting the family core values, please provide the details of relevant promotional efforts and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Family Council will continue to promote family core values, and to foster a pro-family environment through the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “Happy Family Info Hub” (an online platform allowing easy access to a wide range of family-related information and facilitating sharing of family-related issues on the Internet). In 2012-13, the Family Council, together with the Commission on Youth, the Elderly Commission and the Women’s Commission, will launch the “Love and Respect Thy Elders” (LARTE) Campaign to encourage and mobilise every member of the family to respect the elders by putting “Love”, “Concern”, “Respect” and “Care” into practice.

An amount of \$27.5 million has been made available in 2012-13 for launching the LARTE Campaign, a new series of family educational packages, family-related researches, other activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” as well as the maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB042**

Question Serial No.

2167

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13” that the Government will continue to conduct public education on gambling-related issues, provide counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers. What are the respective estimated expenditure and manpower involved? What were the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in 2011-12? Are there assessments on the effectiveness of these services? If yes, what are the results of the assessments?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2012-13, around \$15 million of the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) has been designated for financing public education programmes which aim at preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems, as well as the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers. In 2011-12, the expenditure on the above-mentioned measures was around \$16 million. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of the Home Affairs Bureau are involved in supporting the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee in their pursuits.

To ensure the effectiveness of the services of the four centres, various performance indicators have been stipulated in their service agreements. According to the progress reports submitted by the four centres, they can generally attain the required standards.

Besides, we have commissioned a study to gauge, amongst other things, the effectiveness of the publicity efforts of the Fund as well as the knowledge and perception of the general public towards the counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers. The findings of the study will be released within March 2012.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB043**

Question Serial No.

2168

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011, there were 31 737 data subjects and curriculum vitas in the Central Personality Index. Among these, how many have become members of the Government's advisory or statutory bodies? Please provide the information with a breakdown by the number and proportion of male and female members.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

Of the 31 737 data subjects/curriculum vitae included in the Central Personality Index, 5 058 persons were serving on Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) as at end December 2011. These persons included those appointed by the Government, representatives of relevant organisations, and elected, ex officio or appointed members of the concerned ASBs. As at end December 2011, there were 5 771 non-official post-holders appointed by the Government to ASBs. Of these, 1 805 (31.3%) were female and 3 966 (68.7%) were male.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB044**

Question Serial No.

2169

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide detailed information on the measures to be taken in 2012-13 to meet the training and competition needs of elite athletes. What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) supports elite athletes by providing local and overseas training and support for participation in competitions, as well as services such as sports science and sports medicine. The HKSI has a permanent establishment of 265 staff. In 2012-13, we will strengthen support for the HKSI by facilitating the progress of the \$1.8 billion redevelopment of the HKSI, and allocating resources from the Elite Athletes Development Fund to finance the operation of the HKSI.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 28 February 2012

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

**HAB045**

Question Serial No.

2170

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In 2011, there were 8 741 participants under the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland. What are the details? Please provide the following information: activities held, organisations funded, provinces/municipalities visited and the manpower and expenditure involved.
- (b) In 2012, it is estimated that the scheme will have 9 900 participants. Please provide the relevant details in the same manner as above.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) In 2011, the Commission on Youth (COY) sponsored 124 projects organised under the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” by 114 community organisations, involving \$17.5 million. Out of which, the destinations of 22 tours were in Guangdong Province and 102 were outside Guangdong Province. Each project would include activities in the Mainland, and the pre- and post-tour complimentary activities which prepare the youth participants for the tour and let them have an opportunity to conclude their experience of the tour. The activities in the Mainland may include visits, seminars, exchange with Mainland youth, voluntary service, etc. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) serves as the secretariat of the COY and officers of various grades and ranks are involved in the work of COY. The administrative expenses and staff costs involved are internally absorbed by HAB.
- (b) The vetting of applications under the Scheme for 2012-13 is currently underway. Details of the study tours to be sponsored are not available at this stage.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB046**

Question Serial No.

2171

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the implementation of a feeder system to strengthen junior athlete identification and development programmes for 21 sports as well as multi-sports for athletes with disabilities, please provide the titles of related programmes to be launched in 2012-13 and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Enhanced Feeder System Scheme aims to help “national sports associations” (NSAs) identify and nurture young potential athletes at an early stage and provide them with regular opportunities to participate in local competitions, squad training, overseas training, and development programmes in a structured and systematic manner, thereby improving their chances of performing at a higher level.

We launched the scheme in 2009-10 to support the feeder programmes of 21 NSAs. The scheme was extended to cover 35 NSAs in 2011. In 2012-13, we have earmarked \$16 million for allocation to 44 NSAs to help them implement their feeder programmes.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB047**

Question Serial No.

2172

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011, the actual number of athletes on the elite training programme was 625. By the eligibility criteria of Sports Aid Foundation Fund, please advise the number of Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) scholarship athletes and non-HKSI scholarship athletes and the monthly grants they received.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2007-08, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) implemented a new financial support scheme known as the Elite Training Grant to replace the Sports Aid Foundation Fund. A table showing the breakdown of athletes supported by the HKSI by categories is at Annex.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 28 February 2012

**Athletes supported by the Hong Kong Sports Institute in 2011-12**

	HKSI Scholarship Athletes		Non-HKSI Scholarship Athletes	
Category of Athletes *Note (1)	No. of Athletes	Range for Monthly Grant (\$) *Note (2)	No. of Athletes	Range for Monthly Grant (\$)
Elite A	117	4,606-25,000	7	4,606-12,500
Elite B	69	2,763-14,000	30	2,763-7,000
Elite C	43	1,381-10,000	7	1,381-5,000
Senior Squad/ Team	116	2,535-6,500	9	2,975-3,500
Junior Elite A	74	1,950-6,500	21	2,763-3,250
Junior Elite B	51	900-3,000	1	1,275-1,500
Junior Squad	155	425-500	---	---
<i>Elite Athletes (Total)</i>	<i>625</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>---</i>
Potential Athletes	507	---	---	---
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1 132</b>		<b>75</b>	

Note (1): Figures based on the categorisation as defined by the eligibility criteria under the Direct Financial Support Scheme and include disabled athletes.

Note (2): Monthly Grants for both full-time and part-time athletes.

Source: Hong Kong Sports Institute

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

**HAB048**

Question Serial No.

2173

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

To improve athletes' prospects of performing at a high level in the London 2012 Olympic Games, the Government will give support to four "priority target" sports. How much resources will be allocated for this purpose in 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

Since 2009-10, we have allocated \$5.6 million per year to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) for strengthening training programmes for four "priority target" sports, namely badminton, cycling, table tennis and windsurfing. The Home Affairs Bureau is assessing the amount of funding to be allocated to the HKSI in 2012-13. This will come from the Elite Athletes Development Fund and will include funding for the "priority target" sports.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27 February 2012

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB049**

Question Serial No.

2174

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What measures will be taken by the Administration to develop and promote Cantonese opera in 2012-13?  
What is the estimated provision?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Government has been supporting the preservation, promotion and continuing development of Cantonese opera in the following ways:

- (a) developing performance venues for Cantonese opera;
- (b) nurturing Cantonese opera professionals, preserving the traditions and promoting creative works;
- (c) promoting Cantonese opera education, audience building and community participation;
- (d) fostering cultural exchange and co-operation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao; and
- (e) preserving the essence of Cantonese opera and showcasing treasures of our cultural heritage.

On the development of performance venues for Cantonese opera, the Yau Ma Tei Theatre will open in mid 2012 and serve as a cradle to nurture Cantonese opera new talents. Besides, an annex to the Ko Shan Theatre is being built to provide a new theatre of 600 seats and is expected to be completed in 2013.

The Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) will continue to support projects and new initiatives for the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera. It is estimated that about \$11 million will be spent by CODF in 2012-13 to support various Cantonese opera projects, out of which \$3 million will be used to support two new talent troupes under the Hong Kong Cantonese Opera New Talent Troupe Grant Scheme to nurture more Cantonese opera budding artists.

On top of the funding support provided by the CODF, it is estimated that about \$32 million will be spent by the Government in 2012-13 to support the development of Cantonese opera through performances, audience building and arts education programmes, preservation work and exhibitions implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and support provided to Cantonese opera organisations under the Department's Venue Partnership Scheme, the Cantonese opera training programmes under the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and the Cantonese opera projects supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council.



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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 24 February 2012

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

**HAB050**

Question Serial No.

2175

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Administration will strengthen its efforts in developing a cultural network with the Mainland and other places. What are the specific plans in this regard? What are the estimated manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other places.

We will continue to enhance cultural cooperation of the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) through the cultural cooperation platform established jointly by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to discuss, implement and follow up on collaboration initiatives involving the three places. The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Hong Kong in April 2012. We will also continue to promote collaboration with other places in the Mainland and various authorities or organisations relating to the arts and culture such as the Ministry of Culture, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the National Museum of China, the Palace Museum and the National Library of China to enhance cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland.

We will continue to strengthen the promotion of cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Taiwan through the “Hong Kong-Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee” (HKTCCC), established under the “Hong Kong-Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council” in August 2010. The HKTCCC is planning to organise a “Hong Kong Week” in Taipei in late 2012 to showcase Hong Kong’s arts and culture to the Taiwan audience, and introduce to them the cultural characteristics of Hong Kong and the latest developments of our creative industries.

For cultural exchanges with overseas countries, we have been making efforts to enhance cooperation with other places in the field of culture and the arts through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation (MoU). So far, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has signed MoUs with 13 countries. Moreover, we will continue to collaborate with cultural organisations and institutions around the world in staging various cultural exchange activities such as inviting troupes from different countries to participate in annual international arts carnival and thematic arts festival to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts.

The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD in 2012-13 for promoting cultural cooperation and exchange with Mainland, Taiwan and other places is about \$111.7 million.

HAB also promotes cultural exchange through the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), which has budgeted \$2.5 million for cultural exchange with the Mainland in 2012-13. It will also join hands with the Hong Kong Museum of Arts to participate in the Liverpool Biennial in the United Kingdom, which is one of the major contemporary art exhibitions in Europe, during September to November 2012. The budget for the event for HKADC is \$1.5 million.

The Arts Development Fund (ADF) administered by the HAB provided funding to some 40 projects with a total grant of about \$3 million in 2011-12 for supporting outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2012-13, HAB will continue to provide funding support under the ADF to support local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities.

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

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB051**

Question Serial No.

2420

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Administration will work closely with the Hong Kong Arts Development Council in facilitating the development of new and budding artists, and other arts support areas. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) will continue to implement a variety of schemes to support the development of small and medium arts groups, which include new and budding artists and arts groups. Some of these schemes also specifically focus on providing opportunities for new and budding artists or arts groups to develop their capacities and showcase their art performances. One example is the Grant for Emerging Artists Scheme of the HKADC which aims at providing opportunities for emerging artists to present and create artistic works and gain professional experience to further their career. For 2012-13, a budget of \$1 million is earmarked for the Grant for Emerging Artists Scheme.

Besides, the HKADC will continue to support emerging artists through its Internship Schemes in the disciplines of drama, xiqu, music, dance and visual arts. Young arts administrators and arts talents will be provided with internship opportunities in local arts groups to gain work experience. The budget of this scheme for 2012-13 is around \$4.5 million.

In addition, the HKADC will organise proactive projects and implement its on-going grant schemes, namely the One-Year/Two-Year Grant, Multi-Project Grant, Project Grant schemes to give support to the development of small and medium arts groups in 2012-13. These grants schemes cover different artforms including music, dance, drama, xiqu, film and media arts, visual arts, literary arts and multi-disciplinary arts. The total budget allocated to proactive projects and various grant schemes in 2012-13 will be \$79.3 million.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB052**

Question Serial No.

0920

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011, the Home Affairs Bureau allocated resources for the implementation of a feeder system to strengthen junior athlete identification and development programmes for 21 sports as well as multi-sports for athletes with disabilities. In this connection, what are the details of these programmes and the resources involved?

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

Reply:

The Enhanced Feeder System Scheme aims to help “national sports associations” (NSAs) identify and nurture young potential athletes at an early stage and provide them with regular opportunities to participate in local competitions, squad training, overseas training, and development programmes in a structured and systematic manner, thereby improving their chances of performing at a higher level.

We launched the scheme in 2009-10 to support the feeder programmes of 21 NSAs. The scheme was extended to cover 35 NSAs in 2011. In 2012-13, we have earmarked \$16 million for allocation to 44 NSAs to help them implement their feeder programmes.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 24 February 2012

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

**HAB053**

Question Serial No.

0921

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will strengthen support for our top athletes, in particular to meet their non-sporting needs during and after their active sporting career. In this connection, what are the specific plans and the resources involved?

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

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Administration will strengthen support for our top athletes primarily by -

- (i) facilitating the progress of the \$1.8 billion redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) towards completion in 2013 so that state-of-the-art training and other support facilities will be available to meet the needs of athletes;
- (ii) allocating resources from the \$7 billion Elite Athletes Development Fund to finance the operation of the HKSI in support of the long-term development of Hong Kong athletes. Specifically, we will allocate resources to programmes such as the HKSI's "Athletes Integrated Educational and Vocational Development Programme" which will provide academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, and assistance in career planning to athletes; and
- (iii) helping the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China to implement its "Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme", which was launched in 2008 with government subvention of \$11 million, to provide support to serving and retired athletes. The programme includes long- and short-term vocational training, a mentorship programme, consultation services on career development and employment and internship opportunities. Retired athletes who wish to pursue further education may receive support for taking courses, as well as scholarships and other financial support.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB054**

Question Serial No.

0922

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will introduce the public swimming pool monthly ticket scheme. Has the Administration worked out a timetable for the implementation of the scheme? What are the expenditure and resources involved?

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

Reply:

We have initially proposed to set the price of the swimming pool monthly ticket at \$350 (with a concessionary rate of \$175), although we will consider views expressed by Members on the proposal at the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 10 February 2012. We plan to introduce the monthly ticket in early July 2012. The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on the scheme in 2012-13 is \$3.9 million. Based on the current usage pattern of public swimming pools, we estimate that the introduction of swimming pool monthly tickets at \$350 may result in some revenue loss in individual admission fees, but such loss will likely be offset by revenue gained from the sales of monthly tickets.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 23 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB055**

Question Serial No.

1903

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that opportunities will be provided for youngsters, with a token stipend, to serve in under-privileged areas in the Mainland under the “Service Corps”. Please provide the details of locations of the under-privileged areas in the Mainland served and the amount of token stipend provided to the Hong Kong youngsters and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Service Corps Programme (the Corps) seeks to develop Hong Kong young people’s tenacity and potential, encourage them to serve others and contribute to the country, increase their understanding of the country, enhance their sense of national identity, and promote volunteerism.

The estimated expenditures for Phase I (September 2011 to January 2012) and Phase II (February 2012 to July 2012) amounted to about \$800,000 and \$1,300,000 respectively, which include a token of stipend of RMB3,000 per month for each Corps member, insurance, transportation, training and supplementary programmes, publicity, and professional programme management service fee. The place of service for both Phase I and II is Shaoguan, Guangdong.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 24 February 2012



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

**HAB056**

Question Serial No.

1904

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Administration will promote the development of social enterprises with relevant stakeholders. Please provide the details of the relevant stakeholders and state the approaches and criteria in identifying such relevant stakeholders.

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

In general, a social enterprise (SE) is a sustainable and self-financing business which achieves certain social objective(s), and the profit of which is principally reinvested in the business or in the community for the social objective(s) that it pursues.

The role of the Government in promoting the development of SEs is to create a favourable environment for SE development and to provide suitable facilitation measures to enhance the competitiveness of SEs in the market. The Government needs to tap the advice and expertise of different sectors of the community in formulating relevant measures. For instance, we need to have a good grasp of the latest development of SEs in Hong Kong and the new practices in social innovation. We also need to know what kind of business advice would be required by SEs for them to remain competitive in the market. Moreover, while the Home Affairs Bureau is the policy bureau overseeing the development of SEs, support from other relevant bureaux and departments would be necessary in order to formulate a comprehensive policy strategy for promoting the development of SEs.

In view of the above, the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee (SEAC) was set up in 2010 to advise the Government on the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting the sustainable development of SEs. SEAC comprises SE practitioners and members from the business and academic sectors, as well as representatives of relevant Government bureaux, representing a mix of stakeholders who are keen in developing SEs in Hong Kong.

We also engage relevant stakeholders through different platforms. To foster partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of SEs, the Administration has implemented the Social Enterprises Partnership Programme since 2008 to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership through a matching forum and a mentorship scheme. To encourage the community's participation in promoting the development of SEs, we also provide sponsorship to community organisations to organise the SE Summit and a business plan writing competition.

In 2012-13, we will continue the above measures in collaboration with the stakeholders who possess knowledge, experience and enthusiasm in developing SEs.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB057**

Question Serial No.

2030

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the financial provision under this Programme, the revised estimate (\$7,073.4 million) for 2011-12 is significantly higher than the original (\$93.8 million) by 7 440.9%. Will the Administration please advise this Committee of the reasons for the sharp increase? Why is the estimate for 2012-13 roughly the same as the original estimate for 2011-12? Has the Government assessed the possibility of the estimate for 2012-13 being exceeded by a substantial amount?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

Under Programme (4): Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing, the revised estimate for 2011–12 has increased by 7 440.9% compared with the original estimate largely due to a one-off injection of \$7 billion into the Elite Athletes Development Fund approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee on 18 July 2011. The slight increase of 6.3% in the provision for 2012-13 over the original estimate for 2011-12 represents an increase in funding for initiatives under this Programme.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 24 February 2012

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

**HAB058**

Question Serial No.

2031

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Administration please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the number of district football teams (and their names) directly funded by the Home Affairs Bureau and the expenditure involved in 2011-12;
- (b) of the expenditure on funding the Hong Kong Football Association in its reforms aimed at better promoting the long-term development of local football;
- (c) of the estimated expenditure on supporting the long-term development of local football in 2012-13; and
- (d) whether the Administration has assessed the adequacy of government funding for the promotion of football development in Hong Kong and the time for such a review.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

- (a) We have earmarked about \$5.4 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) for the 17 district-based football teams for the 2011-12 football season. A list of the teams is at the Annex.
- (b) The Government has earmarked time-limited funding to help the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) implement the recommendations of the Consultancy Study for Football Development in Hong Kong. In this connection, in 2011 we granted \$2.2 million from the ASDF to the HKFA to engage a “change agent” to draw up a governance structure, a development strategy and a business plan for the HKFA. In October 2011, the Sports Commission endorsed a proposal to earmark \$20 million annually from the ASDF for allocation to the HKFA over a period of three years to allow it to implement the recommendations of the “change agent”, which include the appointment of core staff for the management of the HKFA.
- (c) To support the long-term development of local football, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to provide an annual subvention to the HKFA under the Sports Subvention Scheme to help meet personnel, office and programme expenses and to enhance youth development training programmes. As LCSD is still assessing the HKFA’s proposed annual plan, the exact amount of subvention to be allocated in 2012-13 has yet to be finalised.

- (d) The HKFA is required to report regularly to Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Football Task Force on the progress of implementing the change agent's recommendations. HAB will work with the HKFA to assess the adequacy of the funding set aside for the implementation of the programmes.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**List of District Football Teams Funded  
under the Arts and Sport Development Fund**

<b>Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) League Division</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Name of Football Team/ Sports Association</b>
A	Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po Sports Association Limited
	Tai Po	Tai Po Football Club
	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Sports Association Ltd.
B	Southern	Southern District Recreation and Sports Association Limited
	Wan Chai	Wanchai Sports Federation
	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Football Association
	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Tsing District Football Association Ltd
	Sha Tin	Shatin Sports Association Ltd
	Yuen Long	Yuen Long District Sports Association Limited
C	Central & Western	Central & Western District Recreation & Sports Association
	Eastern	Eastern District Sports Association
	Kowloon City	Kowloon City District Sports Association
	Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin District Recreation & Sports Council
	Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association Ltd.
	North	North District Football Club
	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Cultural, Recreation & Sports Association
	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Football Association

(Note: District-based football teams playing Division A, B and C of the HKFA League may receive annual grants of up to \$500,000, \$350,000 and \$250,000 respectively.)

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

**HAB059**

Question Serial No.

1070

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth in promoting national education among the general public, particularly the youth. Are there any specific plans and what is the estimated expenditure? Will the Government consider providing extra resources for a large-scale opinion poll regarding Hong Kong people's feeling about national identity, so as to gauge the extent the people are embracing the Chinese identity and devise measures to enhance their sense of identity? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The provision earmarked for the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth on national education promotion in 2012-13 is about \$30 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organisations to organise youth study tours to the Mainland, and local promotional activities on civic education (including national education), promotion on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications enhancing understanding of various aspects of the Motherland (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

The CPCE conducts the "Civic Awareness Study" periodically. The Study covers a wide spectrum of civic education issues such as social inclusion and cohesion, tolerance and civility, national identity, national pride, sense of belonging to Hong Kong, volunteer work and Chinese traditional values, etc. The CPCE is yet to decide the scope, methodology, timing and other details of the next round of the Study.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 6 March 2012

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

**HAB060**

Question Serial No.

1071

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The number of clients who received counselling and treatment services provided by the treatment centres supported by the Ping Wo Fund increased from 1 918 in 2010 to 2 095 in 2011. What are the reasons for the increase? What was the increase in expenditure involved and how many of the clients were pathological gamblers? What is the average cost for providing various counselling and treatment services to each pathological gambler every year?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The number of clients who received counselling and treatment services provided by the four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers financed by the Ping Wo Fund included gamblers and their family members and friends. According to the four centres, because more family members and friends of gamblers accompanied the latter to receive treatment in 2011, the number of clients increased when compared with 2010.

Amongst the 2 095 clients of the four centres, 834 were pathological gamblers.

Since 2010, the level of funding support provided to the four centres by the Ping Wo Fund has been maintained at \$11 million per year. The counselling and treatment needs of pathological gamblers are diverse, the funding support provided to the four centres is also meant to support their work in relation to staff and professional training as well as school education programmes, and the four centres are free to seek financial support from other sources and deploy funding and manpower resources as necessary. As such, it is not possible to quantify the average cost for providing various counselling and treatment services to each pathological gambler every year.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB061**

Question Serial No.

1072

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to allocate resources to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong. In this connection, what are the details and specific plans, as well as the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

We are taking the following measures to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong –

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to provide an annual subvention to the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) to help meet personnel, office and programme expenses and to enhance youth development training programmes. In 2011-12, the subvention amounted to about \$10 million. As for 2012-13, LCSD is assessing the HKFA's proposed annual plan and the exact amount of subvention has yet to be finalised.
- (b) We have earmarked time-limited funding to help the HKFA implement the recommendations of the Consultancy Study for Football Development in Hong Kong. In this connection, in 2011 we granted \$2.2 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to the HKFA to engage a "change agent" to draw up a governance structure, a development strategy and a business plan for the HKFA. In October 2011, the Sports Commission endorsed a proposal to earmark \$20 million annually from the ASDF for allocation to the HKFA over a period of three years to allow it to implement the recommendations of the "change agent", which include the appointment of core staff for the management of the HKFA.
- (c) We have earmarked about \$5.4 million from the ASDF for the 17 district-based football teams for the 2011-12 football season.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 23 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB062**

Question Serial No.

1073

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will strengthen support for our top athletes, in particular to meet their non-sporting needs during and after their active sporting career. In this connection, will the Government please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the number and definition of “top athletes” and if they are the same as elite athletes;
- (b) of the details of the plans for strengthening support for these athletes and the resources involved; and
- (c) of the approach by which the non-sporting needs of active and retired athletes will be assessed. Will the Bureau consider conducting an in-depth survey on the needs of these athletes with a view to recommending focused measures as a basis for the formulation of practical support programmes? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

- (a) By “top athletes” we mean elite athletes and potential athletes supported by the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), which has 625 elite athletes and 507 potential athletes under its training programmes.
- (b) In 2012-13, we will strengthen support for our top athletes primarily by -
  - (i) facilitating the completion of the \$1.8 billion redevelopment of the HKSI by 2013 so that state-of-the-art training and other facilities will be available to meet the needs of athletes;
  - (ii) allocating resources from the \$7 billion Elite Athletes Development Fund to finance the operation of the HKSI in support of the development of Hong Kong athletes; and
  - (iii) helping the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) implement its “Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme” for serving and retired athletes.

- (c) The HKSI and SF&OC regularly collect feedback from serving and retired athletes, with a view to formulating new initiatives to suit their needs. We will continue to work closely with these organisations with a view to providing improved support to athletes.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 24 February 2012

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

**HAB063**

Question Serial No.

1074

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will seek continued support from the business sector to sponsor the purchase of tickets for allocation free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds. In this connection, what are the details and specific plans, the sectors of business to approach, the target amount of sponsorship and the categories of sponsored tickets?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) of the Sports Commission has set up a Core Sponsor Group (CSG) comprising companies of different backgrounds. The MSEC encourages CSG members and event organisers to sponsor the purchase of tickets to “M” Mark and other major sports events for people from less privileged backgrounds. We distribute the sponsored tickets to non-governmental organisations such as ethnic minority groups and social and recreational centres for disabled people and the elderly. In 2011-12, we received a total of 2 260 sponsored tickets through this channel. In 2012-13, the MSEC will encourage companies and event organisers to sponsor more tickets.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 23 February 2012

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

**HAB064**

Question Serial No.

1075

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

Programme:                      (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer:        Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau:        Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Bureau will in consultation with sports and other organisations, identify new sports events that could be staged in Hong Kong with a view to encouraging greater public interest in sport and promoting Hong Kong as an events capital. In this connection, what are the specific consultation plans and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

We will discuss the planning of new “M” Mark major international sports events with “national sports associations” that have expressed an interest in staging such events. Specifically, we will discuss the possibility of hosting four new events in the sports of cycling, football, swimming and dragon boat in 2012-13. We have budgeted \$10 million for supporting “M” Mark events in the coming year.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 23 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION****HAB065**

Question Serial No.

1076

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title):Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home AffairsDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Of the financial provision for the Home Affairs Bureau's operational expenses, the actual estimate for the International Youth Exchange Programme for 2011-12 under "Other Charges" was \$1.36 million, down from the 2011-12 original estimate of \$1.85 million. What are the reasons? Please list the expenditure for each event, the nationalities and numbers of participating young people of the programme over the last three years. Has the Bureau reviewed the programme, including examining the possibility of expanding its scope to exchanges with Mainland youths? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-faiReply:

The Commission on Youth (COY) organises the "International Youth Exchange Programme" (the IYEP) providing opportunities for Hong Kong youth to broaden their international perspective. The original estimated expenditure for 2011-12 has allowed for some expansion of the programme to other countries. However, such expansion has not taken place since we are still in discussion with these countries, resulting in a lower actual expenditure.

The expenditures in past three years are as follows :

Exchange Partner	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	No. of Participants (Hong Kong and Overseas)	Expenditure (\$)	No. of Participants (Hong Kong and Overseas)	Expenditure (\$)	No. of Participants (Hong Kong and Overseas)	Expenditure (\$) (Estimate)
Ireland	24	0.55 million	24	0.36 million	16	0.40 million
United Kingdom	32	0.72 million	21	0.46 million	22	0.56 million
Singapore	46	0.51 million	41	0.31 million	42	0.40 million
Japan*			30	0.28 million		

\* Note: The IYEP to Japan is organised once every two years.

The Home Affairs Bureau operates a “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” through the COY to sponsor community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland. As such, there is no plan in expanding the IYEP to cover the youth exchange with the Mainland.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB066**

Question Serial No.

2659

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the expenditures on civic education and human rights education, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the annual expenditures of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in the past three financial years? What is the estimated expenditure for civic education in 2012-13?
- (b) What were the annual expenditures for national education, as well as the details and expenditures for major activities in this respect in the past three financial years? What is the estimated expenditure for national education in 2012-13? What are the major activities and projects to be implemented?
- (c) What were the annual expenditures for human rights education, as well as the details and expenditures for major activities in this respect in the past three financial years? What is the estimated expenditure for human rights education in 2012-13? What are the major activities and projects to be implemented?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The total expenditure of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and its expenditure on national education in the last three years and the provision for 2012-13 are appended below:

	<b>2009-10 (Actual) (\$'000)</b>	<b>2010-11 (Actual) (\$'000)</b>	<b>2011-12 (Revised Estimates) (\$'000)</b>	<b>2012-13 (Estimates) (\$'000)</b>
CPCE	16,340	19,287	20,315	20,315
National education	9,320	8,540	8,900	8,900

Human rights education forms part and parcel of civic education and there is no separate breakdown of expenditure on activities promoting a specific value or civic concept.



CPCE has been promoting civic education including national education, the Basic Law and other core values such as respect, responsibility, care and love, human rights, equality and righteousness, through provision of sponsorship to community organisations / non-government organisations / District Councils to organise civic education activities, publicity programmes such as TV documentaries and publications, as well as CPCE's websites and interactive exhibits and other facilities at the Civic Education Resource Centre. CPCE will continue to promote civic education outside schools through the above channels.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 28 February 2012

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

**HAB067**

Question Serial No.

1466

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 90 of the Budget Speech that the Government will consider incorporating some assistance programmes of the Community Care Fund (CCF) into its regular assistance programmes and corresponding financial arrangements will also be made. Does the Government plan to incorporate some CCF programmes into regular assistance programmes from 2012-13? If yes, have provisions been earmarked for this purpose in this financial year? If yes, how much is involved? What are the programmes initially proposed to be incorporated into regular assistance programmes?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the Community Care Fund (CCF) programmes will continue to evaluate programmes that have been rolled out. We will take into account the outcome of evaluation and the advice of the CCF Steering Committee and relevant Subcommittees in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service in this financial year as well as the annual provision involved.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 28 February 2012

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

**HAB068**

Question Serial No.

2267

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 90 of the Budget Speech that the Community Care Fund has launched over ten assistance programmes, benefiting several hundred thousands of people. Please advise this Committee of the name, provisions, (expected) time of launching, whether open application is adopted and the number of beneficiaries for each programme.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

As at end January 2012, the Community Care Fund (CCF) launched 12 assistance programmes covering the education, home affairs, medical and welfare areas for target beneficiary groups including children, elderly, disabled, patients, new arrivals and ethnic minorities.

In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011.

Details of the assistance programmes (as at end January 2012) are set out below -

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Rolled out (in)</b>	<b>Estimated Full-year Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Application Required</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in learning activities outside Hong Kong (a three-year programme)	June 2011	166.9	Yes	Not Applicable <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Education Bureau (EDB) has reserved funding ceilings for participating schools. After the schools have completed the cross-boundary learning activities, they will submit an activity and financial report to EDB in mid-2012. EDB will only release funds to schools after the report has been approved. No data is therefore available at this stage.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Rolled out (in)</b>	<b>Estimated Full-year Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Application Required</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	August 2011	68.4 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	142
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at schools for students from low-income families (for one school year)	September 2011	192.78	Yes	56 500
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations (a two-year programme)	September 2011	1.26	Yes	2 <sup>3</sup>
(5) Subsidy for persons with severe disabilities aged below 60 from low-income families who are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and require constant attendance and live in the community (a one-year programme)	September 2011	94.38	Yes	803
(6) Subsidy for CSSA recipients who are owners of Tenant Purchase Scheme flats for five years or above and not eligible for rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	September 2011	2.73	Yes	515 (households)
(7) Subsidy for elders aged 65 or above from low-income families who are on the waiting list for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) to hire household cleaning service and escorting services for medical consultation (a one-year programme)	October 2011	24.19	Yes	535
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in private housing paying rents that exceed the maximum rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	October 2011	36.12	Not Applicable <sup>4</sup>	21 084 (households)

<sup>2</sup> Moreover, together with those of programme (11) below, the administrative expenses are \$3.75 million in total.

<sup>3</sup> It was non-peak examination season in the initial implementation stage of this programme, and hence the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the implementation agency have mainly focused on promotion work, including briefing session, radio programmes, designated websites, promotional posters and leaflets, etc. In order to strengthen publicity, HAD and the implementation agency will further cooperate with the four Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities to encourage eligible persons to take part in this programme.

<sup>4</sup> The persons concerned are not required to submit applications. The Social Welfare Department will identify eligible CSSA households according to the rental information reported by the CSSA recipients, and deposit the subsidy into their bank accounts directly.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Rolled out (in)</b>	<b>Estimated Full-year Expenditure (\$ million)</b>	<b>Application Required</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
(9) Subsidy for children with special needs from low-income families who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (a one-year programme)	December 2011	128.82	Yes	422
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	December 2011	4.4	Yes	35 (households)
(11) Subsidy for needy patients of HA who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	January 2012	9	Yes	28
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	(by) end February 2012 (Expected)	30	Yes	Not Applicable
(13) Allowance for new arrivals from low-income families (a one-off programme)	October 2011	1,500	Yes	99 077

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27 February 2012

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

**HAB069**

Question Serial No.

2270

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration is conducting a consultancy study on the procurement and financing options for the proposed Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak. Has funding been earmarked for the preliminary work of the project in 2012-13? If so, how much is earmarked and what are the details? If not, when will the preliminary work start?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

In September 2011, the Home Affairs Bureau engaged a consultant at a cost of \$1.38 million to study the procurement and financing options for the proposed multi-purpose sports complex at Kai Tak. The consultancy study is due for completion in the second quarter of 2012. We will prepare for the preliminary work of the project having regard to the findings of the study.

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Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB070**

Question Serial No.

0003

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With the provision for 2012-13, what specific measures will be adopted by the Administration to:

- (a) strengthen support for our top athletes, in particular to meet their non-sporting needs during and after their active sporting career;
- (b) introduce the public swimming pool monthly ticket scheme (please also provide the estimated number of people to benefit from the scheme);
- (c) seek continued support from the business sector to sponsor the purchase of tickets for allocation free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds; and
- (d) identify new sports events that could be staged in Hong Kong with a view to encouraging greater public interest in sport and promoting Hong Kong as an events capital.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, the Administration will strengthen support for our top athletes primarily through the following measures:
  - (i) facilitating the progress of the \$1.8 billion redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) towards completion in 2013 so that state-of-the-art training and other support facilities will be available to meet the needs of athletes;
  - (ii) allocating resources from the Elite Athletes Development Fund to finance the operation of the HKSI in support of the long-term development of Hong Kong athletes. Specifically, we will allocate resources to programmes such as the HKSI's "Athletes Integrated Educational and Vocational Development Programme" which will provide academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, and assistance in career planning to athletes; and
  - (iii) helping the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China to implement its "Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme" to provide support to serving and retired athletes. The programme includes long- and short-term vocational training, a mentorship programme, consultation services on career development and employment and internship opportunities. Retired athletes who wish to pursue further education may receive support for taking courses, as well as scholarships and other financial support.

- (b) We plan to introduce the Swimming-pool Monthly Ticket in early July 2012. Based on the current usage pattern of swimming pools, we estimate that over 10 000 frequent swimmers will benefit from the ticket.
- (c) We will continue to seek the support of major sports event sponsors to enable people from less privileged backgrounds to attend these events free of charge. In 2011, sponsors provided more than 5 000 such free tickets for major sports events.
- (d) We have improved the “M” Mark System through which we support the staging of major sports events, by extending the duration of funding support for “M” Mark events; increasing the amount of funding available for events; providing a direct grant to organisers of new events for marketing; and strengthening support for major national and international championships held in Hong Kong. In consultation with “national sports associations” (NSAs), we have identified several potential new “M” Mark events to be held in Hong Kong in 2012. We are following up with the NSAs concerned on the support that they will require to stage these events.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 16 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB071**

Question Serial No.

0878

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

According to paragraph 7 Matters Requiring Special Attention under Programme (2), one of the tasks in the year is to “enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland” and the number of places will also increase as compared with last year.

I found the target of this task disturbing. One-way dissemination of ideas is contradictory to the concept of liberal studies which values diverse perspectives and critical thinking. To avoid contradiction in government policy and a waste of public money, I request the Administration to inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the provision earmarked for organising study tours to the Mainland and its percentage to the allocations under Programme (2)? What were the expenditure of this programme for the past five years and respective percentage change?
- (b) How does the Bureau define “culture and heritage” and are there any indicative measures? How do these measures apply to the activities and itineraries of these tours?
- (c) Through what activities and in what way will young people’s understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage be enhanced in these tours?
- (d) How does the Administration measure the outcome of the programme? Are there any indicators?
- (e) Has the Bureau discussed with the Education Bureau on whether the above target contradicts with liberal studies?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Commission on Youth sponsors community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people under the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme). The projects under the Scheme should promote understanding of China’s history, politics, economy, culture, arts, science, sports, people’s lives, social system, etc. The projects should include pre-tour and post-tour complimentary activities which prepare the youth participants for the tour and let them have an opportunity to conclude their experience of the tour. The activities in the Mainland may include visits, seminars, exchange with Mainland youth, voluntary service, etc. The sponsored organisations are required to submit reports, which include the evaluation from the youth participants.

The Education Bureau welcomes the provision of opportunities for students to learn in real contexts and authentic settings. Experiential learning opportunities, such as study tours to the Mainland, serve the aims of broadening students' horizons, enhancing their motivation to learn, and providing rich contexts for students' development of generic skills and reflection on values and attitudes --- all of which are important to the subject of Liberal Studies.

The vetting of applications under the Scheme for 2012-13 is underway. We anticipate that the total sponsorship granted for 2012-13 will not be less than that for 2011-12, which was about \$22 million, constituting about 9% of estimated expenditure for Programme (2) under the Home Affairs Bureau in 2011-12. The sponsorship approved in the past five years is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sponsorship</u> <sup>Note</sup>	<u>Change over the previous year (%)</u>
2011-12	\$22.0 million	+ 8.9%
2010-11	\$20.2 million	+ 28.7%
2009-10	\$15.7 million	+ 0.6%
2008-09	\$15.6 million	+ 51.5%
2007-08	\$10.3 million	-

Note

The direction of putting more emphasis on national education, in particular among young people, and promoting exchange between Hong Kong and Mainland youths, was included in the 2007-08 Policy Address. In response to the Policy Address, funds available for the Scheme increased in the subsequent years.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB072**

Question Serial No.

1335

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Financial Secretary has undertaken that the lunch subsidy for students from low-income families under the Community Care Fund will be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programmes, and that corresponding financial arrangements will be made.

Since the programme's launching last September, \$180 million has been disbursed to subsidise the lunches of 51 000 primary students. Currently, there are some 102 000 primary students receiving the School Textbook Assistance (full grant and half grant); has the Government considered expanding the scope of the student lunch subsidy to all students receiving the School Textbook Assistance?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the Community Care Fund (CCF) programmes will continue to evaluate programmes that have been rolled out, including the programme to provide lunch subsidy for students from low-income families.

We will take into account the outcome of evaluation as well as the advice of the CCF Steering Committee and relevant Subcommittees in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service, including the details.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB073**

Question Serial No.

0109

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 90 of the Budget Speech that the Administration intends to incorporate individual Community Care Fund (CCF) measures into its regular assistance and service programmes. Would the Administration please inform the Committee:

(a) When will the Administration examine the effectiveness of existing programmes and what evaluation criteria will be adopted?

(b) As the Administration deliberates on assistance measures, what approaches will be adopted to ensure that such measures will not impede beneficiaries' motivation to strive for upward social mobility?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

(a) Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the CCF programmes will continue to evaluate programmes that have been rolled out, having regard to the number of beneficiaries, feedback on the programmes, efficiency and efficacy of implementation efforts, etc.

(b) CCF programmes provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered. We believe that such assistance measures are necessary and have the support of the community.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 16 February 2012

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

**HAB074**

Question Serial No.

0115

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to promoting football development, will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) What is the expenditure involved in funding the Hong Kong Football Association's reform initiatives?
- (b) What are the position and progress regarding the establishment of a football training centre in Tseung Kwan O? What are the expected scale and target completion date of the training centre? How much manpower and resources will the Administration put in to ensure the project can be carried out as soon as possible?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

- (a) The Government has earmarked time-limited funding to help the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) implement the recommendations of the Consultancy Study for Football Development in Hong Kong. In this connection, in 2011 we granted \$2.2 million under the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to the HKFA to engage a "change agent" to draw up a governance structure, a development strategy and a business plan for the HKFA. In October 2011, the Sports Commission endorsed a proposal to earmark \$20 million annually from the ASDF for allocation to the HKFA over a period of three years to allow it to implement the recommendations of the "change agent", which include the appointment of core staff for the management of the HKFA.
- (b) The Government is discussing with the HKFA the establishment of a dedicated football training centre in Tseung Kwan O. The centre would provide high-quality training facilities for football players to help meet the long-term development needs of the sport. We will continue to work with the HKFA and provide assistance to help facilitate the early implementation of the project.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 16 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB075**

Question Serial No.

0116

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) Please provide a list of athletes competing in the London 2012 Olympics (London Olympics) and Paralympic Games (Paralympics) as well as the events entered by them.
- (b) What measures will the Administration take to support athletes and their teams preparing for the London Olympics and Paralympics? What is the expenditure involved? Will the Administration take the initiative to approach these athletes with a view to understanding their needs?
- (c) What measures will the Administration take to call upon the whole community to give its support and encouragement to Hong Kong's Olympians? What measures will the Administration take to encourage public participation in sports by capturing the opportunities arising from the London Olympics?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

- (a) At the Annex are the names of the Hong Kong athletes who have already qualified and the number of places to be allocated by individual sports for participation in the London Olympics and Paralympics as at the present time. More athletes are likely to qualify for these games in the coming months.
- (b) We have allocated \$20 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to help Hong Kong athletes to prepare for the games. We will allocate further funding from the ASDF to support Hong Kong athletes' participation in the games when the qualification results are finalised.
- (c) To encourage the community's support to Hong Kong's athletes, we have commissioned Radio Television Hong Kong to produce a sixth season of the sports-themed TV series "Glamour of Sport", which will focus on preparations for the London Olympics and Paralympics. The series will air in May and June. We will also consider producing short TV clips to introduce the Hong Kong athletes taking part in the Games in the lead up to the opening of the Olympics and Paralympics respectively.

In summer 2012, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise a special "Sport for All Day" to stimulate public awareness of the London Olympics and Paralympics, encourage participation in sport and promote support for Hong Kong's athletes. Each of the 18 districts will identify one Olympic sport for promotion in their respective district to create a strong Olympic atmosphere in the community.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 16 February 2012

**Athletes Qualified for 2012 Olympic Games (as at 10 February 2012)**

<b>Sports</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Names of athletes / Places allocated</b>
Table Tennis (Singles)	4	Mr JIANG Tian-yi (江天一) Mr TANG Pang (唐鵬) Miss TIE Ya-na (帖雅娜) Miss JIANG Hua-jun (姜華珺)
Gymnastics	2	Mr SHEK Wai-hung (石偉雄) in Men's All Events Miss WONG Hiu-ying (黃曉盈) in Women's All Events
Cycling	2	One athlete each to take part in Road Race and Track Event*
Windsurfing	2	Two athletes (one man and one woman)*
Archery	1	One athlete in Men's Individual Recurve*

\* The athletes concerned will be nominated by the respective national sports association and selected by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.

**Athletes Qualified for 2012 Paralympic Games (as at 10 February 2012)**

<b>Sports</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Names of athletes / Places allocated</b>
Athletics	1	Mr SO Wa-wai (蘇樺偉) in T36 100m and 200m
Table Tennis (Singles)	4	Mr KO Hang-ye (高行易) Miss WONG Pui-yi (黃佩儀) Miss YEUNG Chi-ka (楊賜珈) Miss WONG Ka-man (黃家汶)
Boccia	6	Six athletes (two men and four women), in BC1 and BC2 (individual and Team) and BC4 (Pair), to be selected by the "national paralympic committee" (NPC)
Shooting	1	One athlete to be selected by the NPC
Swimming	2	Two athletes to be selected by the NPC
Equestrians	1	One athlete in dressage event to be selected by the NPC



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

**HAB076**

Question Serial No.

0615

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13”, it is mentioned that the Bureau will “work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth in promoting national education among the general public, particularly the youth”. What were the detailed measures, related activities, expenditure involved for projects and the number of people reached for each activity in respect of work in this area in the past year? What are the specific work plan and the estimated expenditure for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth (COY) on national education promotion is about \$33 million in 2011-12 and the earmarked provision is about \$30 million for 2012-13. The programmes and activities include sponsoring community organisations to organise youth study tours to the Mainland, sponsoring community organisations to organise local promotional activities on civic education, including national education, promotion on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications enhancing understanding of various aspects of the Motherland (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

As regards the youth study tours to the Mainland sponsored by the COY, the estimated number of participants in 2012 would be about 9 900. As regards the number of participants of other programmes and activities, we are unable to provide an estimation as they are yet to be planned or organised by various organisations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB077**

Question Serial No.

0616

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Administration will 'actively support non-governmental organisations to use part of the land granted to them by the Government for "Government, Institution or Community" use to build hostels for youths'. Please provide details of the initiative, including the specific sites, number of hostel places and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

So far, a few non-government organisations (NGOs) have expressed interest in developing hostels for single youths. The number of hostel places to be provided and the pace of supply however are subject to an array of factors. In view of the statutory procedures involved and the time required for the development works, it is expected that the hostel places would be available in three to four years the soonest.

The Administration has been assisting these NGOs in terms of provision of technical advice and assistance as well as exploring financial support for the construction costs. We are working out the details in taking forward the initiative with the NGOs. So far, the expenditure involved in handling the relevant matters has been internally absorbed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB078**

Question Serial No.

1609

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation mentioned under “Indicators”, please set out the names of grantee organisations and the amount of their grants in each of the past three financial years. How much will be injected into the Fund in 2012-13? What is the estimated number of organisations to receive funding? What are the funding criteria?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

To be eligible for grants from the Main Fund of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (the Fund), projects should meet the following criteria -

- (i) they must involve direct organisation of physical recreation, sporting and cultural activities which encourage the purposeful use of leisure by young people;
- (ii) they must be of long-term benefit and reach out to the widest possible cross-section of the community;
- (iii) they must only utilise the grant to cover one-off expenditure and not recurrent commitments. The grants are expected to be spent within the specified period, and the project concerned must be self-financing thereafter; and
- (iv) they should be assessed on the basis of the best use of the Fund.

The names of grantee organisations and the amount of grants approved in the past three financial years for Capital Works Projects are shown below. As for Non-Capital Works Projects, in view of the large number of organisations involved (over 230) and the fact that the amount of grant approved per application was less than \$35,000 on average, the relevant details are represented by consolidated figures.

**2008-09**

<b>Name of Grantee Organisation</b>	<b>Amount of Grant Approved (\$)</b>
<b>I. Capital Works Projects</b>	
Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union of Hong Kong – Suen Douh Camp	409,776
Hong Kong, China Rowing Association – Sha Tin Rowing Centre	398,730
Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh Day Adventists – Shan King Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre of Seventh-Day Adventists	56,800
Hong Kong Tennis Association – HKTA Tennis Centre	500,000

Po Leung Kuk – Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp	245,160
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Lung Hang Youth S.P.O.T.	57,440
The Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at HK – Marycove Centre	304,000
<b>II. Non-Capital Works Projects</b>	
306 applications from 238 organisations	10,479,817

## 2009-10

Name of Grantee Organisation	Amount of Grant Approved (\$)
<b>I. Capital Works Projects</b>	
Baptist Convention of Hong Kong - Hong Kong Baptist Assembly	424,000
Chun Tok School	61,870
Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association – Pak Sha O Youth Hostel	70,400
South China Athletic Association	500,000
Wong Tai Sin District Arts Council	214,285
Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	3,000,000
Hong Kong Cycling Association	2,304,180
Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	3,000,000
Hong Kong Tennis Association	1,845,431
Sha Tin Sports Association Limited	585,852
Tai Po Sports Association Limited	2,190,000
Yuen Long District Sports Association Limited	3,000,000
<b>II. Non-Capital Works Projects</b>	
238 applications from 219 organisations	5,528,768

## 2010-11

Name of Grantee Organisation	Amount of Grant Approved (\$)
<b>I. Capital Works Projects</b>	
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong - Lions Junk Bay Youth Camp	328,000
Hong Chi Association – Hong Chi Morningjoy School, Yuen Long	35,920
Hong Kong Little League Limited	500,000
Po Leung Kuk–Steven Lo Kit Sing Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp	500,000
Scout Association of Hong Kong – Tung Tsz Scout Centre	326,224
The Hong Kong Award for Young People – Duke of Edinburgh Training Camp	309,856
Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,049,200
Hong Kong Cycling Association	1,997,615
Hong Kong Life Saving Society	1,463,176
Hong Kong Shooting Association	3,000,000
Kwun Tong Sports Promotion Association Limited	1,048,000
South China Athletic Association	528,400
<b>II. Non-Capital Works Projects</b>	
269 applications from 233 organisations	3,242,418

Funding applications for 2011-12 are still being processed, but there is no need to make an injection into the Fund in 2012-13 as there is sufficient funding to meet projected needs.

Based on past trends and subject to the actual number of application received, we envisage that about 220 projects will receive support for the Fund in 2012-13.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB079**

Question Serial No.

1843

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In view of the recent cases of animosity between Hong Kong people and Mainland people, will the Home Affairs Bureau devote resources to conduct research on the relationship between Hong Kong people and Mainland people in 2012? Will the Bureau adopt any measures to ease the situation? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

Hong Kong is a multi-cultural international city with ethnic diversity. The Government attaches great importance to promoting social and racial harmony among different groups of people in the city, and seeks to promote the core values such as mutual respect for people from different backgrounds in the community and equality for all in its public education efforts.

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has been collaborating with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic education outside schools. The CPCE promotes various core civic values such as respect, responsibility, care and love, social harmony, courtesy, inclusiveness, etc to all members of the local community through various channels such as sponsoring community organisations to organise activities, publications, promotional programmes, production of TV programmes, thematic workshops and exhibitions. Through the promotion of these positive values, it is hoped that mutual trust and a harmonious environment can be established, and citizens are encouraged to help each other and respect different opinions in order to enhance the overall civic and moral standard. It is not within the purview of HAB to conduct research on the relationship between Hong Kong people and Mainland people.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 27 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB080**

Question Serial No.

1844

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme will be expanded. Would the Administration inform the Committee of:

- (a) What are the details of work in this respect?
- (b) When will the work involved be expected to be completed?
- (c) If this scheme materialises, what is the expected increase in annual expenditure for the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

(a) Having studied the recommendations of the Legal Aid Services Council on the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS), and taken into account the views of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (the Panel) and relevant stakeholders, including the legal profession, the Administration proposed that the scope of SLAS be expanded to cover claims of the following categories –

- (i) professional negligence claims against Certified Public Accountants, Architects, Registered Professional Engineers, Registered Professional Surveyors, Authorised Land Surveyors, Registered Professional Planners, Landscape Architects and Estate Agents;
- (ii) negligence claims arising from sale of insurance products;
- (iii) claims against developers in the sale of first-hand residential properties; and
- (iv) employees' claims on appeals from the Labour Tribunal.

(b) We reported progress of the proposed legislative amendments to the Panel in December 2011. We are working on the proposed legislative amendments, and aim to submit them to LegCo for consideration and approval in March this year. Subject to LegCo's approval, we will seek approval from the LegCo Finance Committee (FC) on the proposed injection of \$100 million into the SLAS Fund by mid-2012.

(c) SLAS is a self-financing scheme. The Administration will seek FC's approval to provide a one-off capital injection of \$100 million into the SLAS Fund to facilitate the expansion of the scope of SLAS. The Legal Aid Department will absorb the additional workload with its existing manpower resources.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB081**

Question Serial No.

1845

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Legal Aid Services Council (LASC) will “complete the consultancy study on the independence of legal aid”. By what time is this task expected to be completed and when will the report be released to the public?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The consultancy study on the feasibility and desirability of establishing an independent legal aid authority is expected to be completed by June 2012 and the consultant will submit a report to the LASC. The LASC, after considering the report, will make recommendations to the Chief Executive.

The LASC's recommendations and a report summary will be published at the same time for consideration by various stakeholders.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB082**

Question Serial No.

1846

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Legal Aid Services Council (LASC) will “hold a seminar on current legal aid issues for stakeholders”. Would the Administration inform the Committee of:

- (a) What are the purposes of these seminar(s)?
- (b) What is the scope of discussion for these seminars?
- (c) How many seminars are expected to be held?
- (d) What persons or groups will be invited to such seminar(s)?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

- (a) The purpose of the seminar is to provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss and exchange views on a particular legal aid subject so as to enhance their understanding of the subject and enable the LASC to gauge stakeholders' views on the matter.
- (b) The topic of this year's seminar to be held in May 2012 is “Provision of legal advice to detainees at police station”. The seminar will focus on issues relating to this subject.
- (c) The LASC has planned to hold one seminar on legal aid in 2012.
- (d) The LASC will invite legal and other interested professionals, social workers, members of the Legislative Council and District Councils as well as their assistants, representatives of non-governmental organisations, academics, law students, and representatives from the Police and other related government bureaux and departments to attend the seminar.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB083**

Question Serial No.

2211

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the indicators of “civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme” and “civic education projects sponsored under the Co-operation Scheme with District Councils”, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the difference between these two Schemes?
- (b) Please state the respective number of projects sponsored under these two Schemes and their expenditures in the past five years.
- (c) As shown by the figures, the number of civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme is decreasing while the number of civic education projects sponsored under the Co-operation Scheme with District Councils is increasing. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

- (a) Both the Community Participation Scheme (CP Scheme) and the Co-operation Scheme with District Councils (DCs) are funding schemes under the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) aiming to co-operate with partners in promoting civic education. There are three major differences, namely -
  - (i) the targets of CP Scheme are community organisations while that of the Co-operation Scheme with DCs are the DCs, or community organisations recommended by the DCs;
  - (ii) the amount of sponsorship granted under the CP Scheme is in the range of \$100,000 - \$300,000 for each project while that under the Co-operation Scheme with DCs is \$200,000 for each district; and
  - (iii) the sponsored activities under the CP Scheme must be held in Hong Kong, whereas study tours to the Mainland may be considered under the Co-operation Scheme with DCs.

- (b) The number of projects sponsored under the two Schemes and the approved sponsorship in the past five years are as follows:

Year	CP Scheme		Co-operation Scheme with DCs	
	No. of approved projects	Approved sponsorship (\$)	No. of approved projects	Approved sponsorship (\$)
2007-08	152	\$4.39 million	*	*
2008-09	150	\$4.69 million	*	*
2009-10	152	\$4.92 million	16	\$1.03 million
2010-11	117	\$4.62 million	13	\$0.95 million
2011-12	54	\$8.09 million	24	\$2.52 million

Note: \* The Co-operation Scheme with DCs was introduced in 2009.

- (c) Before 2011, while there were more projects being sponsored, the scale of those projects was smaller with the maximum sponsorship for each project fixed at \$150,000. Starting from 2011, the CP Scheme focuses on sponsoring projects of larger scale and with greater publicity impact. The amount of sponsorship for each project has increased to a range from \$100,000 to \$300,000, resulting in fewer projects sponsored. As regards the Co-operation Scheme with DCs, only one project from each district was considered in the first two years of the implementation. To enhance co-operation with DCs, starting from 2011, more than one project per district would be considered with a higher total sponsorship for each district. Hence, more district-based projects with DC's endorsement were sponsored.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB084**

Question Serial No.

2213

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the fact that provisions for 2012-13 is \$6,493.8 million (99.3%) lower than the revised estimate for 2011-12 mainly due to injections into the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011-12, please provide the following information:

- (a) The total amount of Government injections into the CCF in 2011-12;
- (b) A detailed account of donations secured from various sectors of the community, such as the business sector, other than the Government since the establishment of the CCF; and
- (c) A detailed account of assistance programmes implemented, including names of assistance programmes, the respective expenditures involved and the number of beneficiaries, since the establishment of the CCF.

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

- (a) The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (FC) approved an injection of \$5 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF) in May 2011. In addition, the FC approved in July 2011 an additional injection of \$1.5 billion into the CCF for implementing the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families.
- (b) As at end January 2012, the amount of donations pledged was about \$1.8 billion, some of which will be made by yearly instalments over three years, and the actual amount of donations received is around \$680 million.
- (c) Since its establishment, the CCF has launched 15 assistance programmes covering the education, home affairs, medical and welfare areas for target beneficiary groups including children, elderly, disabled, patients, new arrivals and ethnic minorities. As at end January 2012, 11 of them were rolled out by the CCF.

In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the FC in July 2011.

Details of the assistance programmes rolled out as at end January 2012 are set out below -

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in learning activities outside Hong Kong (a three-year programme)	not applicable <sup>1</sup>	0.98 <sup>2</sup>
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	142	13.71 <sup>3</sup>
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at schools for students from low-income families (for one school year)	56 500	182.16
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations (a two-year programme)	2 <sup>4</sup>	0.015
(5) Subsidy for persons with severe disabilities aged below 60 from low-income families who are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and require constant attendance and live in the community (a one-year programme)	803	5.24
(6) Subsidy for CSSA recipients who are owners of Tenant Purchase Scheme flats for five years or above and not eligible for rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	515 (households)	1.06
(7) Subsidy for elders aged 65 or above from low-income families who are on the waiting list for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) to hire household cleaning service and escorting services for medical consultation (a one-year programme)	535	0.18
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in private housing paying rents that exceed the maximum rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	21 084 (households)	30.75
(9) Subsidy for children with special needs from low-income families who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (a one-year programme)	422	0.31

<sup>1</sup> The Education Bureau (EDB) has reserved funding ceilings for participating schools. After the schools have completed the cross-boundary learning activities, they will submit an activity and financial report to EDB in mid-2012. EDB will only release funds to schools after the report has been approved. No data is therefore available at this stage.

<sup>2</sup> As the expenditures incurred by participating schools for cross-boundary learning activities are to be reimbursed by the CCF in mid-2012, this only represents administration costs incurred for this programme.

<sup>3</sup> Including \$1.18 million administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

<sup>4</sup> It was non-peak examination season in the initial implementation stage of this programme, and hence the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the implementation agency have mainly focused on promotion work, including briefing session, radio programmes, designated websites, promotional posters and leaflets, etc. In order to strengthen publicity, HAD and the implementation agency will further cooperate with the four Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities to encourage eligible persons to take part in this programme.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	35 (households)	0.09
(11) Subsidy for needy patients of HA who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	28	0.59
(12) Allowance for new arrivals from low-income families (a one-off programme)	99 077	603.85

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27 February 2012

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

**HAB085**

Question Serial No.

2214

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the initiative to introduce a “public swimming pool monthly ticket scheme”, please provide the following information:

- (a) What are the details of the scheme?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Please set out the admission fees and the number of attendance at public swimming pools across the territory in the past five years.
- (d) How many people are expected to join the monthly ticket scheme? If the number of attendance increases as a result of the introduction of the scheme, what measures will the Administration take to meet the extra demand? What are the details?
- (e) Are there any targets against which the effectiveness of the scheme can be measured? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- (f) Currently, the admission fees for public swimming pools in the urban areas and the New Territories are different. Will the admission fees be standardised with the introduction of the monthly ticket scheme? Will the Administration standardise the admission fees for single entry as well? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

- (a) We have initially proposed to set the price of the swimming pool monthly ticket at \$350 (with a concessionary rate of \$175), although we will consider views expressed by Members on the proposal at the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 10 February 2012. We plan to introduce the monthly ticket in early July 2012.
- (b) The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the scheme in 2012-13 is \$3.9 million.
- (c) The total attendance at public swimming pools in the past five years (2007 to 2011) are set out below –



Year	Total attendance
2007	9 255 173
2008	11 669 473 <sup>Note</sup>
2009	8 911 232
2010	8 554 913
2011	9 540 432

(Note: The exceptionally high attendance in 2008 was due to the implementation of a three-month Free Admission Scheme (July to September 2008) in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.)

The fees for individual admissions to public swimming pools in the urban areas and the New Territories are set out below –

	Urban		New Territories	
	Peak	Non-peak	Peak	Non-peak
Normal rates	\$19	\$19	\$20	\$17
Concessionary rates	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$8

(Remarks: Peak day refers to Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays. Individual admission to swimming pool is charged per session. Adults aged 60 and above, children aged between three and 13, full-time students, and people with disabilities and their minders (on one-to-one basis) are entitled to concessionary rates.)

- (d) Based on the current usage patterns, we estimate that over 10 000 frequent swimmers will benefit from the scheme. We envisage that public swimming pools should have sufficient capacity to accommodate the increased attendance arising from the introduction of the monthly ticket. LCSD will deploy additional staff at the pool entrance to strengthen crowd control when the scheme is introduced. With more new swimming pools coming into operation in the coming years, the introduction of the scheme would unlikely have a significant impact on the operation of public swimming pools.
- (e) The objectives of the scheme are to alleviate the financial burden on frequent swimmers, especially the elderly, and to promote swimming in the community. The Administration will assess the effectiveness of the monthly ticket scheme, taking into account its utilisation and operation of swimming pools after the implementation of the scheme.
- (f) A single set of prices (normal and concessionary) will be set for the monthly tickets which allow admission to all public swimming pools (except for the Wan Chai Swimming pool which is designated for group training) managed by LCSD. The Administration has committed in the 2011-12 Policy Agenda to align the fees for using public sports facilities (including swimming pools) and services in the urban areas and the New Territories.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 23 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB086**

Question Serial No.

2047

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the major responsibilities of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) under this Programme is to “support and facilitate the implementation of initiatives to help make Hong Kong a regular destination for major international sports events”. Please give examples of such events and provide the expenditure and manpower involved. Has the HAB assessed the economic benefits and the number of additional visitors that the expenditure concerned brought about for Hong Kong? If so, what are the results of the assessment? If not, will such an assessment be conducted in the future?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) of the Sports Commission awards the “M” Mark to major international sports events hosted by “national sports associations”. Examples of such events include: the Hong Kong Marathon, the Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby), the FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix - Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes, the Hong Kong Squash Open, the Hong Kong Open – World Superseries (Badminton) and the Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf). Since 2005, we have allocated \$48.03 million to support “M” Mark events. Existing staff of the Home Affairs Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department provide secretariat and other support to the MSEC.

One of criteria for an event to receive “M” Mark status is whether it is expected to create a positive economic impact on trade and services, tourism and job creation. For example, in 2011 the Hong Kong Marathon attracted 3 481 overseas runners from over 45 countries, while the 2012 event attracted 4 767 overseas runners from over 50 countries. In 2011, the Hong Kong Sevens attracted attendance of some 20 000 spectators from around the world over the three days of the event.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 6 March 2012

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

**HAB087**

Question Serial No.

2145

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme will be expanded. Please state the scope of expansion, details on expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

Having studied the recommendations of the Legal Aid Services Council on the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS), and taken into account the views of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services and relevant stakeholders, including the legal profession, the Administration proposed that the scope of SLAS be expanded to cover claims of the following categories –

- (i) professional negligence claims against Certified Public Accountants, Architects, Registered Professional Engineers, Registered Professional Surveyors, Authorised Land Surveyors, Registered Professional Planners, Landscape Architects and Estate Agents;
- (ii) negligence claims arising from sale of insurance products;
- (iii) claims against developers in the sale of first-hand residential properties; and
- (iv) employees' claims on appeals from the Labour Tribunal.

SLAS is a self-financing scheme. The Administration plans to seek the approval of the LegCo Finance Committee to provide a one-off capital injection of \$100 million into the SLAS Fund to facilitate the expansion of the scope of SLAS by mid-2012. The Legal Aid Department will absorb the additional workload with its existing manpower resources.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 28 February 2012

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

**HAB088**

Question Serial No.

2732

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

Programme:                      (5) Culture

Controlling Officer:        Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau:        Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012–13 is to “establish a representative maritime museum for Hong Kong”. Please set out specific items of expenditure and the manpower involved. Have the economic benefits and the number of additional visitors that the expenditure concerned can bring about for Hong Kong been assessed? If so, what are the results of the assessment? If not, will such an assessment be conducted in the future?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

The total estimated cost of the relocation and expansion of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) project (including consultancy studies) is \$115.728 million. The breakdown of which is set out below –

	<b>Expenditure item</b>	<b>Estimated cost (\$ million)</b>
1.	Demolition	3.97
2.	Building	34.55
3.	Building services	22.45
4.	Additional energy conservation measures	0.57
5.	Exhibition works	26.57
6.	Consultancy fees for design, tender preparation, contract administration and site supervision	16.678
7.	Contingencies	4.09
8.	Provision for price adjustment	6.85
	<b>Total</b>	<b>115.728</b>

The Government will provide a capital funding of \$113.778 million to the project while the HKMM will contribute \$1.95 million from its own source of funding. Besides, the Government will provide funding support up to a maximum of \$4.429 million per annum for five years starting from the commissioning of the new museum. The HKMM will operate the museum with its own manpower.

The project will help HKMM develop itself into a major maritime museum that is commensurate with Hong Kong's standing as an international port city and as a regional cultural hub. Hong Kong's maritime history and traditions have great historical and cultural significance. The sustained development of HKMM will help showcase Hong Kong's unique and outstanding development in this area. HKMM estimates that there will be about 80 000 additional visitors per year to HKMM after its relocation to Central Pier 8.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 23 February 2012

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

**HAB089**

Question Serial No.

3048

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the indicator of “statutory and charitable funds income”, there will be a drop in income from \$78.8 million (actual) in 2011 to \$58.6 million (estimate) in 2012. Please advise:

- (a) Reasons for the decrease in estimated income.
- (b) Names of existing statutory and charitable funds and their respective estimated income in detail.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: (a) Generally speaking, the income of the statutory and charitable funds comprises donations, dividends, interest income and profits generated from equity disposal. In 2011, the actual income includes a number of equity disposal made during the year. In 2012, no disposal of equity is anticipated. Hence, the estimated income will drop.

- (b) The names of the statutory and charitable funds concerned and their estimated income in 2012 are as follows:

<u>Name of statutory and charitable funds</u>	<u>Estimated income in 2012 (\$million)</u>
(1) Brewin Trust Fund	6.72
(2) Chinese Temples Fund	29.70
(3) Ex-Chinese Public Dispensaries Fund	0.12
(4) General Chinese Charities Fund	5.08
(5) Grantham Scholarships Fund	6.51
(6) Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund	2.87
(7) Lord Wilson United World Colleges Scholarship Fund	1.44
(8) Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund	2.00
(9) Sir Jack Cater Scholarship Fund	0.21
(10) Sir Murray MacLehose Trust Fund	1.81
(11) Sir Robert Black Trust Fund	2.14
Total	58.60

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB090**

Question Serial No.

3049

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the initiative to give “support to four “priority target” sports to improve athletes’ prospects of performing at a high level in the London 2012 Olympic Games”,

- (a) What are the four “priority target” sports?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) By what criteria does the Administration select these “priority target” sports? Is support prioritised for sports with medal hopes?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The four “priority target” sports are badminton, cycling, table tennis and windsurfing.
- (b) An additional \$5.6 million per year has been allocated to the Hong Kong Sports Institute for strengthening training programmes for the four “priority target” sports since 2009-10.
- (c) The “priority target” sports have been selected because Hong Kong athletes have regularly performed well at Asian and world levels in these sports, and it is therefore relatively likely that they will perform well at the London 2012 Olympic Games if given appropriate support.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB091**

Question Serial No.

3129

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to providing “funding to help the Hong Kong Football Association in its reforms aimed at better promoting the long-term development of local football”,

- (a) What are the details of the initiative?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) How will the Administration monitor the use of funds and have milestones been set to evaluate the effectiveness of providing funding support to the Hong Kong Football Association? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The Government has earmarked time-limited funding to help the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) implement the recommendations of the Consultancy Study for Football Development in Hong Kong. In this connection, in 2011 we granted \$2.2 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to the HKFA to engage a “change agent” to draw up a governance structure, a development strategy and a business plan for the HKFA. In October 2011, the Sports Commission endorsed a proposal to earmark \$20 million annually from the ASDF for allocation to the HKFA over a period of three years to allow it to implement the recommendations of the “change agent”, which include the appointment of core staff for the management of the HKFA. The HKFA is required to report regularly to Home Affairs Bureau and the Football Task Force on the progress of implementing the change agent’s recommendations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB092**

Question Serial No.

3130

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the initiative to “work closely with the Hong Kong Maritime Museum to take forward its relocation to Central Pier 8 in order to establish a representative maritime museum for Hong Kong”,

- (a) when will the relocation of the new Maritime Museum be completed and when will the museum open to the public?
- (b) what is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) please set out the rates and the number of attendance of Maritime Museum in the past five years. Does the Administration expect the number of attendance of the new museum to increase after relocation? If so, what is the estimated number of attendance? If not, what are the reasons?
- (d) what are the rates of the new Maritime Museum? Will the cost of relocation be shifted to the public in the form of higher rates?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The new Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) at Central Pier 8 is tentatively scheduled for opening in January 2013.
- (b) The total estimated cost of the relocation and expansion of the HKMM project (including consultancy studies) is \$115.728 million. The Government will provide a capital funding of \$113.778 million to the project while the HKMM will contribute \$1.95 million from its own source of funding.

- (c) Since its opening in 2005, the admission fee for the present HKMM at Stanley has been \$20 for adults and \$10 for children aged under 18, senior citizens aged 65 or above, full time students and the disabled.

The number of attendance of HKMM from 2007 to 2011 is set out below –

<b>Year</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Number of attendance	60 955*	36 618	33 817	33 027	36 768

\* HKMM and the Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council jointly organised a roving exhibition “Hong Kong - Maritime Focus” in 2007 in various places in the territory. The exhibition was held in HKMM at Stanley from October to December 2007 and admission to the exhibition was free. The HKMM attracted a total of 30 040 visitors in these three months.

HKMM estimates that the number of annual attendance will increase to 120 000 after its relocation to Central Pier 8.

- (d) The admission fee for the new HKMM will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for children aged under 18, senior citizens aged 65 or above, full time students and the disabled. As mentioned in (b) above, the capital funding of the relocation and expansion project will be borne by the Government, with contribution from HKMM. Besides, the Government will provide funding support up to a maximum of \$4.429 million per annum for five years starting from the commissioning of the new museum.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27 February 2012

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

**HAB093**

Question Serial No.

3131

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the indicator of “cost per case under the Legal Advice Scheme (\$)”, the cost increased from \$86 (actual) in 2010 to \$137 (actual) in 2011 and \$175 (estimate) in 2012.

- (a) What are the reasons for the substantial increase in cost?
- (b) Does the Administration have any measures to lower the cost? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) As an initiative to enhance the Free Legal Advice Scheme (the Scheme) operated by the Duty Lawyer Service, the Administration has been offering a \$300 travelling allowance to volunteer lawyers under the Scheme for each pro bono legal advice session with effect from April 2011. An additional session of service has also been provided at the Wan Chai District Office on Thursday evening with effect from May 2011, in addition to ten sessions per week at nine District Offices. The effect of the cost increase arising from the above improvement measures has been and will be reflected in 2011 and 2012 respectively.
- (b) The above improvement measures are intended to enhance the Scheme in the light of the feedback received from users and volunteer lawyers of the Scheme. The Administration has also taken reference from the Hong Kong Housing Society's provision of \$300 allowance for volunteers of the Building Management Resource Centres to cover travelling expenses. The allowance serves as a token of appreciation to the volunteer lawyers under the Scheme.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB094**

Question Serial No.

0056

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In paragraph 90 of the Budget Speech, the Administration stated that upon examining the effectiveness of individual programmes under the Community Care Fund (CCF), it shall decide the appropriate ones to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programmes, subject to the views of the Steering Committee on the CCF. Would the Administration inform this Committee when will the examination of effectiveness of programmes be completed? What considerations will be taken into account when determining the assistance programmes to be incorporated into the regular assistance programmes? In the Administration's estimation, what are the annual expenditures for the programmes to be incorporated?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the CCF programmes will continue to evaluate programmes that have been rolled out. Having regard to the implementation progress of respective programmes, it is expected that evaluation of certain programmes will be completed in a few months' time.

We will take into account the outcome of evaluation as well as the advice of the CCF Steering Committee and relevant Subcommittees in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service in this financial year and the annual provision involved.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 16 February 2012

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

**HAB095**

Question Serial No.

2358

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated that the Administration will “actively support non-governmental organisations to use part of the land granted to them by the Government for ‘Government, Institution or Community’ use to build hostels for youths”. Please advise this Committee of:

- (a) What are the details of the programme? What sites are expected to be granted?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure?
- (c) What are the criteria for eligibility under the programme? How many people are to benefit under the programme?
- (d) Has the Administration set any objectives to evaluate the effectiveness of the programme?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

Some non-government organisations (NGOs) are concerned about the aspiration of working youths to have their own living space. Apart from providing youth services, they want to use part of the land granted to them by the Government for “Government, Institution or Community” use to build hostels for single youths. So far, a few NGOs have expressed such interest. The Administration has been assisting them in terms of provision of technical advice and assistance as well as exploring financial support for the construction costs. We are working out the details in taking forward the initiative with the NGOs.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB096**

Question Serial No.

0994

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please advise the progress of various assistance programmes of the Community Care Fund, estimated balance of provisions of these programmes as at 31 March 2012 and its percentage against the total provisions?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

Since its establishment, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has launched 15 assistance programmes covering the education, home affairs, medical and welfare areas for target beneficiary groups including children, elderly, disabled, patients, new arrivals and ethnic minorities. As at end January 2012, 11 of them were rolled out by the CCF.

In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011.

Details of the assistance programmes rolled out as at end January 2012 are set out below -

Programme	Rolled out in	Number of beneficiaries (as at end January 2012)	Estimated balance of provisions (as at 31 March 2012)	
			\$million	% against the approved budget
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in learning activities outside Hong Kong (a three-year programme)	June 2011	not applicable <sup>1</sup>	165.50 <sup>2</sup> (first year)	99.2%
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	August 2011	142	51.53 <sup>3</sup>	71.4%
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at schools for students from low-income families (for one school year)	September 2011	56 500	10.57	5.5%
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations (a two-year programme)	September 2011	2 <sup>4</sup>	3.07	97.3%
(5) Subsidy for persons with severe disabilities aged below 60 from low-income families who are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and require constant attendance and live in the community (a one-year programme)	September 2011	803	86.23	91.4%
(6) Subsidy for CSSA recipients who are owners of Tenant Purchase Scheme flats for five years or above and not eligible for rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	September 2011	515 (households)	1.02	37.4%

<sup>1</sup> The Education Bureau (EDB) has reserved funding ceilings for participating schools. After the schools have completed the cross-boundary learning activities, they will submit an activity and financial report to EDB in mid-2012. EDB will only release funds to schools after the report has been approved. No data is therefore available at this stage.

<sup>2</sup> Funding reserved for this programme will be disbursed to schools starting from mid-2012.

<sup>3</sup> Including an estimated balance of \$1.94 million of administration costs shared by this programme and programme (11) below.

<sup>4</sup> It was non-peak examination season in the initial implementation stage of this programme, and hence the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the implementation agency have mainly focused on promotion work, including briefing session, radio programmes, designated websites, promotional posters and leaflets, etc. In order to strengthen publicity, HAD and the implementation agency will further cooperate with the four Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities to encourage eligible persons to take part in this programme.



Programme	Rolled out in	Number of beneficiaries (as at end January 2012)	Estimated balance of provisions (as at 31 March 2012)	
			\$million	% against the approved budget
(7) Subsidy for elders aged 65 or above from low-income families who are on the waiting list for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) to hire household cleaning service and escorting services for medical consultation (a one-year programme)	October 2011	535	23.37	96.6%
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in private housing paying rents that exceed the maximum rent allowance under CSSA (a one-off programme)	October 2011	21 084 (households)	3.54	9.8%
(9) Subsidy for children with special needs from low-income families who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (a one-year programme)	December 2011	422	128.49	99.7%
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of subdivided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	December 2011	35 (households)	4.26	96.2%
(11) Subsidy for needy patients of HA who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	January 2012	28	7.12	79.1%
(12) Allowance for new arrivals from low-income families (a one-off programme)	October 2011	99 077	574.71	38.3%

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 27 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB097**

Question Serial No.

0995

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Under this programme, the Home Affairs Bureau will provide secretariat support to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund and its committees. Please advise this Council of the scope of work and the expenditure involved in this respect.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

As the co-ordinating bureau for the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Home Affairs Bureau provides a centralised secretariat for the CCF, which serves the Steering Committee, Executive Committee and Sub-committees on, among other things, collating community views, developing details of assistance programmes, allocating funding, monitoring the implementation of the programmes and evaluating the effectiveness of the CCF initiative. From 1 April 2011 to end January 2012, the expenditure involved was \$8.61 million, which were recovered from the CCF.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20 February 2012

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

**HAB098**

Question Serial No.

0951

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011-12, what was the Administration's expenditure for promoting national education outside schools and how many national education activities were funded? Please provide a breakdown by activity type (e.g. seminars, exhibitions, television advertisements, publicity by artistes, etc).

Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of such activities? In 2012-13, has the Administration earmarked any funding to review the contents of national education activities? Will such contents as frequent arrests of dissenters and outbreak of large-scale mass incidents in the Mainland in recent years be included?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

In 2011-12, the estimated expenditure of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) on national education outside schools is about \$33 million, involving a total of 173 projects. As many of these projects are organised in the form of a series of activities, for instance, a single project may involve study tour to the Mainland, workshop, exhibition, experience sharing, etc., we are unable to categorise them by activity type.

We will draw reference from the general feedback of participants of the projects, as well as from the evaluation carried out by the project organisers, with a view to identifying areas for further improvement. Such work has been absorbed by HAB's existing resources.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB099**

Question Serial No.

0696

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the regulation of hotels and guesthouses, please advise the following:

- (a) How many inspections were conducted by the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department in the past three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12? Were there any joint operations with other enforcement departments?
- (b) How many hotels and guesthouses operating illegally or without a licence did the OLA find in the past three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12? How many of which involved provision of accommodation for Mainland pregnant women?
- (c) What are the main duties of the 21 posts to be created under the above Programme?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

- (a) The number of inspections conducted by the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO), which includes joint operations with other departments, from 2009-10 to 2011-12 is tabulated as below:-

	2009	2010	2011
No. of Inspections	6 402	6 253	6 745

- (b) The OLA classifies cases on premises suspected of offering short-term rental accommodation to Mainland pregnant women as cases of 'suspected unlicensed operation of guesthouses'. The OLA does not have a separate breakdown of prosecution involved provision of accommodation for Mainland pregnant women.

The number of prosecution and conviction in respect of contravening the HAGAO is tabulated below:-

	2009	2010	2011
Prosecution <sup>#</sup>	40	39	58
Conviction <sup>#</sup>	37	45	42

#The figures of prosecution and conviction in the same year are slightly different because trials of some prosecution cases are conducted in the next year.

- (c) Among the 21 posts to be created, 18 posts will be responsible for taking up the functions in relation to the issuance of entertainment licences under the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435), the Gambling Ordinance (Cap. 148) and the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance (Cap. 114) to be transferred from the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority. The other three posts will be created under the OLA to strengthen its Enforcement Team.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 2 March 2012

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

**HAB100**

Question Serial No.

1594

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Last April, the Government provided additional resources and set up a dedicated team to strengthen and integrate the support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities.

- (a) Would the Administration please advise the actual expenditure and manpower of the dedicated team, the number of service recipients and the types of services?
- (b) Which non-governmental organisation with good networks in the Mainland has been commissioned to operate the programmes to help new arrivals better understand the local environment before coming to Hong Kong? Please also advise the actual expenditure involved and the effectiveness of the programmes.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

- (a) At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2011-12, HAD has set up a dedicated team and implemented a number of existing and enhanced support services for NAs and EMs, comprising –
- (i) \$2.4 million for support services for NAs, including the publication of a service handbook for NAs, subsidising adaptation courses and community activities, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs;
- (ii) \$26.4 million for support services for EMs, including the provision of four support service centres for EMs and two community support teams, funding three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesian, Nepali and Urdu), publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesian, Tagalog, Thai, Hindi, Nepali and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarship Scheme; and

(iii) \$9.7 million for enhanced support services for NAs and EMs, including district-based integration programmes, activities for prospective immigrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and ambassador schemes to introduce services to NAs and EMs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary.

The above resources include an annual provision of \$4.8 million earmarked to meet the cost of the dedicated team (comprising six civil service posts and four non-civil service contract staff) in HAD for implementing support services for NAs and EMs.

The estimated numbers of beneficiaries per annum are as follows:

- Adaptation courses and community activities for NAs : 900
- Four support service centres for EMs : 42 000
- Two community support teams for EMs : 6 500
- District-based integration programmes for NAs and EMs : 34 200
- Expectation management programmes for NAs: 8 000
- Ambassador schemes for NAs and EMs: 5 000
- Publications –
  - Service Handbook for NAs : 138 000 copies
  - Guide to Services in Hong Kong for EMs : 95 000 copies
  - Guide to Living in Hong Kong for EMs : 15 000 copies

(b) In October 2011, HAD commissioned the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch and the New Home Association to implement two programmes to organise activities for prospective immigrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here. The programmes also seek to help prospective immigrants strengthen their abilities to cope with difficulties they may face when settling in Hong Kong. Activities comprise exhibitions, talks, workshops, training courses, mutual support groups and family activities etc. The annual cost of the programmes and the estimated number of beneficiaries are \$2.2 million and 8 000 respectively. We will evaluate the outcomes of the programmes one year after implementation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB101**

Question Serial No.

0567

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Villages are currently categorised into indigenous villages and existing villages. What is the number of indigenous villages that are not existing villages? How much resources will be used to handle affairs relating to indigenous inhabitants of the indigenous villages that are not existing villages?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

According to the Village Representative Election Ordinance (VREO) (Cap. 576), villages are categorised into “indigenous villages” and “existing villages” (i.e. non-indigenous villages). The total number of indigenous villages is 603. Details are set out in the Schedules to the VREO.

The Home Affairs Department does not set aside specific funds to handle affairs relating to the inhabitants of either the “indigenous villages” or “existing villages”. The Department only makes funds available to grant an honorarium of \$2,000 per quarter to each of the village representatives of the two types of villages.

It is estimated that the total expenditure on granting the honorarium to the village representatives of the indigenous villages is about \$6.2 million in 2012-13.

The proposal of granting honorarium to village representatives was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in January 2010. Payment started in April 2010.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 1 March 2012



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

**HAB102**

Question Serial No.

0710

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much resources will the Home Affairs Department allocate for implementing the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme for the financial year 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

A sum of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme for 2011-12 to 2015-16, averaging about \$30 million per financial year. The actual amount of grants for 2012-13 would depend on the number of applications received and the amount of grants approved.

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Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 1 March 2012

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

**HAB103**

Question Serial No.

0711

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Since the launch of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme in June 2006, what is the total number of projects implemented? Are there any evaluation on the effectiveness of the projects or value-for-money assessment?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

Since its launch in 2006, a total of 128 projects have been approved under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme.

Under the current system, applicants for ESR grants must submit viable business plans to the ESR Advisory Committee to support their applications. Furthermore, grantees are required to submit regular progress reports to the Advisory Committee for evaluation.

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

**HAB104**

Question Serial No.

0712

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

Programme:                      (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer:        Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau:        Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the financial year 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department will provide about \$320 million for the District Minor Works programme. What is the estimated number of projects to be implemented with the provision to enhance the quality of life in the territory?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The annual provision of the District Minor Works (DMW) programme will be increased from \$300 million to \$320 million in 2012-13. As the District Councils are free to initiate and implement DMW projects, the number of projects that can be implemented within a financial year cannot be forecast with certainty at this stage. As a reference, however, an average of about 650 projects were completed in each financial year since the full roll-out of the DMW programme in 2008-09.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB105**

Question Serial No.

2546

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How many New Territories organisations are receiving subventions from the Home Affairs Department? Please provide in detail the name and function of the recipient organisations.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department gives subsidies to a number of categories of rural organisations in the New Territories to help meet their administrative expenses to facilitate their work. In 2012-13, these organisations are the Heung Yee Kuk, Rural Committees (27 in total) and Village Offices (204 in total). The functions of these rural organisations are to promote and develop co-operation and understanding between the Government and the people of the New Territories, and handle village affairs.

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Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 1 March 2012

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

**HAB106**

Question Serial No.

2547

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the rural elections conducted under the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) by the Home Affairs Department, please advise whether the rural committees concerned have been consulted on the delineation of constituencies for 2011 Village Representative Election. Please also advise whether there were any publicity efforts in respect of the election and the points to note on voting? If yes, what are the publicity measures and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The delineation of various existing village boundaries is formulated by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) after consultation with various rural organisations, including the Rural Committees. The boundaries are updated once every four years for the conduct of the Village Representative Election (VRE) held once every four years. This arrangement was applied for the 2011 VRE, with the relevant village boundaries formulated in April 2010.

As regards details of consultation for that exercise, HAD Headquarters and the District Offices in the New Territories (NTDOs) will first post notices and make available drafts of the delineation of village boundaries for public inspection. We will also post the notices and drafts on the notice boards of all villages concerned. The notices and drafts would also be issued to the Heung Yee Kuk and the relevant Rural Committees, District Councils and Area Committees. If there is objection received, the relevant District Officer will conduct a thorough study, and if he agrees to revise the delineation, the above consultation procedures would be repeated before a final decision is made.

When the delineation of village area is finalised, the whole set of maps will be uploaded to HAD's dedicated website on VRE. HAD and NTDOs will also make available a copy of the maps at their office for public inspection.

As regards publicity, for those eligible for voting in the Resident Representative (RR) election of the existing villages, their residence in the village must be their sole or main home. This requirement has been in place since the first VRE conducted in 2003, and is widely known to the rural community and the wider community alike. During the 2011 VRE, HAD exhibited a leaflet to each of the electors in the RR election of the existing villages present in the polling stations on the polling days to make sure they understand clearly the requirement before they cast votes. The leaflet reads:

“In accordance with section 15(4)(a) of the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), a person is not eligible to be registered as an elector for an Existing Village unless they are residents of that Village.

If registered electors of the Resident Representative Election no longer reside in the Village for which they are registered, or the principal residential addresses recorded in the register of electors are no longer the addresses of their sole or main homes, they are disqualified from being registered as electors. It is an offence if they cast their votes in an election.”

The above-mentioned reminder was also repeated in the polling notices sent to each of the registered voters before the polling days.

We do not have a breakdown on the expenses on the publicity measures outlined above.

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Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

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

**HAB107**

Question Serial No.

0781

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department will provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs). Please advise the allotment of these services, major initiatives, resources allocated and performance indicators. Please also advise in which districts the services will be implemented and whether the allocation of resources is one-off or recurrent in nature.
- (b) The 2011-12 Policy Address stated that an additional support service centre and two sub-centres will be set up and radio programmes in minority languages will be provided for EMs. Does the expenditure on support services for EMs include these expenses? Please tabulate the allocation of resources, performance indicators, staffing and the rank as follows:

Initiatives	Allocation of resources (\$)	One-off/ recurrent allocation	Service district	Rank of staff	Number of staff	Performance indicator
Support services for NAs						
Support services for EMs						
Support service centre for EMs						
Two support service sub-centres						
Radio programmes in minority languages						

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) & (b) At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2012-13, HAD will continue to provide a number of existing support services and put in place three new initiatives as announced by the Chief Executive in his 2011-12 Policy Address. The relevant information is as follows –

<b>Initiatives</b>	<b>Allocation of resources</b>	<b>One-off / recurrent allocation</b>	<b>Districts to be served</b>	<b>Performance indicator</b>
<b>(A) Existing support services</b>				
Support services for NAs	\$9.3 million	Recurrent	Territory-wide	Suitable indicators are adopted, for example – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of activities/ participants/ services beneficiaries; and</li> <li>• Feedback from participants/ beneficiaries.</li> </ul>
Support services for EMs	\$29.2 million	Recurrent	Territory-wide	
<b>(B) New Initiatives</b>				
Support service centre for EMs in Yau Tsim Mong District	\$4.2 million	\$1.7 million as one-off setting up cost and \$2.5 million as seven-month provision in 2012-13  (\$4.2 million as annual provision thereafter)	Territory-wide	ditto
Support service sub-centres for EMs in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung	\$3.0 million	\$1.5 million as one-off setting up cost and \$1.5 million as six-month provision in 2012-13  (\$3.1 million as annual provision thereafter)	Territory-wide	ditto
Radio programmes in two EM languages	\$1.0 million	Recurrent	Territory-wide	ditto



The above resources include an annual provision of \$4.8 million earmarked to meet the cost of a dedicated team in HAD to implement the existing and new initiatives. The composition of the team is set out below –

<b>Rank of Post/Non-civil service contract (NCSC) Staff</b>	<b>Number of Post/Staff</b>
<b>(A) Civil Service Posts</b>	
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	1
Executive Officer II	1
Statistical Officer II	1
Clerical Assistant	1
<b>(B) NCSC Staff</b>	
Senior Programme Officer	1
Programme Officer I	1
Programme Officer II	1
Programme Assistant	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

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Date: 5 March 2012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION****HAB108**

Question Serial No.

3194

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):Programme: (1) District AdministrationControlling Officer: Director of Home AffairsDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for improving building management and assisting private buildings in the formation of owners' corporations (OCs). Please provide the figures for the following:

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number of private domestic buildings (four storeys or more) in the territory					
Total number of domestic buildings (four storeys or more) aged 30 years or above in the territory					
Total number of residents of domestic buildings (four storeys or more) aged over 30 years in the territory					
Number of buildings without an OC in the territory					
Number of buildings (aged 30 years or above) without an OC in the territory					
Number of buildings with an OC in the territory					
Number of OCs formed with the assistance of the HAD in the year					
Number of OCs formed (in buildings aged 30 years or above) with the assistance of the HAD in the year					
Staffing level required for the year					
Expenditure involved for the year					

- (b) How will the Administration expedite its work in assisting private buildings in the formation of OCs?
- (c) Has the Administration provided sponsorship to non-profit-making organisations to assist private buildings in the formation of OCs? If yes, what are the number of sponsored programmes and the amount of sponsorship? If no, what are the reasons? Is there any plan to provide such sponsorship?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

(a) The figures required are set out below –

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number of private domestic buildings (four storeys or more) in the territory*	18 900	18 900	19 000	19 100	19 200
Total number of domestic buildings (four storeys or more) aged 30 years or above in the territory*	9 600	10 000	10 500	11 100	11 500
Total number of residents of domestic buildings (four storeys or more) aged over 30 years in the territory*	We do not have the figures on number of residents of domestic buildings.				
Number of buildings without an owners' corporation (OC) in the territory*	23 700	23 500	23 300	23 000	22 800
Number of buildings (aged 30 years or above) without an OC in the territory*	11 600	11 700	11 800	12 400	12 600
Number of buildings with an OC in the territory*	15 600	15 800	16 300	16 600	17 100
Number of OCs formed with the assistance of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in the year	249	219	315	253	192
Number of OCs formed (in buildings aged 30 years or above) with the assistance of the HAD in the year	We do not have further breakdown on the age of the buildings where OCs formed in the year.				
Staffing level required for the year	110	110	110	115	118
Expenditure involved for the year (in million)	42.00	44.70	48.30	49.92	50.96

\* The figures round up or down to the nearest hundred.

(b) Management and maintenance of the building is the responsibility of property owners. There are various forms of management such as engaging property management companies (PMCs) and setting up resident organisations. Formation of OCs is one of them. In fact, quite a number of buildings have engaged PMCs to effectively manage their buildings because of their professionalism.

In order to further strengthen the support to owners of old private buildings, HAD, besides setting up Building Management Liaison Teams in the districts to provide better and more direct services for the residents, launched the Building Management Professional Service Scheme (BMPSS) as a one year trial scheme in April 2010 in collaboration with professional associations of the property management industry. The BMPSS offered tailored-made support service to owners of old private buildings. As the BMPSS received favorable feedback and support from owners of the target buildings, HAD extended the service to 18 districts and launched the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) in 2011 by engaging PMCs to provide professional advisory service to owners of old private buildings.

- (c) Under the BMPASS, the scope of services provided by PMCs include conducting household visits and contacting owners directly; producing building management audit reports on common areas; facilitating the formation of OCs/mutual aid committees/other owners' organisations or the reactivation of operation of OCs; attending OC meetings to provide professional advice and secretarial support; assisting OCs in applying for various loan and subsidy schemes for maintenance works, and following up on maintenance works and tendering matters; assisting OCs in the procurement of third party risks insurance; assisting OCs in the purchase and installation of energy saving equipment; and providing training on building management to office-bearers of OCs and owners.

In view of the favourable feedback on the one-stop services provided by the PMCs, HAD would continue to engage PMCs in assisting owners to effectively manage their buildings. We have no plan to provide sponsorship to non-profit-making organisations in this regard.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB109**

Question Serial No.

0753

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

Programme:                      (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer:        Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau:        Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the arrangement for Heads of Departments to visit District Councils (DCs) to personally listen to members' views, what are the actual and estimated number of attendances for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively? Please list by district, the number of times each Head of Department visited DCs to personally listen to members' views.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Government regards the District Councils (DCs) as key partners in district administration. We have enhanced the communication between senior government officials and DCs through a series of arrangements. In this connection, we have arranged for 22 Heads of Departments with direct interface with the public to meet with DCs to listen to the views of DC members. The respective numbers of attendances for 2010, 2011 and 2012, broken down by district, are set out in the **Annex**.

Moreover, policy bureaux and departments continue to consult DCs on various policy proposals and other matters affecting the well-being of the people in the district. In this connection, the policy bureaux / departments concerned will send representatives to attend the DC meetings. Furthermore, representatives of the core departments continue to attend DC meetings on a regular basis.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012

**Number of Meetings of District Councils attended by Heads of Departments in 2010, 2011 and 2012**

District Councils	Actual number of meetings in 2010*	Actual number of meetings in 2011*	Estimated number of meetings in 2012*
<b>Urban</b>			
Central & Western	3	9	7
Eastern	5	11	7
Kowloon City	5	6	7
Kwun Tong	3	9	6
Sham Shui Po	5	6	7
Southern	4	8	6
Wan Chai	4	7	8
Wong Tai Sin	6	6	6
Yau Tsim Mong	5	8	9
<b>New Territories</b>			
Islands	4	7	8
Kwai Tsing	5	8	8
North	7	4	9
Sai Kung	5	8	7
Sha Tin	5	6	8
Tai Po	6	5	7
Tsuen Wan	4	7	7
Tuen Mun	2	10	6
Yuen Long	3	9	8
<b>Total of the Year</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>131</b>

\* including at full council meetings, committee meetings, briefing sessions, etc.

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

**HAB110**

Question Serial No.

0754

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding community involvement projects implemented with District Council Funds, please provide a breakdown of the actual expenditures and the revised estimated expenditures of the 18 districts for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

Information concerning the funds allocated to the 18 District Councils (DCs) in 2010-11 and 2011-12 for implementation of community involvement (CI) projects is set out below –

	<b>District Council</b>	<b>2010-11 (Actual expenditures) (\$)</b>	<b>2011-12* (Revised estimated expenditures)# (\$)</b>
1.	Central & Western	14,264,463	13,050,000
2.	Eastern	18,149,329	19,250,000
3.	Kowloon City	13,321,562	13,400,000
4.	Kwun Tong	22,145,305	21,750,000
5.	Sham Shui Po	17,841,747	17,700,000
6.	Southern	12,182,158	12,250,000
7.	Wan Chai	10,233,981	10,000,000
8.	Wong Tai Sin	19,181,685	18,550,000
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	17,861,086	16,450,000
10.	Islands	11,960,055	12,900,000
11.	Kwai Tsing	20,169,735	19,950,000
12.	North	15,315,485	15,850,000
13.	Sai Kung	15,174,294	14,900,000
14.	Sha Tin	20,514,159	20,850,000
15.	Tai Po	15,389,187	14,600,000
16.	Tsuen Wan	13,225,000	13,500,000
17.	Tuen Mun	21,174,458	20,400,000
18.	Yuen Long	20,630,289	21,750,000
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>298,733,978</b>	<b>297,100,000</b>

- \* Of the \$300 million provided for the organisation of CI projects in 2011-12, \$2,900,000 is used as contingency funds.
- # Redeployment of funds will be carried out towards the end of the financial year having regard to the latest spending position of the DCs.

We are considering the amount of funds to be allocated to each of the DCs in 2012-13, taking into account the operational experience in the past four years.

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Date: 1 March 2012



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

**HAB111**

Question Serial No.

0755

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What is the purpose of the subventions to New Territories organisations? Please list the subvented organisations and the respective amount of subvention for 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department gives subsidies to a number of categories of rural organisations in the New Territories to help meet their administrative expenses to facilitate their work for 2011-12. These organisations are the Heung Yee Kuk, Rural Committees and Village Offices. Details are set out below –

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Estimated sum of subsidies for 2011-12</b>
Heung Yee Kuk	Around \$2,652,000
Rural Committees (Total number: 27)	Around \$4,580,000
Village Offices (Total number: 204)	Around \$460,000

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Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 1 March 2012

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

**HAB112**

Question Serial No.

0756

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the provision for organising celebration activities for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, please advise the amount of provision and the number of activities to be held. Please also provide breakdown of activities with an expenditure of over HK\$500,000 by name and estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department will reserve \$1.75 million for celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The Department will host a Flag Raising Ceremony on 1 July 2012 and assist in the organisation of other events.

In addition, the 18 District Councils and various district organisations are planning to host a number of celebration activities, such as carnivals, gala shows, and concerts, throughout 2012. Details are not yet available, but they will be published in an events calendar later. Funding will be from the normal allocation to the District Councils.

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Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB113**

Question Serial No.

1199

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What was the expenditure of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) on voter registration for Village Representative (VR) Elections in the past financial year? Did the HAD conduct any verification on the registers of electors? If yes, what were the number of verification and the expenditure involved? Will verification work be stepped up in the next financial year?
- (b) Regarding the fact that there were fewer female and non-indigenous inhabitant candidates in VR Elections, what promotional efforts did the Government make in the past year to encourage more female and non-indigenous inhabitants to stand for elections? What was the expenditure involved? What are the estimates and the work plan for the next financial year?
- (c) For the past year and the next five years, what are Government's plans and administrative arrangements for the transfer of VR Election duties from the HAD to the Registration and Electoral Office? What are the staffing and other resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

- (a) The 2011 Village Representative Election (VRE) was concluded in January 2011. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) adopted a number of measures to verify information when compiling the register for the election. The measures included sending letters to all registered voters, reminding them to inform the Electoral Registration Officer of any changes in their personal particulars. After obtaining consent from the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, HAD also conducted cross-checking on the addresses of the registered voters for the Resident Representative (RR) election with those kept by the Housing Department. The Independent Commission Against Corruption also helped conduct a number of publicity campaigns on anti-corruption, with a particular focus on illegal behaviours of providing false information and casting vote in the election.

After the election, HAD had taken follow-up actions on those polling notices returned by the Post Office. For those voters whom could not be reached by phone, HAD would send registered mails to them, requesting residential proof. If no response is received, the particulars of the voters would be included in the 2012 omission list.

VRE is held once every four years. According to the law, the register of the elections is updated annually, and the provisional register has to be published on or before 27 August every year, and made available for public inspection for 14 days. Anyone who considers that a registered voter on the register is not eligible may lodge objections within a specified timeframe. Every objection case will be heard by a Revising Officer. HAD would provide information of the voters concerned to the Revising Officer to aid the adjudication.

The total expenditure of the 2011 VRE was around \$22 million. It covered the costs of verifying the information on the registers. We do not have a breakdown for the expenses.

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) is strengthening its verification of particulars on the registers for the geographical constituency. Those measures are equally applied to the VRE and have become part of HAD's routine work.

- (b) According to the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), there are two types of village representatives – one is the Indigenous Inhabitant Representatives elected by the indigenous inhabitants, and the other one is the Resident Representatives elected by both indigenous and non-indigenous inhabitants living within a delineated area of an existing village. Any persons that can meet the eligibility criteria may register as voters for the elections of the two types of village representatives, regardless of their gender.

In order to publicise voter registration and encourage registered voters to vote in the elections, HAD conducts publicity campaigns every year, for example, advertising on the newspapers; displaying banners, posters and circulars in the villages of the New Territories; distributing voter registration forms and leaflets, and issuing press releases. The Department also send letters to all rural and women organisations, encouraging female participation in the elections.

For the RR elections, the number of registered voters increased by 4%, from about 85 200 in 2007 to nearly 88 700 in 2011. For the two types of VREs, the number of female registered voters increased from around 80 200 in 2007, to over 86 400 in 2011, representing an increase of around 8%. The number of female candidates rose from 35 in 2007 to 39 in 2011, representing an increase of more than 11%. The number of female elected village representatives rose from 28 in 2007 to 30 in 2011, representing an increase of more than 7%.

We have set aside a specific sum to cover all the expenses of the VRE. The estimated amount reserved for the purpose in 2012-13 is around \$3 million. We do not have a breakdown of the expenses on publicity campaigns.

- (c) According to the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541), VREs are supervised by the Electoral Affairs Commission, and conducted by HAD.

After each round of VRE, the Government would conduct an inter-departmental review, to identify room for improvement for future elections. There are several departments involved in the review, including the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, REO and HAD. After the 2011 VRE, a review was also conducted. The result of the review revealed that the past three VREs were conducted smoothly in an open, fair, and honest manner, and HAD should continue to be responsible for conducting the elections. The duties would not be passed to REO.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB114**

Question Serial No.

2417

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

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Rural Public Works (RPW) programme was launched in 1999 to provide funds for upgrading the infrastructure and improving the living environment of the rural community. As regards the strengthening of flood attenuation capacity in rural areas, please provide the following information:

- (a) Would the Administration implement minor works projects for flood prevention in 2012-13? If yes, please provide the details.
- (b) Please provide the number of and the expenditure on minor works carried out under the RPW programme in each district in 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, we plan to implement 19 flood prevention and related projects in rural areas with a total approved project estimate of \$16.4 million. Details of these projects are at the Annex.
- (b) In 2011-12, we implemented 228 projects under the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme with a total expenditure of \$120 million. A breakdown of these projects by district is given below. We have earmarked another \$120 million under RPW programme in 2012-13.

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure in</u> <u>2011-12</u> <u>(\$ million)</u>
Islands	34	19.2
Kwai Tsing	9	6.8
North	18	13.4
Sai Kung	25	16.4
Sha Tin	18	5.7
Tuen Mun	8	11.1
Tai Po	33	21.9
Tsuen Wan	24	6.0
Yuen Long	59	19.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>120.0</b>

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**List of 19 Flood Prevention and Related Projects under Rural Public Works Programme to be Implemented in 2012-13**

Serial No.	District	Projects
1	Islands	Improvement to stream embankment at Ma Po Tsuen, Mui Wo
2	Islands	Construction of box culvert and drainage improvement project at Leung Uk Tsuen, Tai O
3	North	Improvement works to natural stream (near lamp post EA2300) at Fu Tei Au, Sheung Shui
4	Tai Po	Construction of drainage facilities at Lin Au Cheng Uk, Tai Po
5	Tai Po	Construction of access road and drainage channel at Wai Tau, Tai Po
6	Tai Po	Improvement to footpath and drainage at Tit Mei Tsai, Nam Hang, Tai Po
7	Tai Po	Construction of drainage channel near House No. 212 at Hang Ha Po, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po
8	Tai Po	Improvement to footpath and drainage near House No. 25 at Ying Pun Ha, Tai Po
9	Tai Po	Construction of drainage channel at San Uk Tsai, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po
10	Tai Po	Improvement to stream embankment at Tseng Tau, Tung Tze, Tai Po
11	Tai Po	Construction to storm water channel at Lo Wai, Fung Yuen, Tai Po
12	Tai Po	Improvement to drainage channel and footpath at Tai Tung, Sai Kung North, Tai Po
13	Tai Po	Improvement to stream course near house no. 44B at Ping Long, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po
14	Tai Po	Improvement to stream embankment at Shui Wo, Tai Po
15	Tai Po	Improvement of drainage channel at Tai Po Tau Shui Wai, Tai Po
16	Tai Po	Improvement of drainage and access road at Chuen Pei Lung, Lam Tsuen Tai Po
17	Tai Po	Improvement to stream embankment at Kau Lung Hang near Yuk Yin Primary School, Tai Po
18	Yuen Long	Improvement to drainage channel at Ko Po Tsuen, Kam Tin
19	Yuen Long	Reconstruction of access and drainage channel near House No. 159 at Tsing Tam, Yuen Kong Tsuen, Pat Heung



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

**HAB115**

Question Serial No.

2418

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to involving the public in the work of owners' corporations (OCs), please advise the number of OCs formed with the assistance of the Home Affairs Department, the staffing level required and the expenditure involved in the past two years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2011-12).

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2010 and 2011, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) assisted in the formation of 253 and 192 owners' corporations (OCs) respectively. At present, about 118 Liaison Officers in the HAD are undertaking duties relating to building management including assisting owners in forming OCs. The expenditure involved is approximately \$50.96 million.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB116**

Question Serial No.

2419

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please advise the funds allocated to each of the 18 District Councils in 2011 and 2012.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The funds allocated to each of the 18 District Councils (DCs) in 2011-12 for implementation of community involvement (CI) projects and districts minor works (DMW) projects are set out below –

	District Council	2011-12 Allocation	
		Allocation for CI Projects *	Allocation for DMW Projects #
		(\$)	(\$)
1.	Central & Western	13,050,000	10,714,000
2.	Eastern	19,250,000	15,645,000
3.	Kowloon City	13,400,000	13,913,000
4.	Kwun Tong	21,750,000	18,610,000
5.	Sham Shui Po	17,700,000	17,230,000
6.	Southern	12,250,000	12,533,000
7.	Wan Chai	10,000,000	9,774,000
8.	Wong Tai Sin	18,550,000	17,083,000
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	16,450,000	14,412,000
10.	Islands	12,900,000	17,025,000
11.	Kwai Tsing	19,950,000	18,346,000
12.	North	15,850,000	18,052,000
13.	Sai Kung	14,900,000	17,671,000
14.	Sha Tin	20,850,000	18,581,000
15.	Tai Po	14,600,000	17,611,000
16.	Tsuen Wan	13,500,000	14,002,000
17.	Tuen Mun	20,400,000	19,227,000
18.	Yuen Long	21,750,000	23,071,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>297,100,000</b>	<b>293,500,000</b>

- \* Of the \$300 million provided for the organisation of CI projects in 2011-12, \$2,900,000 is used as contingency funds.
- # Of the \$300 million provision under the DMW programme for 2011-12, \$6,500,000 has been allocated for cross-district works coordinated by Home Affairs Department Headquarters.

We are considering the amount of funds to be allocated to each of the DCs in 2012-13, taking into account the operational experience in the past four years.

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

**HAB117**

Question Serial No.

2421

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department is responsible for monitoring the provision of support services for new arrivals from the Mainland to facilitate their integration into the community. Please advise the estimated expenditure involved in 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2012-13, HAD will continue to implement a number of existing support services for NAs, comprising –

- (a) \$2.4 million for support services, including the publication of a service handbook, subsidising adaptation courses and community activities, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs; and
- (b) \$6.9 million for enhanced support services, including district-based integration programmes, activities for prospective immigrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and an ambassador scheme to introduce services to NAs by arranging for those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary.

The above resources include the annual provision of \$1.4 million for a dedicated team in HAD to implement the above initiatives for NAs.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB118**

Question Serial No.

2422

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that activities to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be organised. Please advise the specific plan and the estimated manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department will reserve \$1.75 million for celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The Department will host a Flag Raising Ceremony on 1 July 2012 and assist in the organisation of other events. A total of 26 staff will be deployed to undertake the celebration events and other related activities.

In addition, the 18 District Councils and various district organisations are planning to host a number of celebration activities, such as carnivals, gala shows, and concerts, throughout 2012. Details are not yet available, but they will be published in an events calendar later. Funding will be from the normal allocation to the District Councils.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB119**

Question Serial No.

1905

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme will be continued. Please advise the actual expenditure in 2010-11, the revised estimated expenditure in 2011-12 and the draft estimate in 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The actual expenditure to implement the funded social enterprise projects under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme in 2010-11 was \$22.6 million. The revised estimate for 2011-12 is \$20.3 million. The draft estimate for 2012-13 is \$22.6 million.

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

**HAB120**

Question Serial No.

1906

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that activities to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be organised. Please provide the estimated cost of the activities and details of the distribution of the expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB121**

Question Serial No.

1907

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Singleton Hostel Programme will continue to be implemented. Please advise the respective expenditure of the Programme in the past two financial years, the estimated expenditure for 2012-13 and number of successful cases of singletons moved.

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Singleton Hostel Programme (the Programme) was implemented to tie in with the introduction of the licensing regime under the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) in 1994. The objective of the Programme is to provide short-term accommodation for those bedspace lodgers affected by the implementation of the Ordinance through services provided by the non-governmental organisations. As the hostels under the Programme are run by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing basis, the Government does not need to provide funding for the operation of the Programme.

The singleton hostels and lodgers will enter into a tenancy agreement for a fixed period of stay. Lodgers are required to plan for their long-term accommodation arrangement during their stay in the hostels and move out after securing long-term accommodation.

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

**HAB122**

Question Serial No.

0836

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department will oversee the full implementation of measures to enhance the roles of District Councils (DCs) in 2012-13. Would the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) measures to enhance the roles of DCs and their respective actual expenditure;
- (b) ways to monitor the measure and the expenditure thus incurred, and whether there are indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of such measures?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

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

The measures include, amongst others, increasing the annual provision to DCs in organising community involvement (CI) projects to \$300 million and providing an annual provision of \$300 million under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme in districts. The actual expenditures for CI projects and DMW projects in 2010-11 were \$299 million and \$296 million respectively.

To enable the DCs to improve district facilities continuously and to manage and maintain the completed facilities, the Chief Executive announced in the 2011-12 Policy Address that the annual provision under the DMW Programme would be increased progressively to \$400 million within the current and coming DC terms. The additional funding will cover project costs and the recurrent expenditure of the completed facilities. To meet this end, the annual provision under the DMW Programme will be increased from \$300 million to \$320 million in 2012-13 financial year. At the same time, the Administration also plans to increase the annual provision for CI projects from \$300 million to \$320 million in the same financial year.

In addition, all DCs have been involved in the management of some district facilities, including community halls, public libraries, leisure grounds, sports venues, swimming pools and beaches. District Facilities Management Committees have been set up under DCs to oversee facilities management. Furthermore, the Heads of Departments with direct interface with the public have attended DC meetings regularly to enhance the communication between senior government officials and DCs. The associated expenditure is absorbed within the existing resources of the departments concerned.

- (b) The Home Affairs Department oversees the implementation of measures to enhance the role and functions of DCs through existing manpower and through such indicators as numbers of CI projects and DMW projects.

Over the past years, DCs have been actively collaborating with various sectors and government departments to implement a large number of CI programmes and activities, and helped build a more caring community and meet the needs of the districts. Since 2008-09, over 149 500 CI projects were endorsed and implemented. In parallel, a total of over 3 200 DMW projects were endorsed since 2008-09, with over 2 600 projects completed as at end of 2011. These projects have helped improve local facilities and beautify the environment for the benefit of the local community.

At the same time, DCs have made good progress in participating in the management of district facilities. They have been actively involved in initiating various proposals to relevant government departments on improving facilities. For example, the stage lighting and sound systems of some community halls have been upgraded to better meet the needs of the public.

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**HAB123**

Question Serial No.

0837

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

According to the Home Affairs Department's indicators for the key performance measures in respect of community building, the average usage rate of multi-purpose halls in community centres and community halls are 78% and 76% respectively. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the criteria for determining the indicators, whether there is any plan to increase the usage rate, and the annual operational expenses of these facilities?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The indicators in respect of the average usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community centres / community halls (CCs/CHs) are worked out on the basis of the time-slots expected to be taken up, against the total time-slots available, including non-peak hours, such as meal time and in early morning. It should be noted that the multi-purpose halls in a number of districts are fully booked for Saturdays, Sundays and during evening hours on weekdays. We have been working with the District Councils in carrying out improvement works in CCs/CHs, such as improving the audio-visual and projection systems and stage lightings, with a view to further enhancing the utilisation of CCs/CHs. The usage rates of CCs/CHs will be reviewed from time to time to ensure that district needs would be met. The operational expenses of CCs/CHs in 2010-11 were around \$80 million.

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

**HAB124**

Question Serial No.

0838

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As shown under the indicators of the Home Affairs Department, the number of “district campaign activities” has decreased from 1 215 in 2010 to an estimated 1 100 in 2012 and the “no. of participants in district campaign activities” has decreased from 2.3 million to 2.1 million respectively. Would the Administration explain the downward adjustments of the indicators and advise the implications on the expenditure of the activities?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

District campaign activities, organised or co-organised by District Offices, include district festivals, exhibitions, seminars, carnivals, festive celebrations and performances, etc.

The number of district campaign activities and the number of participants in such activities may vary from one year to another, having regard to district tradition, district demographic characteristics and the nature of activities organised. Projected figures are based on previous trends. Despite the yearly variation, the Home Affairs Department will make available the same amount of funding for district campaign activities for 2012-13.

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

**HAB125**

Question Serial No.

0839

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Home Affairs Department will “continue to provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities”. Would the Administration please provide details of the measures and a breakdown of the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2012-13, HAD will continue a number of existing measures to provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs), as follows –

- (a) \$2.4 million for support services for NAs, including publication of a service handbook for NAs, subsidising adaptation courses and community activities, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs;
- (b) \$26.4 million for support services for EMs, including providing four support service centres for EMs and two community support teams, funding three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesian, Nepali and Urdu), publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesian, Tagalog, Thai, Hindi, Nepali and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarship Scheme; and
- (c) \$9.7 million for enhanced support services for NAs and EMs, including district-based integration programmes, organising activities for prospective immigrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and implementing ambassador schemes to introduce services to NAs and EMs by arranging for those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary.

The above resources include annual provision of \$4.8 million earmarked to meet the cost of the dedicated team (comprising six civil service posts and four non-civil service contract staff) in HAD for implementing support services for NAs and EMs.

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2011-12 Policy Address, we will establish an additional support service centre for EMs in Yau Tsim Mong District and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively. In addition, we will provide two additional radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Hindi and Thai). The estimated expenditures for the additional centre and sub-centres are \$7.2 million in 2012-13 (including \$3.2 million as one-off setting up cost and \$4 million as part-year recurrent provision), or \$7.3 million as annual provision in 2013-14 and onwards. The estimated expenditure of the additional radio programmes is \$1 million in 2012-13 and onwards.

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

**HAB126**

Question Serial No.

0840

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Home Affairs Department will “continue to promote public participation in community affairs and district activities”. Would the Administration please provide details of the measures and a breakdown of the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department is responsible for district administration. A key task for this is community building. The task is carried out through promotion of public participation in community affairs and district activities. These community affairs and district activities are many. Building management, community involvement projects implemented with District Council Funds and celebration activities are but a few examples. There is no breakdown of expenditure on individual items.

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

**HAB127**

Question Serial No.

0841

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

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

For the key performance measures in respect of local environmental improvements, the indicator “Local Public Works (maintenance) projects completed” has decreased from 272 in 2010 to an estimated 225 in 2012, would the Administration explain the downward adjustment of the indicator and advise the implications on the expenditure of the projects.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The average budget size of the Local Public Works (maintenance) projects to be completed in 2012 is larger than that in 2010. While it is estimated that a smaller number of projects will be completed in 2012, the estimated expenditure on Local Public Works (maintenance) in 2012 is higher. The actual expenditure for 2010 is \$33.7 million. It would rise by 11% for 2012 to \$37.4 million.

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

**HAB128**

Question Serial No.

0842

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

Programme: (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Home Affairs Department will continue to “give advice to bureaux and departments in conducting public consultation on development proposals” and “assist in ensuring that the planning of major infrastructural projects takes account of local views and sentiments”. Would the Administration please provide details of the programmes concerned and a breakdown of the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

While government bureaux and departments take the lead in conducting public consultation and addressing public concerns on relevant subjects under their respective purviews, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) assists bureaux and departments in gauging public views on major planning and works-related development projects. HAD also provides assessments on public reactions and the likely implications of the projects for the community, based on views collected by the District Offices (DOs) through their district networks. HAD and its DOs maintain close liaison with different sectors of the community as part of their core and regular duties. We do not have separate breakdown of expenditure in this area.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB129**

Question Serial No.

2779

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme to reinforce the district-based approach in support of Government's overall objective of helping the disadvantaged groups to achieve self-reliance. Please advise this Committee of the latest progress of the Programme, and the work plan and estimated expenditure for this year.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

Since its launch in 2006, the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) has approved 128 social enterprise (SE) projects and created more than 2 100 jobs.

A sum of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the ESR Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16, giving an average of about \$30 million per financial year. In 2012-13, the ESR Advisory Committee will continue to receive applications for grants under the Programme. The Home Affairs Department will continue to provide secretarial services to the Advisory Committee, and enhance its support and promotional measures for SEs. The estimated expenditure for the Programme in 2012-13 would depend on the number of applications approved and the amount of grants disbursed. In 2012-13, about \$6 million will be earmarked for the support and promotional measures for SEs.

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

**HAB130**

Question Serial No.

2660

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011-12, the provision of support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) was transferred to the Home Affairs Department. Has the Administration assessed the effectiveness of and impact on the support services as a result of this transfer and what is the effect on the support for EMs living in a scattered manner?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

Since April 2011, the support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) have been transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) to the Home Affairs Department (HAD). Over the past year, HAD has taken a proactive approach in continuing the existing support services, and put in place new initiatives through enhanced district partnership and media partnership to better help EMs integrate into the local community. So far, the initiatives have been effective and well received by the EM beneficiaries.

In 2011-12, apart from the existing support services transferred from CMAB, HAD has set up a dedicated team to strengthen the support services for EMs amongst others. In particular, we have made good use of our district networks, including District Offices and the services of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and district organisations, to facilitate better integration of EMs into the community. In this connection, we have implemented two initiatives, as follows –

- (a) launching district-based integration programmes by relevant District Offices in districts with higher service demands at an annual cost of \$1.2 million. Having considered the distribution of the EM population in different districts, the programmes for EMs have been launched in Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long. Activities organised under the programmes vary in accordance with district characteristics and needs, and generally include adaptation courses, mutual help networks, volunteer programmes or community visits, etc. The estimated number of beneficiaries is 9 000; and
- (b) implementing an ambassador scheme to introduce services to EMs by arranging for those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary. The expenditure and estimated number of beneficiaries is \$0.6 million and 1 500 respectively.

In addition, HAD has fostered media partnership through engaging a local radio network under the brandings of “Get into Harmony” and “Love in Harmony – Starting from Social Enterprises” to promote social harmony. The programmes hosts visited EMs, amongst others, and turned the visits into radio programmes. The visits have been dynamic and interactive in nature, and built on the traditions and daily lives of EMs or self-reliance through working in social enterprises. The costs of the programmes are met through redeployment of existing resources of HAD.

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2011-12 Policy Address, in addition to the four existing support service centres located in Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long, we will establish an additional support service centre in Yau Tsim Mong District and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively to provide more support services for EMs. Like the existing support service centres, the operators of the new centre/sub-centres will be required to provide services on a territory-wide basis. They will also be encouraged to actively pursue collaboration with other organisations, such as NGOs, district organisations and religious organisations, for provision of services in different districts. In addition, we will provide two additional radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Hindi and Thai) to reach out to more EMs and help them obtain various information through the radio.

We will continue to keep the operation of the support services for EMs under review in order to ensure that the support services can meet their needs.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB131**

Question Serial No.

0126

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department estimates that in 2012, 10 700 inspections will be made in respect of licensing of establishments. How many of which will be targeted at unlicensed premises providing accommodation for Mainland pregnant women with a view to combating the increasingly rampant illegal operation?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department is responsible for administering the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO), Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) and Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573). It is tasked with the issue of licences/certificates of compliance and enforcement work under these Ordinances. Among the 10 700 inspections to be conducted in 2012, about 70% will be made under HAGAO. On the enforcement side of HAGAO, the OLA classifies cases on premises suspected of offering short-term rental accommodation to Mainland pregnant women as cases of “suspected unlicensed operation of guesthouses”. The OLA does not have a separate breakdown of the target number of inspections of unlicensed premises providing accommodation for Mainland pregnant women.

In view of the public concern on the operation of illegal guesthouses for Mainland pregnant women, the OLA has stepped up its law enforcement action by conducting more blitz inspections and mounting more large-scale inter-departmental operations at accommodation hotspots of visitors and Mainland pregnant women. The OLA will persistently strengthen its enforcement action including mounting decoy operations during office hours and outside office hours at night, as well as conducting blitz enforcement inspections against suspected unlicensed premises for Mainland pregnant women.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB132**

Question Serial No.

1473

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please advise the current number of staff in the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department responsible for licensing of guesthouses. In the past three years, how many complaints involving unlicensed guesthouses did the OLA receive? Of which, how many prosecutions were initiated and what was the number of successful convictions and what were the penalties? Furthermore, will the Administration strengthen law enforcement actions against the operation of unlicensed guesthouses? If yes, what are the details and will manpower be increased? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) currently has an establishment of 50 civil service posts. It is responsible for enforcing the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO), Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) and Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573). Under these Ordinances, it is also tasked with the issue of licences/certificates of compliance to the relevant establishments. The operation of hotels and guesthouses in Hong Kong is regulated by HAGAO which stipulates that any premises providing sleeping accommodation at a fee with a tenancy term of less than 28 consecutive days shall obtain a licence before commencing operation. The complaints, prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed guesthouses in the past three years are set out below –

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Complaint*</b>	445	366	696
<b>Prosecution</b>	39	38	53
<b>Conviction</b>	36	44	39

\* Some of the cases were outside the purview of HAGAO as the premises were let out on a monthly basis.

The operation of an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence. Under HAGAO, any person who operates hotels or guesthouses without valid licences is liable on conviction to a fine of \$200,000, imprisonment for two years and a fine of \$20,000 for each day during which the offence continues. In the past three years (as at 31 January 2012), the fine imposed by the court for breach of HAGAO ranged from \$800 to \$30,000 and 13 offenders have been sentenced to imprisonments of two weeks to four months (ten with suspension for one to two years). We consider the present level of penalties appropriate and do not plan to increase the penalties.

Currently, OLA has a team of 32 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff with law enforcement experience for performing enforcement related duties. To strengthen enforcement action against unlicensed guesthouses, OLA has enhanced its intelligence network and penetration and stepped up its law enforcement action by conducting more blitz inspections and mounting more large-scale inter-departmental operations at suspected unlicensed guesthouse black spots. It has also introduced a number of new measures. As a standard practice, OLA will pass on information of the convicted cases including the names of the convicted persons, locations of the premises, etc. to relevant parties both within and outside Government for follow-up action. These parties include the Rating and Valuation Department, the Inland Revenue Department, mortgage banks or financial institutions, property owners, owners' corporations and management offices of the buildings. It will also pass the conviction records of property agents or insurance agents to the Estate Agents Authority or the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance for disciplinary punishment. In 2012-13, three civil service posts will be created under OLA to strengthen its Enforcement Team. OLA also plans to employ additional NCSC and part-time staff to cope with the increasing workload.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB133**

Question Serial No.

2268

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Since April 2011, the Home Affairs Department has implemented the District-based Integration Programme (the Programme) in six districts to facilitate the early integration of ethnic minorities (EMs) into the community. Please advise this Committee of the provision for the Programme in 2011-12 and 2012-13, the respective provision for the six districts, the services, the number of EM beneficiaries, and the timeframe for reviewing the Programme.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Department launched the district-based integration programmes for ethnic minorities (EMs) in districts with higher service demands at an annual cost of \$1.2 million. The six districts concerned are Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long. The expenditure for EM programme(s) is \$0.2 million per district, while the estimated average number of EM beneficiaries is 1 500 per district. The approach and activities under the programmes vary in accordance with district characteristics and needs, and generally include enquiry services, adaptation courses, mutual help networks, volunteer programmes, community visits, etc.

We will continue to provide district-based integration programmes in 2012-13 with the same provision, and will conduct a review by the end of the coming financial year.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012



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

**HAB134**

Question Serial No.

2269

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

During the year, the Home Affairs Department plans to set up a support service centre for ethnic minorities (EMs) in Yau Tsim Mong and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung to strengthen the support for EMs. Please advise the location of the centres, the expenditure involved and the services to be provided.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2011-12 Policy Address, the Home Affairs Department will establish an additional support service centre for ethnic minorities (EMs) in Yau Tsim Mong District and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively. The exact locations of these centre/sub-centres are yet to be identified. We plan to commission non-governmental organisations to operate these centre and sub-centres. The estimated expenditures for the additional centre and sub-centres are \$7.2 million in 2012-13 (including \$3.2 million as one-off setting up cost and \$4 million as part-year recurrent provision) and \$7.3 million as annual provision in 2013-14 and onwards. The services to be provided by these centre and sub-centres may include language classes, tutorial classes, orientation programmes, cultural and community programmes and referral services, etc. to facilitate EMs to integrate into the community.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012

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

**HAB135**

Question Serial No.

0966

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Home Affairs Department will “organise activities to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region”. What are the detailed plan and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department will reserve \$1.75 million for celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The Department will host a Flag Raising Ceremony on 1 July 2012 and assist in the organisation of other events.

In addition, the 18 District Councils and various district organisations are planning to host a number of celebration activities, such as carnivals, gala shows, and concerts, throughout 2012. Details are not yet available, but they will be published in an events calendar later. Funding will be from the normal allocation to the District Councils.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB136**

Question Serial No.

0967

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Last year, the Home Affairs Department provided additional resources to set up a dedicated team to strengthen the support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities. What are the specific details of the work, the expenditure incurred for the activities and projects concerned, and the number of beneficiaries, including a breakdown by district of the number of district-based integration programmes, in the past year? What are the work plan and estimated expenditure in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2011-12, HAD has been allocated additional resources to strengthen and integrate our support services for NAs and EMs. In this connection, we have set up a dedicated team, including three additional civil service posts at the notional annual mid-point salary of \$2.0 million, and put in place the following initiatives to facilitate NAs and EMs to integrate into the community: –

- (a) launching district-based integration programmes by relevant District Offices in districts with higher service demands at an annual cost of \$4.2 million. For example, programmes for NAs have been launched in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Islands District, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long. Programmes for EMs have been launched in Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long. The expenditures for NA programme(s) and EM programme(s) per district are \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million respectively, while the estimated numbers of NA and EM beneficiaries per district average at 4 200 and 1 500 respectively. The approach and activities under the programmes vary in accordance with district characteristics and needs, and are not directly comparable. Generally, they include enquiry services, adaptation courses, mutual help networks, volunteer programmes and community visits, etc.;

- (b) organising activities for prospective immigrants from the Mainland, at an annual cost of \$2.2 million, to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here. Activities include exhibitions, talks, workshops, training courses, mutual support groups and family activities, etc. The estimated number of beneficiaries is 8 000; and
- (c) implementing ambassador schemes, at an annual cost of \$1.3 million, to introduce services to NAs and EMs by arranging for those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary. The estimated numbers of NA and EM beneficiaries are 3 500 and 1 500 respectively.

In 2012-13, as announced by the Chief Executive in his 2011-12 Policy Address, we will establish an additional support service centre for EMs in Yau Tsim Mong District and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively. In addition, we will provide two additional radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Hindi and Thai). The estimated expenditures for the additional centre and sub-centres are \$7.2 million in 2012-13 (including \$3.2 million as one-off setting up cost and \$4 million as part-year recurrent provision), or \$7.3 million as annual provision in 2013-14 and onwards. The estimated expenditure of the additional radio programmes is \$1 million in 2012-13 and onwards.

Signature: Signed  
Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN  
Post Title: Director of Home Affairs  
Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB137**

Question Serial No.

2074

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the average usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community centres and community halls, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the average usage rates of multi-purpose halls of community centres and community halls for the past three years;
- (b) the measures to be taken to increase the usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community centres and community halls to achieve more effective use of resources.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The average usage rates of the multi-purpose halls in community centres / community halls (CCs/CHs) in the past three years were –

	2009	2010	2011
Multi-purpose halls in CCs (%)	78.6	80.0	77.8
Multi-purpose halls in CHs (%)	75.9	76.5	76.2

The average usage rates of multi-purpose halls in CCs/CHs are worked out on the basis of the time-slots taken up, against the total time-slots available, including non-peak hours, such as meal time and in early morning. It should be noted that the multi-purpose halls in a number of districts are fully booked for Saturdays, Sundays and during evening hours on weekdays. We have been working with the District Councils in carrying out improvement works in CCs/CHs, such as improving the audio-visual and projection systems and stage lightings, with a view to further enhancing the utilisation of CCs/CHs. The usage rates of CCs/CHs will be reviewed from time to time to ensure that district needs would be met.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB138**

Question Serial No.

2212

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the responsibility of “co-ordinating major celebration activities”, please provide the following information:

- (a) The project name, expenditure and number of participants of major celebration activities co-ordinated by the Home Affairs Department in the past five years.
- (b) What effects did these major celebration activities bring about? What were the criteria used to assess whether these activities have achieved the expected effects?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

The major celebration events co-ordinated by the Home Affairs Department in the past five years were to commemorate the Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1 July and the Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China on 1 October. The celebration events on 1 July normally include a Flag Raising Ceremony and a Reception, with the attendance of about 1 200 guests. About 1 500 members of the public watch the Flag Raising Ceremony on-site, which is also broadcast live for public viewing. The total expenditure has been around \$2.3 million each year for the past five years.

The National Day celebration activities on 1 October normally include a Flag Raising Ceremony, a National Day Reception and a Variety Show. About 3 500 guests attend the Flag Raising Ceremony and the Reception and 1 500 members of the public watch the Flag Raising Ceremony on-site. For the Variety Show, the number of spectators is about 6 000. Both the Flag Raising Ceremony and the Variety Show are broadcast for public viewing. The total expenditure has been around \$4.2 million each year.

Apart from building up the festive atmosphere, the celebration events also promote national education and enhance the sense of belonging among the community.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB139**

Question Serial No.

2738

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated that “the Department has been administering the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme since June 2006 to promote sustainable poverty prevention and alleviation efforts that help enhance self-reliance at the district level, targeting socially disadvantaged groups”, please advise the following:

- (a) What are the number of organisations funded in each of the years and the expenditure involved since the implementation of the Programme?
- (b) What are the average, shortest and longest period of operation of the organisations funded? Please set out, by years of operation, the number of organisations funded and the percentage these organisations represented.
- (c) Would the Administration consider extending the funding period for each organisation? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

- (a) Since its implementation in 2006, the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) has approved more than \$130 million for 128 social enterprise (SE) projects.
- (b) Most of the SEs funded under the ESR Programme are still in operation. No SEs have been terminated during the funding period although 11 SEs ceased operation within a year after the funding period.
- (c) From 2006 to 2010, the funding period for projects under the ESR Programme was two years. From 2011 onwards, the funding period has been extended to three years, while the funding ceiling of \$3 million for each SE project remains unchanged. While \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the ESR Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16, the amount of grants to be approved each year will depend on the number of applications received and the amount of grants disbursed.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012

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

**HAB140**

Question Serial No.

2739

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work “to continue to implement publicity and support measures to promote public understanding and development of social enterprises”, please advise:

- (a) the details of the publicity and support measures;
- (b) the estimated expenditure involved;
- (c) the number of social enterprises (SEs) in Hong Kong for the past five years by year and type of business; and
- (d) whether the Administration has considered carrying out survey on public understanding of SEs to collect more comprehensive information and data for developing more suitable publicity and educational programmes. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

The Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme operated by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has approved over \$130 million for 128 social enterprises (SE) projects since its launch in 2006. A breakdown of these projects by business nature is as follows –

Nature of Business	Number of SE projects
Catering	27
Retail	21
Household service (including renovation)	16
Beauty treatment, hair dressing and massage	15



Nature of Business	Number of SE projects
Recycling and thrift store	14
Art, performance and workshop	11
Business service	9
Horticulture and Eco-tourism	8
Others (e.g. car-washing, training course)	7
Total	128

To facilitate the development of SEs, the Home Affairs Bureau has arranged two training courses for SEs: one for social entrepreneurs and SE management and one for SE supervisors. HAD runs a mentorship scheme and provides matching services for mentors and SEs. HAD also organises sharing and briefing sessions and training workshops for SEs from time to time.

On publicity and support measures for SEs, we produce, on a regular basis, television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest, publications, advertorials and feature articles, etc, to promote SEs and encourage caring consumption. We also maintain a website that gives public information on SEs and regularly arrange SEs to showcase their products and services in territory-wide and district fairs. In 2012-13, we will earmark about \$6 million to publicise and promote SEs.

With regard to data for developing publicity and educational programmes on SEs, we presently collect such information and receive advice in this regard from two government advisory committees, namely the Social Enterprises Advisory Committee and ESR Advisory Committee, with members drawn from different sectors of the community. We also collect views from District Council chairmen and vice-chairmen on the development of SEs from time to time.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 2 March 2012

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

**HAB141**

Question Serial No.

2740

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (HAGAO),

- (a) please provide a breakdown by year of the complaints against unlicensed guesthouses for the past five years.
- (b) please provide a breakdown by year of the number of prosecutions and successful convictions against the operation of unlicensed guesthouses for the past five years.
- (c) would the Administration consider increasing the penalties in order to curb the operation of unlicensed guesthouses? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) would the Administration establish a blacklist of unlicensed guesthouses for visitors' information? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The number of complaints, prosecutions and convictions against unlicensed guesthouses in the past five years are set out below:-

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 (as at 31.1.2012)
<b>Complaint<sup>1</sup></b>	205	445	366	696	125
<b>Prosecution<sup>2</sup></b>	28	39	38	53	2
<b>Conviction<sup>2</sup></b>	30	36	44	39	3

1 Some of the cases were outside the purview of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (HAGAO) (Cap. 349) as the premises were let out on a monthly basis.

2 The figures of prosecution and those of conviction in the same year are slightly different because trials of some prosecution cases were conducted in the following year.

- (c) The operation of an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence. Upon conviction, the offender may be sentenced to imprisonment. Under the HAGAO, any person who operates hotels or guesthouses without valid licences is liable on conviction to a fine of \$200,000 and to imprisonment for two years and to a fine of \$20,000 for each day during which the offence continues. The level of penalties is considered appropriate. We do not have plans to consider increasing the penalties.
- (d) To encourage visitors and members of the public to patronise licensed hotels and guesthouses, the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) has uploaded the list of licensed hotels and guesthouses onto its website ([www.hadla.gov.hk](http://www.hadla.gov.hk)) to facilitate their selection of licensed accommodation. The OLA also plans to upload the conviction records of unlicensed guesthouses onto its website.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB142**

Question Serial No.

0384

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department has stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 25 to 1 885 posts as at 31 March 2013. Please inform this Committee of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

(a) Reply:

The net increase of 25 posts in 2012-13 comprises the following –

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Mid-point Salary (\$)</b>	<b>Nature of Work</b>
Administrative Officer	Senior Administrative Officer	89,075	Reviewing the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) and establishing a licensing regime for the property management industry
Executive Officer	Senior Executive Officer	65,300	Mainly taking on entertainment and miscellaneous licensing functions transferred from the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority
	Executive Officer I	47,135	
	Executive Officer II	31,210	
Clerical Officer	Clerical Officer	27,030	
	Assistant Clerical Officer	16,855	
Clerical Assistant	Clerical Assistant	13,145	
Liaison Officer	Senior Liaison Officer	59,670	Enhancing electoral arrangements for village representative elections
	Liaison Officer II	28,380	
Architect	Architect/Assistant Architect	65,300/ 32,680	Enhancing support for the District Minor Works programme
Engineer	Engineer/Assistant Engineer	65,300/ 32,680	
Structural Engineer	Structural Engineer/ Assistant Structural Engineer	65,300/ 32,680	
	Inspector of Works	Senior Inspector of Works	
Inspector of Works		43,010	
Assistant Inspector of Works		27,030	
Works Supervisor	Works Supervisor I	22,240	

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Mid-point Salary (\$)</b>	<b>Nature of Work</b>
Station Officer/ Divisional Officer	Senior Station Officer/ Station Officer	59,560/ 45,640	Strengthening law enforcement in relation to guesthouses, clubs, bedspace apartments and karaoke establishments

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB143**

Question Serial No.

2144

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the 2012-13 financial year, how much manpower and resources has the Home Affairs Department earmarked for inspections, raids or “snaking” operations to curb unlicensed guesthouses, especially targeting “partitioned flats” and private residential units increasingly used to provide rented accommodation for “pregnant women of non-local couples” who intend to crash the accident and emergency departments for delivery?

Have manpower and expenditure for the above operations increased as compared with the past two financial years? If yes, what is the rate of increase? How would the Government assess the adequacy of the above policy and actions against unlicensed guesthouses?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department currently has an establishment of 50 civil service posts responsible for enforcing four pieces of ordinance including the licensing and enforcement under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349), Club (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) and Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573). It has also a team of 32 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff with law enforcement experience for performing enforcement related duties. When compared with the 2010-11 financial year, OLA has doubled its strength in the Enforcement Team for performing enforcement related duties. In 2012-13, three civil service posts will be created under OLA to strengthen its Enforcement Team. OLA also plans to employ additional NCSC and part-time staff to cope with the increasing workload.

OLA classifies cases on premises suspected of offering short-term rental accommodation to Mainland pregnant women as cases of ‘suspected unlicensed operation of guesthouses’. To strengthen enforcement action against unlicensed guesthouses, OLA has enhanced its intelligence network and penetration and stepped up its law enforcement action by conducting more blitz inspections and mounting more large-scale inter-departmental operations at suspected unlicensed guesthouse hotspots. It has also introduced a number of new measures. As a standard practice, OLA will pass on information of the convicted cases including the names of the convicted persons, locations of the premises, etc. to relevant parties both within and outside Government for follow-up actions. These parties include the Rating and Valuation Department, the Inland

Revenue Department, mortgage banks or financial institutions, property owners, owners' corporations and management offices of the buildings. OLA will also pass the conviction records of property agents or insurance agents to the Estate Agents Authority or the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance for disciplinary punishment. OLA will continuously review its enforcement strategies to cope with the ever-changing needs.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB144**

Question Serial No.

2733

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department is responsible for, among other things, “co-ordinating major celebration activities”. Please advise the type, number and form of the activities, and the specific expenditure and manpower involved. Is there any projection on the economic benefits and additional number of tourists brought about to Hong Kong by expenditure in this respect? If yes, what is the projection? If no, will projection be made in future?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

The major celebration events co-ordinated by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) recently were to commemorate the Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1 July and the Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China on 1 October. A team of HAD staff have been deployed to undertake the celebration events and other related activities. The celebration events on 1 July normally include a Flag Raising Ceremony and a Reception, with the attendance of about 1 200 guests, and about 1 500 members of the public on-site. The ceremony is also broadcast live for public viewing. The total expenditure has been around \$2.3 million each year for the past few years.

The National Day celebration activities on 1 October normally include a Flag Raising Ceremony, a National Day Reception and a Variety Show. About 3 500 guests attend the Flag Raising Ceremony and the Reception and 1 500 members of the public watch the Flag Raising Ceremony on-site. For the Variety Show, the number of spectators is about 6 000. Both the Flag Raising Ceremony and the Variety Show are broadcast for public viewing. The total expenditure has been around \$4.2 million each year for the past few years.

In organising the celebration events, we aim to build up the festive atmosphere, promote national education and enhance the sense of belonging among the community.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 5 March 2012



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

<b>HAB145</b>
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Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.  0469
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Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

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

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )
Positions of NCSC staff			
Expenditure on salaries of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )
Monthly salaries of NCSC staff			
—\$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )
—\$16,001 to \$ 30,000	( )	( )	( )
—\$8,001 to \$16,000	( )	( )	( )
—\$6,501 to \$8,000	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,001 to \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )
— Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )
— Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)			
—5 years or above	( )	( )	( )
—3 to 5 years	( )	( )	( )
—1 to 3 years	( )	( )	( )
—less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff who have changed to employment as civil servants	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff who failed to change to employment as civil servants	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )

Percentage of amount paid to NCSC staff against the total expenditure on staff of the department	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	( )	( )	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department employs staff on non-civil service contract (NCSC) terms to meet operational needs. Data related to full-time NCSC staff employed by the department in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are set out in the table appended below. As the number of NCSC staff employed varies from time to time in the light of changing operational requirements, we are unable to provide the relevant figures for 2012-13.

	2011-12 (as at 31.12.2011)	2010-11 (as at 31.3.2011)
Number of NCSC staff	364 (N.A.)	415 (-6.5%)
Positions of NCSC staff		
- Managerial / Clerical / General Office Support	329	379
- Professional / Technical	35	36
Expenditure on salaries of NCSC staff	\$53.3 million (N.A.)	\$76.2 million (16.9%)
Monthly salaries of NCSC staff		
—\$30,001 or above	14 (N.A.)	18 (38.5%)
—\$16,001 to \$ 30,000	40 (N.A.)	34 (30.8%)
—\$8,001 to \$16,000	310 (N.A.)	351 (-11.6%)
—\$6,501 to \$8,000	0 (N.A.)	12 (50%)
—\$5,001 to \$6,500	0 (N.A.)	0 ( - )
—\$5,000 or below	0 (N.A.)	0 ( - )
—Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	0 (N.A.)	0 ( - )
—Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	0 (N.A.)	0 ( - )
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)		
—5 years or above	43 (N.A.)	43 (7.5%)
—3 to less than 5 years	76 (N.A.)	30 (36.4%)
—1 to less than 3 years	105 (N.A.)	210 (14.1%)
—less than 1 year	140 (N.A.)	132 (-33.3%)

Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the department	16.2% (N.A.)	18.3% (-1.2%)
Percentage of amount paid to NCSC staff against the total expenditure on staff of the department *	10% (N.A.)	11.5% (1.5%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	336 (N.A.)	380 (-7.5%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	28 (N.A.)	35 (6.1%)
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	363 (N.A.)	414 (-6.5%)
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	1 (N.A.)	1 (0%)

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

*\* As against the expenditure on Personal Emoluments of the department.*

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB146**

Question Serial No.

0494

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide the following information on the employment of “staff of employment agencies (EAs)”:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of contracts signed with EAs	( )	( )	( )
Contract sum paid to each EA	( )	( )	( )
Total amount of commission paid to each EA	( )	( )	( )
Term of service for each EA	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff	( )	( )	( )
Positions of EA staff			
Monthly salaries of EA staff			
—\$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )
—\$16,001 to \$30,000	( )	( )	( )
—\$8,001 to \$16,000	( )	( )	( )
—\$6,501 to \$8,000	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,001 to \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )
—Number of EA staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )
—Number of EA staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
Length of employment of EA staff (in year)			
—5 years or above	( )	( )	( )
—3 to 5 years	( )	( )	( )
—1 to 3 years	( )	( )	( )
—less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )

Percentage of EA staff against the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to EAs against the total expenditure on staff of the department	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff with paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff without paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff working 5 days a week	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff working 6 days a week	( )	( )	( )

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Replies to the questions are provided in the table below. As the number of agency workers required varies from time to time in the light of changing operational requirements, we are unable to provide the relevant figures for 2012-13.

			<b>2011-12</b> (as at 31 December 2011)	<b>2010-11</b> (as at 31 March 2011)
(a)	<b>Number of contracts signed with EAs</b>	T-contract #	6 (N.A.)	6 (-14.3%)
		Technical support^	0 (N.A.)	2 (-33.3%)
(b)	<b>Contract sum paid to each EA</b>	T-contract	\$366,000 - \$712,000 (N.A.)	\$478,000 - \$993,000 (+10.8% to +301.7%)
		Technical support	\$0 (N.A.)	\$113,000 - \$225,000 (-57.7% to -14.8%)
(c)	<b>Total amount of commission paid to each EA</b>	Information not available		
(d)	<b>Term of service for each EA</b>		8 months to 12 months	5.5 months to 12 months
(e)	<b>Number of EA staff</b>	T-contract	6 (N.A.)	6 (-14.3%)
		Technical support	0 (N.A.)	1 (-80%)

			<b>2011-12 (as at 31 December 2011)</b>	<b>2010-11 (as at 31 March 2011)</b>
(f)	<b>Positions of EA staff</b>	T-contract	Systems Analyst, Analyst Programmer and Programmer	
		Technical support	N.A.	Technical support
(g)	<b>Monthly salaries of EA staff</b>	<b>\$30,001 or above</b>	Information not available	
		<b>\$16,001 - \$30,000</b>		
		<b>\$8,001 - \$16,000</b>		
		<b>\$6,501 - \$8,000</b>		
		<b>\$5,001 - \$6,500</b>		
		<b>\$5,000 or below</b>		
		<b>Below \$5,824</b>		
		<b>\$5,824 - \$6,500</b>		
(h)	<b>Length of employment of EA staff</b>	Information not available		
(i)	<b>Percentage of EA staff against the total number of staff in the department</b>	0.267% (N.A.)	0.309% (-0.219%)	
(j)	<b>Percentage of amount paid to EAs against the total expenditure on staff of the department*</b>	0.378% (N.A.)	0.460% (-0.005%)	
(k)	<b>Number of EA staff with paid meal breaks</b>	Information not available		
	<b>Number of EA staff without paid meal breaks</b>			
(l)	<b>Number of EA staff working 5 days a week</b>	6(N.A.)	7(-41.7%)	
	<b>Number of EA staff working 6 days a week</b>	0(N.A.)	0(-)	

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

# T-contract stands for the engagement of technical service providers under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer for providing information technology manpower.

^ The contracts on technical support were drawn up before April 2010 and therefore not subject to the requirements on use of agency workers issued by the Civil Service Bureau.

\* As against the expenditure on Personal Emoluments of the department.

In procuring EA service, we must comply with the relevant government guidelines. As the guidelines do not require us to specify the amount or the rate of commission payable to EAs, we do not have comprehensive information on this matter. As the contractual relationship of the agency workers is with their respective EAs, which have to fulfil the obligations of an employer under the relevant laws, we do not have comprehensive information on the pay for meal breaks, remuneration packages and length of employment of the agency workers.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB147**

Question Serial No.

2940

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide the following information on the employment of “staff of outsourced service”:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of outsourced service contracts signed	( )	( )	( )
Total amount paid to the outsourced service providers	( )	( )	( )
Term of service for each outsourced service provider	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff of outsourced service	( )	( )	( )
Posts of staff of outsourced service (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning, information technology, etc.)	( )	( )	( )
Monthly salaries of staff of outsourced service			
- \$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )
- \$16,001 to \$30,000	( )	( )	( )
- \$8,001 to \$16,000	( )	( )	( )
- \$6,501 to \$8,000	( )	( )	( )
- \$5,001 to \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
- Less than \$5,000	( )	( )	( )
- Number of staff with monthly salary less than \$5,824	( )	( )	( )
- Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
Length of employment of staff of outsourced service (in year)			
- 5 years or above	( )	( )	( )
- 3 to 5 years	( )	( )	( )
- 1 to 3 years	( )	( )	( )
- Less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of staff of outsourced service against the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total expenditure on staff of the department	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff with paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff without paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff working 5 days a week	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff working 6 days a week	( )	( )	( )

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes



Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The outsourced services engaged by the Home Affairs Department mainly relate to information technology, cleansing, security and property management services. Relevant information for 2010-11 and 2011-12 is provided below. As we have yet to draw up some of the outsourced service contracts for 2012-13, we are unable to provide the information as requested.

	2011-12 <i>(as at 31.1.2012)</i>	2010-11
Number of outsourced service contracts signed	45 (N.A.)	39 (+18.2%)
Total amount paid to the outsourced service providers	\$24.2 million (N.A.)	\$27.1 million (+8.3%)
Term of service for each outsourced service provider	1 year or 3 years	1 year or 3 years
Number of staff of outsourced service	As the outsourced service contracts normally do not specify the number of workers to be employed by the contractors, we are unable to provide information on the workers employed.	
Posts of staff of outsourced service (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing, information technology, etc.)	The posts of staff of the outsourced service are mainly in the fields of security, cleansing, property management and information technology.	
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total expenditure on staff of the department*	4.1% (N.A.)	4.1% (+0.3%)

<p>Monthly salaries of staff of outsourced service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$30,001 or above</li> <li>- \$16,001 to \$30,000</li> <li>- \$8,001 to \$16,000</li> <li>- \$6,501 to \$8,000</li> <li>- \$5,001 to \$6,500</li> <li>- Less than \$5,000</li> <li>- Number of staff with monthly salary less than \$5,824</li> <li>- Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500</li> </ul>	<p>Since employment particulars of staff employed by the outsourced service providers such as monthly salaries, length of service, paid meal breaks and number of working days per week are not specified in the outsourced contracts, we are unable to provide the information requested.</p>
<p>Length of employment of staff of outsourced service (in year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 years or above</li> <li>- 3 to 5 years</li> <li>- 1 to 3 years</li> <li>- Less than 1 year</li> </ul>	
<p>Percentage of staff of outsourced service against the total number of staff in the department</p>	
<p>Number of staff with paid meal breaks Number of staff without paid meal breaks</p>	
<p>Number of staff working 5 days a week Number of staff working 6 days a week</p>	

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

\*As against the expenditure on Personal Emoluments of the Department.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB148**

Question Serial No.

0303

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

Programme:                      (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

(a) Regarding the 1 073 press conferences and briefings arranged in 2011, please give a breakdown of them by departments.

(b) Does the aforementioned number include closed door briefings (commonly known as “tip-off” sessions) and please give a breakdown of them by departments.

(c) A total of 64 949 press releases were issued in 2011. Please give a breakdown of them by departments and the languages used.

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

(a) The breakdown of 1 073 press conferences and briefings arranged in 2011, categorised by departments and organisations, is as follows:

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Chief Executive's Office	34
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	29
Financial Secretary's Office	33
Secretariat Press Office (Civil Service)	4
Secretariat Press Office (Commerce and Economic Development)	35
Secretariat Press Office (Constitutional and Mainland Affairs)	63
Secretariat Press Office (Development)	82
Secretariat Press Office (Education)	14
Secretariat Press Office (Environment)	17
Secretariat Press Office (Financial Services and the Treasury)	17
Secretariat Press Office (Food and Health)	95
Secretariat Press Office (Home Affairs)	36
Secretariat Press Office (Labour and Welfare)	63
Secretariat Press Office (Security)	55

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Secretariat Press Office (Transport and Housing)	17
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	28
Buildings Department	2
Civil Aviation Department	2
Correctional Services Department	3
Customs and Excise Department	22
Department of Health	34
Department of Justice	3
Fire Services Department	47
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	5
Hong Kong Police Force	200
Housing Authority / Housing Department	10
Information Services Department	2
Innovation and Technology Commission	13
Judiciary	1
Labour Department	14
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	78
Marine Department	2
Registration and Electoral Office	6
Social Welfare Department	3
Trade and Industry Department	2
Transport Department	2

(b) The number of press conferences and briefings mentioned in (a) includes 33 closed door briefings. The breakdown of the briefings, categorised by bureaux and departments, is as follows:

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Chief Executive's Office	1
Financial Secretary's Office	1
Secretariat Press Office (Civil Service)	3
Secretariat Press Office (Commerce and Economic Development)	2
Secretariat Press Office (Constitutional and Mainland Affairs)	1
Secretariat Press Office (Development)	8 (Note)
Secretariat Press Office (Education)	1
Secretariat Press Office (Environment)	5
Secretariat Press Office (Financial Services and the Treasury)	1

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Secretariat Press Office (Labour and Welfare)	2
Secretariat Press Office (Security)	2
Secretariat Press Office (Transport and Housing)	2
Information Services Department	2
Trade and Industry Department	1
Transport Department	1

\* Closed door briefings allow officials to explain in greater depth the thinking behind policy formulation, the relevant background and technical details. Media representatives are able to raise more in-depth questions and both sides can have a more thorough exchange. This in turn can help the media better understand policy formulation and other aspects of government procedures. For example, following the submission of a Legislative Panel paper, it may be necessary to give a more detailed explanation to the media in view of the complexity of the issues involved.

Note: The eight occasions attributed to Development Bureau are all briefings introduced since 2008 as a means for the bureau to explain to the media papers presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Development. Major local newspapers and electronic media are invited to attend, and they may in their reporting attribute remarks made by attending officials to “Development Bureau spokesman”.

(c) The Government News and Media Information System issued 64 949 press releases in 2011, including press releases, ANE (attention news editors), INC (incident reports) and fax broadcasts (mainly announcements by Transport Department). The breakdown of 64 949 press releases (22 564 Chinese press releases and 42 385 English press releases) issued in 2011, categorised by departments and languages used, is as follows:

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Chinese press releases</u></b>	<b><u>No. of English press releases</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Chief Executive's Office	219	182	401
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	147	104	251
Financial Secretary's Office	139	118	257
Secretariat Press Office (Civil Service)	57	55	112
Secretariat Press Office (Commerce and Economic Development)	328	285	613
Secretariat Press Office (Constitutional and Mainland Affairs)	255	160	415
Secretariat Press Office (Development)	581	531	1 112
Secretariat Press Office (Education)	222	192	414
Secretariat Press Office (Environment)	140	122	262
Secretariat Press Office (Financial Services and the Treasury)	347	279	626
Secretariat Press Office (Food and Health)	288	218	506

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Chinese press releases</u></b>	<b><u>No. of English press releases</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Secretariat Press Office (Home Affairs)	279	187	466
Secretariat Press Office (Labour and Welfare)	319	193	512
Secretariat Press Office (Security)	318	264	582
Secretariat Press Office (Transport and Housing)	249	210	459
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	175	171	346
Audit Commission	4	4	8
BJO (Office of the Government of HKSAR in Beijing)	3	1	4
Buildings Department	32	32	64
Census and Statistics Department	189	189	378
Civil Aviation Department	32	33	65
Correctional Services Department	87	87	174
Customs and Excise Department	88	87	175
Department of Health	450	449	899
Department of Justice	54	43	97
Economic and Trade Offices	54	75	129
Environmental Protection Department	149	149	298
Executive Council Secretariat	7	6	13
Fire Services Department	18	17	35
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	219	212	431
Government Flying Service	1	1	2
Home Affairs Department	878	879	1 757
Hong Kong Monetary Authority	354	354	708
Hong Kong Observatory	82	81	163
Hong Kong Police Force	809	21 276	22 085
Hongkong Post	77	77	154
Hospital Authority	366	328	694
Housing Authority / Housing Department	64	48	112
Immigration Department	72	72	144
Information Services Department	1 861	2 124	3 985
Innovation and Technology Commission	24	23	47
Invest Hong Kong	64	64	128
Judiciary	25	25	50

<u>Department / organisation</u>	<u>No. of Chinese press releases</u>	<u>No. of English press releases</u>	<u>Total</u>
Labour Department	192	159	351
Legislative Council	285	285	570
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	1 398	1 378	2 776
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority	66	65	131
Marine Department	86	86	172
Planning Department	16	16	32
Port, Maritime and Logistics Development Unit	6	9	15
Rating and Valuation Department	1	1	2
Registration and Electoral Office	191	191	382
Social Welfare Department	181	180	361
Trade and Industry Department	44	44	88
Transport Department	9 972	9 964	19 936

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ TSE Cheung-hing \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Acting Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB149**

Question Serial No.

2719

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

Programme:                    (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On promoting the opportunities provided by the National 12th Five-Year Plan, what are the corresponding arrangements made by the Information Services Department (ISD) in the current year and has any assessment been made on the results of such measures? If yes, what are the details of the assessment; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

ISD provides public relations and promotional support to policy bureaux as well as Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) offices around the world. It also works closely with agencies tasked with trade promotion and attracting investors and tourists, highlighting to external audiences Hong Kong's positioning as Asia's world city.

The scope of publicity and promotional efforts outside Hong Kong is determined by the Government's policy agenda and is generally broad in nature. Invariably, we will promote Hong Kong's credentials as an international centre for finance, shipping, logistics, business services and tourism, a gateway to the Mainland market as well as the development of the six industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages. These are all closely related to the support spelt out for Hong Kong in the National 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan.

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ISD runs sponsored visit programmes to keep influential constituencies outside Hong Kong posted on the city's latest situation. The visitors include political figures, business leaders, think tanks and academics, government officials and the media. They will be introduced to Hong Kong's economic strengths fortified by the National 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan.

Success of our publicity and promotion work is directly reflected in international media coverage on the city's economic strengths, and indirectly in the number of overseas and Mainland businesses setting up in Hong Kong, inward investment, stock market listings, initial public offerings etc.



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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB150**

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

Question Serial No.

1631

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Among the matters requiring special attention in 2012-13, the Information Services Department (ISD) indicates that it will promote the opportunities provided by the National 12th Five-Year Plan. Please advise the details of work to be included and the respective financial resources and manpower.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

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

**HAB151**

Question Serial No.

1632

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

Programme:                    (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Among the matters requiring special attention in 2012-13, the Information Services Department (ISD) indicates that it will enhance public relations support for Bureau Directors, Permanent Secretaries, Bureau officials and Heads of Departments. Please advise the measures and work to be included as well as the respective financial resources and manpower.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) maintains close liaison with information grade officers posted to various Government bureaux and departments and stands ready to give them any support they need. Information officers are posted to the private offices of Principal Officials to act as their Press Secretaries and to the information and public relations units set up in 34 Government bureaux and departments to assist in the formulation and implementation of public relations strategies, advise bureau/department heads on public relations matters, answer media enquiries, prepare press releases and organise press conferences and promotional activities.

In the coming year, ISD will continue to provide public relations support for various Government bureaux and departments in matters such as elections, the inauguration of the fourth term Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and other ad-hoc events. Input and assistance will be provided in respect of public relations, design, publicity and media arrangements. The work will be met by flexible redeployment of manpower in the ISD headquarters and departmental units at various bureaux and departments. No extra manpower and financial resources will be involved.

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

**HAB152**

Question Serial No.

0953

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

Programme:                    (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Information Services Department (ISD) arranged 1 204 press conferences and briefings in 2010 and 1 073 in 2011. How many of them were “tip-off” sessions which disclosed information to the invited media only by “informed sources”? It is estimated that ISD will arrange 1 080 press conferences and briefings in 2012. Will ISD stop using “informed sources” to disseminate the information and, as far as possible, invite all media to attend so that the information will be accessible to more members of the public, thus enhancing the cost effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

Among the 1 204 press conferences and briefings arranged by the Government in 2010, 44 were background briefings, of which 25 were attributable to government sources and 19 to government/policy bureau/department spokesmen.

Of the 1 073 press conferences and briefings arranged by the Government in 2011, 33 were background briefings, of which 14 were attributable to government sources and 19 to government/policy bureau/department spokesmen.

In general, local electronic media and newspapers are invited to background briefings. These briefings are targeted at the senior management or senior beat reporters of media organisations. Officials may explain in greater depth the thinking behind policy formulation, the relevant background and technical details. Media representatives are able to raise more in-depth questions and both sides can have a more thorough exchange. This in turn can help the media better understand policy formulation and other aspects of government procedure. For example, following the submission of a Legislative Council Panel paper, it may be necessary to give a more detailed explanation to the media in view of the complexity of the issues involved.

The Government will continue to disseminate information or respond to the media through appropriate means.

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

**HAB153**

Question Serial No.

2605

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the estimated expenditure on the Civil Service Provident Fund contribution for 2012-13, there is a substantial increase of 77% when compared with the revised estimate for 2011-12. Please give the reasons and the number of civil servants involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The increase of 77% of the Department's estimated expenditure for contribution to the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme in 2012-13 as compared with the revised estimates in 2011-12 is mainly due to an increase in the number of departmental grades officers and general grades officers who will be transferred to new permanent terms upon their passage of the probationary bar/completion of agreement in 2012-13. Details of the number of officers involved are set out in the table below:

Financial Year	No. of officers involved
2011-12	38
2012-13	53

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB154**

Question Serial No.

2606

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the revised criminal legal aid fees structure by the Legal Aid Department in 2012-13, will the Administration provide details of the implementation, including the estimated expenditure, number of applications, number of staff and the estimated expenditure on publicity and public education?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

Implementation of the revised criminal legal aid fees structure required amendments to the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. D). The Amendment Rules were made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, chaired by the Chief Judge of the High Court and comprised representatives of the two legal professional bodies, on 19 January 2012. The Administration issued a notice of motion on 3 February 2012 for moving a resolution at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting on 29 February 2012 to approve the Amendment Rules. Subject to LegCo's approval, the Amendment Rules are expected to come into effect on 9 March 2012. With the full implementation of the Amendment Rules, the Government expenditure in criminal legal aid fee is expected to increase by an additional \$100 million per year and additional staff consisting of one Legal Aid Counsel, two Law Clerks and one Clerical Assistant are required. The Administration has included the necessary provision for meeting the resource requirement, and additional manpower has been given for the Department to implement the Amendment Rules. There should be no impact on the number of applications as the amendments primarily concern payment of fees to practitioners undertaking criminal legal aid work.

The revised fees structure primarily concerns practitioners undertaking criminal legal aid work and the two legal professional bodies were consulted throughout the amendment process. That said, the Department will make public announcement when the Amendment Rules commence operation.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid

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

**HAB155**

Question Serial No.

2607

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

During 2011-12, the Legal Aid Department (the Department) expanded the use of Phone Payment Service for payment of contribution by aided persons with a view to enhancing the customer service. Will the Administration provide information on the number of users, the amount of payments involved, its effectiveness and the actual administrative costs incurred by LAD?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The number of payments effected by aided persons required to make a contribution through Phone Payment Service (PPS) in 2011-12 (up to end of January 2012) is 105. The number of payments made is small by comparison to the number of payments made by judgment debtors (1 637 in total), as over 70% of the successful applicants are not required to pay any contribution. Moreover, PPS service is at present only available to aided persons who effect payment of their contribution by installments. From a customer service point of view, PPS allows greater convenience for the aided persons who have a choice of not going to the shroff office of the Department to make payment. As an improvement measure, the Department aims to expand the service to include one-off payment of contribution by aided persons in 2012-13.

Direct administrative costs paid to the company running the service amounted to \$2,787.2 during the aforementioned period.

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

**HAB156**

Question Serial No.

3193

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Among the applications to the Legal Aid Department (the Department) for assistance by the victims of domestic violence over the past two years, how many of them applied for “injunction orders”? How many of these applications were granted by the Department? And how many of them were refused?

	2009	2010	2011	2012 (up to February)
No. of applications for legal aid for injunction orders				
No. of successful applications				
No. of applications refused				

- (b) What are the five major reasons for refusal? Please provide a breakdown of the refusals by reasons.
- (c) Will the Administration consider relaxing the processing procedure? If so, please provide details of implementation and timetable. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) The information requested is as follows:

	2009	2010	2011	2012 (up to 14 February)
No. of applications for legal aid for injunction orders	39	28	30	4
No. of successful applications	19	13	14	1
No. of applications refused	20	15	16	0
No. of applications under consideration	0	0	0	3

- (b) The five major reasons for refusal to application for injunction orders by victims of domestic violence, with breakdown, are as follows:
- (i) withdrawal of applications (21 cases);
  - (ii) failure to pass merits tests (14 cases);
  - (iii) failure to furnish information/documents (9 cases);
  - (iv) failure to pass means tests (4 cases); and
  - (v) failure to accept offer of legal aid (3 cases).
- (c) The Department fully recognises the importance of dealing with legal aid applications that involve domestic violence with care and in a speedy manner. We therefore treat all applications to seek injunction by victims of domestic violence as urgent cases and will process them expeditiously. Provided the applicant satisfies the means and merits tests, legal aid will be offered. Furthermore, posters of various non-government organisations (NGOs) offering shelter and/or marital counseling and mediation services are displayed in the reception area of the Department's offices. In appropriate cases, the Department also gives applicants a pocket-size information card published by a NGO about police assistance with commonly asked questions and answers on what to do when applicants are subject to domestic violence. The card contains the 24-hour hotline telephone number of the NGO which also offers shelter services to victims of domestic violence. The above measures are meant to meet the needs of applicants who are victims of domestic violence so that they can obtain appropriate advice and assistance in a timely manner. In the circumstances, it is considered that the existing procedures for handling applications by victims of domestic violence adequate.

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

**HAB157**

Question Serial No.

2763

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Legal Aid Department (the Department) states that it will continue to monitor the progress and expenditure of legal aid cases, the performance of assigned private practitioners and progress of assigned-out cases, as well as the cost effectiveness of litigation services in 2012-13. Will the Administration provide information on how the above monitoring work is to be conducted, the results achieved in the past and the resources required?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Department has in place an elaborate monitoring system. Files of all assigned-out cases are brought to the attention of the responsible legal aid counsel on a regular basis to check progress and to directorate grade officers for review. This mechanism ensures that the assigned solicitors report to the Department on the progress of each case at suitable intervals to avoid unnecessary delay in the proceedings which might jeopardise the success of the case with adverse costs consequences. The use of limited legal aid certificates which stipulate the scope of work further allows the Department to review the merits and costs of a case to ensure that it is justifiable to continue the grant of legal aid. In 2011, legal aid in 679 assigned-out cases was discontinued in the course of the court proceedings.

Performance of assigned lawyers is evaluated by reference to the relevant statutory provisions, the Guidance Notes issued to all solicitors and counsel on the Legal Aid Panels, the Code of Conduct issued by the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Guide to Professional Conduct issued by the Law Society of Hong Kong. A Departmental Monitoring Committee, chaired by the Director of Legal Aid and includes a representative from the Independent Commission Against Corruption as member, will decide on appropriate actions to be taken against an assigned lawyer whose performance has been reported as unsatisfactory. Six assigned lawyers in private practice were put on the Record of Unsatisfactory Performance and two were removed from the Legal Aid Panel in 2011.

Monitoring work of the assigned-out cases forms part of the duties of legal aid counsel responsible for processing legal aid applications as assisted by law clerks and clerical staff. The expenditure involved in monitoring work has been included in the estimated provision of \$655.2 million in Programme (2) of the Controlling Officer's Report.

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

**HAB158**

Question Serial No.

2764

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The Legal Aid Department (the Department) states that it will continue to monitor the number of legal aid applications, the processing time and the effectiveness of the means-testing processes in 2012-13. Will the Administration provide details on its monitoring work and the resources required in order to safeguard against the abuse of legal aid service?
- (b) At present, how many staff members are responsible for processing legal aid applications? What is the average time required for processing the applications? What is the expenditure incurred in this respect?
- (c) What was the amount spent on and the number of civil and criminal cases which was granted legal aid in each of the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

- (a) All legal aid applications are processed by legal aid counsel to ensure that only applicants who have passed the means and merits tests are granted legal aid. Furthermore, according to Regulation 11 of the Legal Aid Regulations (Cap. 91A), the Director of Legal Aid may order that no consideration shall be given to any future application by a person if that person has made repeated applications on two or more occasions relating to substantially the same matter or in any other case, on four or more occasions.

For means testing, all reports are checked, approved and monitored by legal aid counsel. All applicants and aided persons are also required to keep the Department informed of any changes to their financial circumstances. If anyone believes that a person has given the Department false information on means, he/she can provide details for the Department to investigate. If the case is substantiated, the Department will take immediate steps to discontinue legal aid and refer the case to the police for prosecution. In 2011, legal aid in 54 cases was discontinued as a result of reviews and investigations made pursuant to representations. The Department also referred 16 cases to the police.

The expenditure involved in the monitoring of legal aid applications has been included in the estimated provision of \$92.5 million for 2012-13 in Programme 1 "Processing of Legal Aid Applications" of the Controlling Officer's Report.

- (b) There are 43 legal aid counsel, 114 law clerks and 144 clericals responsible for processing civil and criminal legal aid applications in addition to their monitoring and litigation duties. The Department does not keep statistics on the average time required for processing legal aid applications. However, in 2011, 90% of the civil legal aid applications were processed within the processing time pledge of three months from the date of application. For criminal cases, 94% to 98% of applications were processed within the various pledged timelines depending on the nature of the application. The expenditure involved in processing work has been included in the estimated provision of \$92.5 million for 2012-13 in Programme 1 "Processing of Legal Aid Applications" of the Controlling Officer's Report.

(c) The amount of legal aid expenditure involved for civil and criminal cases in the past five financial years is as follows:

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u> (up to 31.1.2012)
	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million
Civil	331.03	347.30	377.55	390.10	294.63
Criminal	97.18	82.81	108.22	115.20	82.91

The number of civil and criminal legal aid certificates granted in the past five years is as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Civil	7 937	7 513	9 031	8 263	8 297
Criminal	2 507	2 235	2 800	2 740	2 795

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

**HAB159**

Question Serial No.

0821

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The revised estimate for 2011-12 is 10.5% less than the original estimate. What are the reasons? Please provide in detail the items and staff cost involved.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for 2012-13 is increased by 11.6%. What are the reasons? Please provide in detail the items and staff cost involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) The revised estimate is 10.5% less than the original estimate partly because legal aid costs for 2011-12 is less than expected and the revised criminal legal aid fees structure has not yet been implemented as planned. Details are shown in the table below:

	Increase/(Decrease) \$'000
Salary	2,294
Allowances	(96)
Personnel Related Expenses	1
Departmental Expenses	(350)
Legal Aid Costs	(71,109)
Total	(69,260)

- (b) The increase in the estimated expenditure is mainly due to an anticipated increase in legal aid costs as a result of the implementation of the five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants in 2011-12 and the expected implementation of the revised criminal legal aid fees structure in 2012-13. Details are shown in the table below:

	Increase/(Decrease) \$'000
Salary	4,031
Allowances	36
Personnel Related Expenses	702
Departmental Expenses	240
Legal Aid Costs	63,087
Total	68,096

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB160**

Question Serial No.

0822

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

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the civil cases which appeals against the Director of Legal Aid's decisions were allowed, the actual figure in 2011 (56 cases) almost doubled the number in 2010 (28 cases). What are the reasons? Please provide the types of cases involved in these two years respectively.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

To qualify for legal aid, a person is required by law to satisfy both the means and merits tests. If an application is refused, the applicant may appeal against the Director of Legal Aid's decision to the Registrar of the High Court. As the Registrar hearing an appeal is exercising an independent quasi-judicial function, his decision on the merits of an application based on the materials presented and the representation made by the applicant on the day of the hearing is final.

That being the case, the numbers of appeals heard and allowed change from year to year. In the past ten years from 2002 to 2011, the percentage of appeals allowed (out of the number of appeals heard) ranged from 3% to 8%. The percentage of appeals allowed in 2010 (3.5%) and 2011 (6.5%) fall within the above range.

The types of cases the appeals of which were allowed in 2010 and 2011 included matrimonial, personal injury, contract of employment, land and tenancy disputes as well as judicial review cases.

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

**HAB161**

Question Serial No.

0823

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) With respect to the civil legal aid applications refused on means in the past three years, how many of them are under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme (OLAS) and the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS) respectively?
- (b) With respect to the civil legal aid applications refused in the past three years, did the Administration allocate resources to assist those applicants who exceed the financial eligibility limit of the OLAS to apply for legal aid under the SLAS instead? If yes, what is the total number of such applications?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The information requested is as follows:

	2009	2010	2011
(a) No. of applications refused on means			
- OLAS	991	774	690
- SLAS	1	2	0
(b) No. of cases where Legal Aid Department had assisted the applicant whose means have exceeded the financial eligibility limit of the OLAS to apply for legal aid under SLAS*	351	280	321

\* No additional resources were allocated since the assistance offered forms part of the processing work carried out by staff in the Application and Processing Division.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012

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

**HAB162**

Question Serial No.

2332

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What is the number of legal aid applications granted in relation to judicial reviews on major infrastructure projects in Hong Kong in the past three years (2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12)? Among these applications, what is the number of cases where the aided persons were represented by the solicitors or counsel nominated by them in the court proceedings and what is the amount of legal aid expenditure incurred for each of these cases?
- (b) Regarding the judicial review case of the Environmental Impact Assessment reports for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, please provide details on the taxed costs, the costs to be borne by the Legal Aid Department (the Department), the administrative expenses and the manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) The Department does not keep a separate record on the number of legal aid applications granted in relation to judicial reviews on major infrastructure projects in Hong Kong or the amount of legal aid costs spent on judicial review cases, as they form part of the civil legal aid costs. Set out below is the number of legally-aided judicial review cases where the aided persons were represented by nominated solicitors or counsel from 2009-2011:

	2009	2010	2011
No. of legally-aided judicial review cases	200	93	58
No. of cases where the assigned solicitors were nominated by the aided persons	175	88	55
No. of cases where the assigned counsel were nominated by the assigned solicitors or the aided persons*	140	55	40

\* LAD does not keep separate record on the number of cases where the assigned counsel are solely nominated by the aided persons.

- (b) The legal costs incurred in the judicial review application and the resulting appeal in relation to the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge have not yet been taxed. However, costs and disbursements incurred in the proceedings before the Court of First Instance and the Court of Appeal up to 20 February 2012 amounted to \$1,134,395.20 and \$356,500.00 respectively. As with all other legal aid cases, the case was monitored by a legal aid counsel and supporting staff. The Department does not maintain separate records of administrative expenses involved in monitoring individual legal aid cases.

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

**HAB163**

Question Serial No.

1759

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011, how many legal aid applications were related to insolvency matters? How many of the applicants did not pass the means test?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

In 2011, there were 106 legal aid applications relating to insolvency matters. All applicants passed the means test.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 2 March 2012

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

**HAB164**

Question Serial No.

1086

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It has been known that the staff at the Legal Aid Department (LAD)'s office in Mongkok, who are under enormous work pressure because of manpower shortage problem for long, are impatient or bad mannered when they deal with the applicants or legal firm officers. Please advise on:

- (a) How many legal aid applications are processed by the LAD's office at the Queensway Government Offices annually? How many legal aid counsel and non-professional officers are responsible for the work?
- (b) How many legal aid applications are processed by the LAD's office in Mongkok annually? How many legal aid counsel and non-professional officers are responsible for the work?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

(a) and (b)

The information requested is as follows:

	Queensway Government Offices	Mongkok Sub-office
No. of legal aid applications processed	8 717	7 283
No. of Senior Legal Aid Counsel/ Legal Aid Counsel processing legal aid applications	18	12
No. of non-professional officers processing legal aid applications	104	94

The Department places great emphasis on the provision of customer-orientated legal aid services. To this end, various in-house and external programmes on customer service related topics are arranged regularly to remind staff of the importance of good customer service practices.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB165**

Question Serial No.

1087

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimate that the Administration would like to improve the quality of services of the Legal Aid Department (LAD). Please advise on:

- (a) Whether there is any mechanism for applicants and/or lawyers and/or parties concerned to lodge their complaints?
- (b) If not, whether it is necessary to put in place such mechanism so as to enhance transparency and the spirit of accountability?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

(a) & (b)

LAD has in place a well established system for handling complaints about its service. Any person including legal aid applicants, aided persons or assigned lawyers who wish to make a complaint may contact the Department's customer service officer whose name and telephone number are displayed in the Department's office premises and on the Department's webpage. In addition, complainants may contact the Departmental Complaints Officer by phone / post / fax / email.

The Department has also published a "Customer Service Standards" leaflet in which users of legal aid services are informed of the various means and procedures for lodging a complaint in respect of the services rendered. The leaflet is available for distribution to the public and has been uploaded onto the Department's webpage.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB166**

Question Serial No.

1088

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With respect to the directorate officers, Senior Legal Aid Counsel (SLAC), Legal Aid Counsel (LAC, excluding SLAC), and non-professional officers of the Legal Aid Department, please provide information on:

- the number of the directorate officers;
- the mid-point salary of the directorate officers;
- the highest salary of the directorate officers;
- the number of the SLAC;
- the mid-point salary of the SLAC;
- the highest salary of the SLAC;
- the average number of cases handled by the SLAC annually;
- the number of the LAC (excluding SLAC);
- the mid-point salary of the LAC (excluding SLAC);
- the highest salary of the LAC (excluding SLAC);
- the average number of cases handled by the LAC (excluding SLAC) annually;
- the number of the non-professional officers;
- the mid-point salary of the non-professional officers; and
- the highest salary of the non-professional officers.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Reply to (a) to (f), (h) to (j), and (l) to (n): The estimated number of posts, the mid-point salary and the highest salary of the respective ranks are as follows:

- Directorate Officers** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2012 : 15)

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Directorate (Legal) Pay Scale (DL)</b>					<b>Notional annual mid-point salary/ Annual Salary</b>
Director of Legal Aid	DL6	187,100	(192,650)			2,311,800
Deputy Director of Legal Aid	DL3	147,150	(151,500)	(155,850)	(160,600)	1,870,200
Deputy Principal Legal Aid Counsel	DL2	126,500	(130,400)	(134,300)	(138,350)	1,611,600
Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel	DL1	106,600	(109,700)	(113,100)	(116,500)	1,357,200

Note 1: Figures in brackets represent increments

(ii) **Senior Legal Aid Counsel** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2012 : 26)

Rank	Mid-point Salary per month (\$)	Highest Salary per month (\$)
Senior Legal Aid Counsel	89,075	95,595

(iii) **Legal Aid Counsel** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2012 : 35)

Rank	Mid-point Salary per month (\$)	Highest Salary per month (\$)
Legal Aid Counsel	65,300	80,080

(iv) **Non-Professional Officers** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2012 : 466<sup>Note 2</sup>)

Rank	Mid-point Salary per month (\$)	Highest Salary per month (\$)
Senior Law Clerk I	59,670	65,300
Senior Law Clerk II	45,020	51,670
Law Clerk	25,750	37,465

<sup>Note 2</sup> Among the 466 non-professional officer posts, 163 belong to the Law Clerk Grade (35%) which is a departmental grade. The remaining 303 posts belong to 18 general and common grades including executive, clerical and secretarial grades, etc.

Reply to (g) and (k): The average number of cases handled by each LAC and SLAC annually is as follows:

550 cases per SLAC*	484 cases per LAC*
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\* Represents the number of cases processed in 2011. Professional officers, however, have other duties to perform e.g. monitoring cases following grant of legal aid, handling criminal, matrimonial and insolvency litigations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012



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

**HAB167**

Question Serial No.

0968

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Under this programme, the revised estimate for 2011-12 is 10.5% less than the original, while the estimate for 2012-13 has increased by 11.6%. Please provide information on the changes of expenses involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

The information requested is as follows:

	2011-12 revised estimate over 2011-12 original estimate Increase/(Decrease) \$'000	2012-13 estimate over 2011-12 revised estimate Increase/(Decrease) \$'000
Salary	2,294	4,031
Allowances	(96)	36
Personnel Related Expenses	1	702
Departmental Expenses	(350)	240
Legal Aid Costs	(71,109)	63,087
Total	(69,260)	68,096

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 2 March 2012

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

**HAB168**

Question Serial No.

0969

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

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In 2011-12, how many applications for employees' compensation claims and/or negligence claims arising from injuries at work were received by the Legal Aid Department? Please provide a breakdown of the applications which have been accepted and refused.
- (b) In respect of the above applications, please provide a breakdown of the refusals by reasons.
- (c) For those applications that were refused on merits, what are the number of applicants who appealed to the Registrar of the High Court and the number of appeals that were allowed?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

(a) and (b)

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

	<u>2011</u>
Applications received	2 390
Applications accepted	1 415
Refusal	603
- on Means	116
- on Merits	476
- on Means and Merits	11

(c)

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

	<u>2011</u>
Appeal on Merits	78
- Allowed	2
- Dismissed	48
- Adjourned	9
- Withdrawn/Vacated	10
- Pending hearing	9

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB169**

Question Serial No.

1859

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Between April 2009 and December 2011, how many of the legally aided cases made use of the mediation service? What are the expenses incurred? What is the estimate for such service for 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

Between April 2009 and December 2011, approval was given for incurring expenditure for mediation in 1 266 legally aided cases and the amount of expenditure was about \$3.4 million. As mediation expenses are disbursements of aided proceedings, there is no separate estimate for such service for 2012-13 as the expenses are absorbed by the legal aid costs provision for 2012-13.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 2 March 2012

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

**HAB170**

Question Serial No.

1860

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the public educational activities held by the Legal Aid Department (the Department) in promoting public awareness and understanding of its legal aid services. What is the estimated amount of expenditure for 2012-13? How the effectiveness of these activities is assessed?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

For 2011-12, the Department has undertaken the following activities to promote public awareness and understanding of legal aid services:

- (a) producing video documentaries on "Legal Aid Services 2012" and "Legal Aid Litigation – Liability for Costs of Aided Persons and Steps involved in the Release of Monies recovered in Aided Proceedings" for public viewing;
- (b) giving talks to educational institutes, students and non-governmental organisations;
- (c) participating in events such as the Law Week organised by the Law Society and the Cross-strait Legal Aid Conference by the Legal Aid Services Council;
- (d) publishing and distributing information leaflets, newsletters, annual reports and posters on the services of the Department; and
- (e) maintaining and updating the Department's website as a source of online information for the public.

In 2012-13, a financial provision of \$408,000 has been earmarked for organising activities and programmes in promoting public awareness and understanding of legal aid services.

The Department considers that the above activities would enhance public awareness and understanding of legal aid services.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012

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

**HAB171**

Question Serial No.

1861

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the payment of damages or compensation to aided persons by the Legal Aid Department (the Department), be it interim payment (processed within one month) or final payment (processed within six weeks), the rate of compliance has been 99% for years. Please give the reasons why the rate of 100% cannot be achieved. How long does it usually take to release the damages or compensation in full to the aided persons?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

With regard to the final payment of damages or compensation to the aided persons, the Department's pledge is to effect payment within six weeks of agreement of all costs and disbursements related to the case and receipt of all monies due to the aided person and the Director of Legal Aid. When effecting final payments to aided persons, the Accounts Section of the Department would at times seek verifications or raise queries to ensure that the correct amount is paid. As a result, the overall compliance rate of all cases is 99%.

The Department does not keep statistics on the average time taken to release damages or compensation in full to aided persons. While final payment is dependent on agreement of costs and payment of damages or compensation by the opposite parties which are beyond the control of the Department, legal aid counsel deployed in both the Application and Processing Division and the Litigation Division are reminded of the importance of early payment of damages or compensation to aided persons. In addition, the Department has issued Guidance Notes to solicitors handling civil cases to agree costs with the opposite parties or commence taxation proceedings within three months as provided for in Order 62, Rule 22 of the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4A) and Rules of the District Court (Cap. 336H). For assigned out cases, solicitors are also reminded to submit an estimated ceiling of all costs and disbursement as soon as practicable so that the Department can make interim payments to aided persons to alleviate any financial hardship suffered by them.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 2 March 2012

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

**HAB172**

Question Serial No.

2714

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

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With respect to monitoring of the effectiveness of the means-testing processes,

- (a) What standards are used to assess their effectiveness?
- (b) What improvements were made in response to the results of the monitoring work in the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

(a & b)

The purpose of means testing is to determine whether an applicant is financially eligible for legal aid and to assess the amount of financial contribution which shall be paid in accordance with the requirements of the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources and Contributions) Regulations (Cap. 91 sub. leg. B). Guidelines and explanatory notes have been issued to staff and applicants to assist them in the means testing process. Regular workshops and experience sharing sessions on the rules and guidelines for means testing are also organised for staff responsible for means testing. All reports are checked, approved and monitored by legal aid counsel. If any person believes that an aided person has given false information on means to the Legal Aid Department (the Department), he/she can provide details for the Department to investigate. If the case is substantiated, the Department will take immediate steps to discontinue legal aid and refer the case to the police. In 2011, legal aid in 54 cases was discontinued as a result of reviews and investigation made pursuant to representations. The Department also referred 16 cases to the police.

The Department's Internal Audit Section also conducts regular means test audit reviews on compliance with prescribed rules and internal guidelines. The overall result of such reviews over the years was considered satisfactory.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB173**

Question Serial No.

2715

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Provision for 2012-13 is 6.9% higher than the original estimate for 2011-12 and the reason is there is an increase in operating expenses. Please explain in detail the reasons for the increase.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The increase of 6.9% (\$6,016,000) in the provision for 2012-13 as compared to the original estimate for 2011-12 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in salary (\$4,360,000) arising from the 2011 civil service pay rise and filling of existing vacancies. There are also anticipated increases in legal aid costs (\$953,000) for processing legal aid applications and personnel related expenses (\$642,000) for meeting Civil Service Provident Fund contribution. The breakdown is as follows:

	Increase/(Decrease) \$'000
Salary	4,360
Allowances	(42)
Personnel Related Expenses	642
Departmental Expenses	103
Legal Aid Costs	953
Total	6,016

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB174**

Question Serial No.

2716

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the past five years, how many applications were granted where the Director of Legal Aid (DLA) is satisfied that it is desirable in the interests of justice to grant legal aid to the applicant even if his/her financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit? Please provide the number of such applications respectively.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The numbers of applications which were granted legal aid because DLA was satisfied that it is desirable in the interests of justice to grant legal aid to the applicant are as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Number of applications	15	17	24	25	13

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 2 March 2012

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

**HAB175**

Question Serial No.

3069

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

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Does the Legal Aid Department (the Department) have any specific indicators to monitor the use of mediation in legally aided cases in 2012-13? If yes, what are the indicators? If not, what are the reasons? What is the estimated expenditure involved in monitoring the use of mediation in legally aided cases?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Department maintains specific indicators to monitor the use of mediation. These include the number of legal aid cases given approval for incurring expenses for mediation, the number of cases that have eventually undergone mediation, the cost of mediation in various categories of legally aided proceedings and the success rate of mediation.

Mediation expenses in legally-aided proceedings are disbursements which form part of the costs of litigation. In 2012-13, the provision for litigation services is \$655.2 million. Whether a case proceeds to mediation depends on a number of factors such as the nature and circumstances of the case, the willingness of the parties to attempt mediation, etc. As such, it is not possible to give an estimate of the expenditure for mediation in 2012-13. Monitoring the use of mediation in legal aid cases is carried out by legal aid counsel and supporting staff as part of their overall monitoring duties. The Department does not maintain separate records of administrative expenses involved in monitoring the use of mediation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB176**

Question Serial No.

3070

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

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide the estimated total expenditure on civil and criminal legal aid respectively for 2012-13. In 2011-12, how many applications were granted by the Director of Legal Aid (DLA) by exercising his discretion even if the financial resources of the applicant exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit? Out of these cases, how many of them were criminal or civil cases? What is the expected number of cases to be granted by exercising DLA's discretion to applicants whose financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit for 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The total financial provision for civil and criminal legal aid in 2012-13 is \$538.789 million. Allocation of the provision of legal aid costs is done holistically based on past actual expenditure pattern and anticipated increases.

In 2011, two civil and 13 criminal legal aid applications were granted legal aid by DLA exercising his discretion to waive the upper financial eligibility limit. As the means of each applicant are different, the Legal Aid Department is unable to give an estimate of the number of cases in respect of which DLA may exercise his discretion in 2012-13.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB177**

Question Serial No.

3071

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the specific progress and objectives in the implementation of the revised criminal legal aid fees structure by the Legal Aid Department in 2012-13? What is the estimated expenditure involved in the implementation of such measure?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The objective of the revised criminal legal aid fees structure is to ensure general compatibility of the criminal legal aid system for defence lawyers with the regime for prosecution counsel and to provide for reasonable remuneration for practitioners undertaking criminal legal aid work within the remits of public affordability.

Implementation of the revised criminal legal aid fees structure required amendments to the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. D). The Amendment Rules were made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, chaired by the Chief Judge of the High Court and comprised representatives of the two legal professional bodies, on 19 January 2012. The Administration issued a notice of motion on 3 February 2012 for moving a resolution at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting on 29 February 2012 to approve the Amendment Rules. Subject to LegCo's approval, the Amendment Rules are expected to come into effect on 9 March 2012. With the full implementation of the Amendment Rules, the Government expenditure in criminal legal aid fee is expected to increase by an additional \$100 million per year. The Administration has included the necessary provision for meeting the resource requirement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB178**

Question Serial No.

3072

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011-12, what specific criteria have been adopted by the Legal Aid Department (the Department) to monitor the performance of assigned private practitioners and progress of assigned-out cases? What is the expenditure involved in the monitoring work? What is the estimated expenditure for such work for 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The performance of assigned private practitioners is evaluated by reference to the relevant statutory provisions, the Guidance Notes issued by the Department for all legal aid practitioners, the Code of Conduct issued by the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Guide to Professional Conduct issued by the Law Society of Hong Kong. For the monitoring of progress of assigned-out cases, files of all assigned-out cases are brought to the attention of the responsible legal aid counsel on a regular basis to check progress and to directorate grade officers for review to ensure that assigned lawyers report progress on cases at suitable intervals to avoid delay in proceedings thereby prejudicing the interests of aided persons. The use of limited legal aid certificates by which the Department stipulates the scope of work to be done on the certificates further provides the Department with an opportunity to review the continued merits and costs of a case to ensure that it is justifiable for legal aid to continue.

Monitoring is part of the duties of legal aid counsel responsible for processing civil and criminal legal aid applications as assisted by law clerks and clerical staff. The expenditure involved in monitoring work has been included in the provision of \$655.2 million in Programme (2) "Litigation Services" of the Controlling Officer's Report for 2012-13.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB179**

Question Serial No.

3073

Head: 94 - Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Earlier, in the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge case, a political party was alleged to manipulate a member of the public to hire a lawyer of that political party through a legal aid application to conduct the judicial review. Such a seeming act of "touting" not only abuses the legal aid service but also jeopardises the overall interests of Hong Kong. Hence, our society is of the opinion that the Legal Aid Department (the Department) should further improve its legal aid processing and monitoring systems to safeguard against such acts of "touting". In this respect, will the Department look into ways to further improve its existing legal aid processing and monitoring systems in 2012-13? If yes, what are the details? What is the expenditure incurred? If no, why not?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The policy objective of legal aid is to ensure that no one with reasonable grounds for pursuing or defending a legal action is denied access to justice because of a lack of means. Regarding legal aid applications for judicial review, legal aid will be granted, subject to means, if the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter to which the judicial review application relates and the case has reasonable grounds. To avoid conflict of interests and to maintain the independence of the Department, all judicial review cases are assigned out.

When aided persons decide to nominate their own lawyers, the aided person's nominations should be given due weight and should not be rejected unless there are compelling reasons to do so. Compelling reasons are when the nomination is likely to undermine the aided person's interest in the proceedings and/or to jeopardise the legal aid fund on account of matters such as previous unsatisfactory performance, adverse disciplinary action by regulatory bodies of the two branches of the profession, language requirements of the proceedings, or the aided person has made repeated/late requests for change of lawyer without any good reasons in support and where the hearing date is imminent.

We note that there have been calls for the Department to further improve its existing legal aid processing and monitoring systems. In this regard, the Department is now considering the suggestion of putting in place a "declaration system" to ensure that the aided person's choice of lawyers has not been affected by touting or other improper conduct on the part of the lawyers nominated. The Department will work out the proposed "declaration system" in consultation with the Legal Aid Services Council before implementation, and hence, the estimated expenditure to be incurred is not available at this stage.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB180**

Question Serial No.

0695

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the trial book drop service at Mass Transit Railway stations, please provide the following information:

- (a) Please list the monthly usage of the book drops at the three Mass Transit Railway stations since the service was launched.
- (b) Among the books returned through the book drops, how many were overdue? What was the amount of fines involved?
- (c) What is the expenditure involved in launching this trial service? How will the Leisure and Cultural Services Department review the cost-effectiveness of the service? When is the review expected to be completed?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

- (a) Since the launch of the trial book drop service on 29 September 2011, a monthly average of 7 100, 9 100 and 3 800 library books were returned through the book drops at the Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong Mass Transit Railway (MTR) stations respectively.
- (b) Among some 79 000 books returned through the book drops at the three MTR stations during the four-month period from 29 September 2011 to end January 2012, about 14 000 of them were overdue items and the total amount of overdue fines involved was around \$71,000.
- (c) The start-up cost of the trial service was around \$0.8 million, which covered the hiring of consultancy services for evaluating the technical feasibility of installing book drops at MTR stations, as well as the design and production of the book drops. The annual operating cost is estimated at about \$4.6 million, covering the hiring of logistics services for collecting, sorting and delivering the returned books to the respective libraries. A review will be conducted one year after the launch of the trial service to assess the public response to and cost-effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial

implications, based on which the Department will recommend a way forward for the scheme.  
The review is expected to be completed in late 2012.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 17 February 2012



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

**HAB181**

Question Serial No.

3118

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 186 of the Budget Speech that efforts have been made to upgrade and promote museum service and organise major exhibitions for audience building. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) The number of major exhibitions to be organised and the targeted number of audience?
- (b) The estimated expenditure on museum exhibitions and public art, its distribution and the contents of the projects?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to organise 11 major exhibitions at five of its museums in 2012-13, aiming to attract a total of some 2.2 million visitors.
- (b) The estimated expenditure on museum exhibitions and public art projects, excluding sponsorship, to be incurred in 2012-13 is \$68.4 million and \$16.6 million respectively (\$85 million in total). The major exhibitions that will be held in 2012-13 include The Secret Garden of Emperor Qianlong, Treasures of the First Emperor of China, Andy Warhol, The Art of Feng Zikai, Creatures of the Abyss, and Julius Caesar. The major public art projects to be launched in 2012-13 include Public Art Project - Tamar and Park Déco Scheme - Cornwall Street Park.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB182**

Question Serial No.

0559

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the amounts of subvention granted to individual national sports associations (NSAs) in each of the past three years. Has the Government entered any subvention agreements with the NSAs and conducted regular auditing when offering subvention to them? If so, please provide a copy of such agreement. If not, what are the reasons?
- (b) Apart from distributing the Best Practice Checklist to the NSAs, what other measures have been taken by the Government to ensure proper use of the funds?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The breakdown of the subvention granted to individual NSAs in the past three years is at Annex I.

The Subvention Agreement (sample at Annex II) signed between LCSD and individual NSAs each year sets out the terms and conditions governing the use of the subvention as well as the obligations of the NSAs. Under the Agreement, NSAs are required to use the subvention on planned programmes and activities in strict accordance with the requirements of the Agreement; allow the Government and the Audit Commission unhindered access to examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of their subvention; and submit to LCSD their programme reports and annual audited accounts.

- (b) The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) published a “Best Practice Reference for Governance of National Sports Associations” in December 2011 to provide guidance on the principles and practices of good governance and internal control for adoption by NSAs. LCSD and ICAC will work together to assist the NSAs in implementing the “Best Practice” through the provision of tailor-made advice and services.

LCSD staff will also continue to conduct on-site inspection of the subvented programmes to ensure programme and service quality, and carry out quality assurance audits on NSAs' compliance with the Subvention Agreement including the accounting and procurement procedures.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 22 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**Subvention to National Sports Associations**

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>2009-10</b> <b>(\$)</b>	<b>2010-11</b> <b>(\$)</b>	<b>2011-12</b> <b>(\$)</b>
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,346,235	1,385,862	1,537,579
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	4,732,255	4,487,120	5,534,316
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	8,759,253	10,278,774	10,939,255
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	3,109,797	3,419,609	3,698,559
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	9,126,025	9,203,100	8,782,125
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	1,208,726	1,868,780	2,756,278
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	875,338	750,796	791,744
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association	808,004	959,711	1,125,355
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union	2,807,616	2,726,170	3,172,769
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	1,393,922	1,873,304	1,838,961
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,056,907	2,600,387	2,880,411
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association	5,636,349	6,619,220	7,651,780
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	1,989,592	2,318,150	3,050,682
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,646,804	1,715,150	1,500,648
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,515,729	1,493,686	1,527,753
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	5,137,215	4,979,080	5,433,025
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	7,506,215	8,920,534	10,382,123
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Company Limited	1,045,229	1,031,483	1,309,601
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,385,683	1,463,518	1,449,650
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	3,860,388	4,557,600	4,814,213
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	3,377,234	4,589,230	5,052,246
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association	1,704,757	2,137,573	2,196,950
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	615,415	766,021	734,406
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,016,557	2,700,968	2,706,626
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	973,766	2,119,136	2,537,990
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	507,543	517,924	477,623
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	711,512	753,216	668,190
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	1,719,512	1,892,870	1,872,883
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	3,711,587	4,492,215	4,954,196

30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	2,066,389	2,157,508	2,506,317
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association	701,982	880,252	1,046,030
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	2,047,427	2,124,668	2,375,502
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	1,562,804	1,692,865	1,721,529
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	6,394,103	6,549,611	6,638,619
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	3,622,495	3,923,644	4,002,665
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	892,986	968,724	887,444
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,624,361	6,600,230	7,078,400
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	1,906,167	2,597,786	2,546,188
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	622,901	732,743	801,238
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	962,907	1,030,614	986,857
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,176,191	1,232,569	1,416,081
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	448,598	476,937	648,054
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	4,394,100	5,357,704	6,235,454
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	3,965,462	5,083,992	6,207,071
45.	Hong Kong Squash	9,049,716	10,201,665	10,674,707
46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	8,426,071	8,943,425	9,799,528
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	7,716,022	10,009,906	10,615,685
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	1,420,948	1,995,254	2,143,125
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	6,281,024	6,575,498	7,523,678
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	3,351,944	4,429,751	4,488,438
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	3,680,143	4,155,227	4,108,269
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,044,441	1,061,719	935,232
53.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	1,121,063	650,969	1,346,939
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	6,049,976	7,598,248	7,718,231
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	587,012	656,552	663,362
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	552,340	858,180	833,655
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	6,529,455	7,743,791	7,910,402
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	3,106,824	3,872,770	3,611,350

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION  
AND**

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FOR THE YEAR 2011-12**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 1st Day of April 2011 between the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region acting through the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services whose principal office is located at 16/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, Hong Kong (“the Government”) on the one part and XXXX Association, an organization registered in Hong Kong whose registered office is located at XXXX (“the Grantee”) on the other part.

WHEREAS the Government wishes to promote and develop sports in Hong Kong and the Grantee has agreed to propose and organize specific sports activities,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows : -

IN CONSIDERATION of the maximum sum of HK\$XXXX (Hong Kong Dollars XXXX only) (“the Subvention”) which the Government shall grant to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement, the Grantee shall implement the programme of activities proposed by the Grantee as set out in Annex A attached hereto and as amended by the Government from time to time and other activities approved by the Government pursuant to this Agreement (“the Activities”) in accordance with the approved budget as set out in Annex B (“the Budget”) subject to the terms and conditions stipulated hereinafter.

THE PARTIES HEREBY agree to the following : -

1. This Agreement shall take effect upon signing by the parties hereto from the 1st day of April 2011 and until the 31st day of March 2012 and shall validate all acts done by both parties since the 1st day of April 2011 in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The period covered between these two dates (both days inclusive) shall be referred to as “the Subvention Period”.
2. This Agreement shall not create any employer and employee relationship or any principal and agent relationship between the Government and Grantee. The Government or its employees shall in no way be held responsible for Grantee’s acts, omission and conduct of business.
3. (a) The Subvention shall be made payable in advance by quarterly instalments at the beginning of each quarter of the Subvention Period. The Government shall pay the first quarterly instalment in April 2011 and the remaining quarterly instalments in July 2011, October 2011 and January 2012 respectively. The payment of the Subvention shall be made subject to the due performance by the Grantee of its obligations under this Agreement to the Government’s satisfaction.

- (b) The Grantee may, notwithstanding the generality of Clause 13 and subject to the Government's prior written approval, transfer any of the Subvention to any club which has been approved by and registered with the Government to take part in the Community Sports Clubs Project listed in Item ii of Table C(IV) of Appendix I and in Item I and Item II of Appendix II of Annex A as amended by the Government from time to time ("the Affiliated Club") to implement any of the Activities. For the purpose of transferring any of the Subvention to any Affiliated Club, the Grantee shall assist the Affiliated Club in implementing such Activities and shall comply with Chapter VII of the *Handbook for National Sports Associations* ("the Handbook") as published and amended by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("the Department") from time to time.
- (c) The Government shall have the right to suspend, vary, reduce or cancel all or any of the Subvention or to demand repayment of all or any part of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund which is provided for in Clause 4. This right may be exercised by the Government after an one-month's notice is given to the Grantee and this is without prejudice to Clause 5 and any other rights and remedies available to the Government if at any time the Grantee fails to duly perform its obligations under this Agreement, or is unable to implement any of the Activities, or any of the Activities is materially affected by delay, change of timing, change of scope, cancellation or other circumstances or upon the temporary or permanent cessation of the Grantee's business or operation, provided that the Government will not exercise this right if it is proved that the Subvention or any part of it has been spent by the Grantee bona fide and with due care for the carrying out of its obligations under this Agreement or the delay, change of timing, change of scope, cancellation or other circumstances are in the opinion of the Government due to factors beyond the control of the Grantee.
- (d) For the purposes of sub-clause (c) above, the Grantee shall notify and explain to the Government in writing any changes to the scope and level of Activities to be organized including cancellation of Activities within one (1) month upon effect of such changes or cancellation.
- (e) Should the Government exercise its right under sub-clause (c) above, the Grantee shall repay the Government upon demand any amount that has been granted to the Grantee, whether or not the amount has been deposited into the Reserve Fund.
- (f) Notwithstanding sub-clause (e) above any such suspension, variation, reduction, cancellation or demand for repayment of the Subvention by the Government exercised pursuant to its right above shall not diminish, vary or discharge from any of the Grantee's remaining obligations under this Agreement.
- (g) Without prejudice to sub-clause (c) above and any other rights of and remedies available to the Government, the Government shall be entitled to suspend, vary, reduce, cancel or demand repayment by the Grantee to the Government of any of the Subvention related to the Community Sports Clubs Project if any Affiliated Club does not comply with or is in breach of the Code of Conduct ("the Code of Conduct") or Procurement Guidelines ("the Procurement Guidelines") which the Grantee has deposited with the Government or is in contravention of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, Cap. 201, or is unable to implement any of the Activities, or any such activity is materially affected by delay, change of timing, change of scope, cancellation or other circumstances or upon the temporary or permanent cessation of the Affiliated Club's business or operation unless the delay, change of timing, change of scope,

cancellation or other circumstances are due to factors beyond the control of the Affiliated Club.

4. (a) Subject to compliance with the provisions and requirements set out in the Guidelines on Use of Reserve Fund in Annex D, the Grantee may deposit savings from the Subvention into a Reserve Fund of not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Subvention for the Subvention Period to meet future financial needs;
  - (b) The Grantee may apply to the Government for special consideration to vary the aforesaid maximum percentage figure for the Reserve Fund under exceptional circumstances only upon solid justification and without any recurrent implications on either the Subvention or the Reserve Fund;
  - (c) The Grantee shall keep separate ledger accounts for the Subvention and the Reserve Fund. The Grantee shall keep separate and designated bank account for the Subvention and the Reserve Fund;
  - (d) The Grantee shall set aside the exact amount of money as shown in the ledger balance of the Reserve Fund in the designated bank account;
  - (e) The Grantee shall obtain Government's prior written approval to all use of the Reserve Fund as stipulated in Annex D of this Agreement; and
  - (f) Should the Grantee have a legitimate reason to terminate this Agreement, the Grantee shall submit in writing with full justifications and a plan to show how the balance of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund are to be repaid for the approval of the Government three (3) months before the proposed termination date.
5. (a) The Grantee agrees to notify promptly the Government of any donation or sponsorship made to the Grantee in respect of any of the Activities. The Grantee shall keep any funds from donations or sponsorship separated from the Subvention and the Reserve Fund in order to facilitate audit. For this purpose, the Grantee shall keep separate ledger account for the donation and/or sponsorship received which are designated for the Activities in the same designated bank account prescribed in sub-clause 4(c);
  - (b) in case the Grantee accepts and uses any donation or sponsorship in any of the Activities and at the same time receives the Subvention, the Grantee shall properly account for the relevant expenditure chargeable to the donation and/or sponsorship and to the Subvention in respect of such activities to the Government and shall deposit savings from the Subvention for the purposes of such activities into the Reserve Fund, failing which the Government shall have the right to suspend, vary, reduce or cancel all or any part of the Subvention or to demand repayment of all or any part of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund; and
  - (c) The Grantee agrees to bear all consequences, financial and otherwise, arising from the acceptance of donation and/or sponsorship at own costs and without recourse to any remedy or financial assistance whatsoever by the Government.
6. To ensure that the objectives of granting the Subvention to the Grantee are achieved, and to enable the Government to account for the use of the Subvention by the Grantee, the Grantee agrees and undertakes to:-



- (a) inform the Government on each and every occasion the election of office-bearers of the Grantee;
  - (b) notify the Government of the Grantee's activities ancillary to the implementation of the Activities including promotional events, press conferences or meetings relating to the organization of the Activities and to provide the Government with relevant promotional materials so as to facilitate the Government in sending over representatives to take part in such activities, events or meetings, as appropriate;
  - (c) submit to the Government at quarterly intervals a Programme Report on the Subvention and the Reserve Fund in such form as required by the Government on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012;
  - (d) engage a public accountant registered under section 22 of the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) to conduct an examination of and report on the annual accounts of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund for the Subvention Period and submit to the Government a written document signed by the public accountant confirming the engagement to be conducted in accordance with the Hong Kong engagement standards specified in sub-clause 6(e) below on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011;
  - (e) submit to the Government annual accounts of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund SEPARATELY for the Subvention Period on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The annual accounts should be certified by the Chairman or President of the Grantee and examined by the public accountant engaged pursuant to sub-clause (d) above by conducting a reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with **Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information"** issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The assurance report accompanying the annual accounts shall contain an expression of conclusion on the Grantee's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Auditor's Guide published and amended by the Department from time to time ("the Auditor's Guide"), the Code of Conduct and Procurement Guidelines which the Grantee has deposited with the Government. In respect of the Code of Conduct, the assurance report shall conclude on the Grantee's compliance with the procedural requirements in processing declaration on conflict of interests and application for acceptance of advantages only;
  - (f) allow the Government, Director of Audit or its representatives to have unhindered access to and to enquire, examine and audit (including making copy of) the records and accounts of the Grantee in relation to the Activities and the management and control procedures of the Grantee and explain to the Government, Director of Audit or its representatives any matters relating to the receipt, expenditure or custody of any monies derived from the Subvention. The Grantee shall keep all records and accounts in relation to the Activities for not less than three years from the date the annual accounts of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund are submitted to the Government to facilitate audit and other inspections.
7. To ensure that the Subvention are properly used in the remunerations of subvented posts in the Approved Establishment in Annex B, the Grantee agrees and undertakes to:-
- (a) recruit and appoint competent staff in accordance with the procedures, entry qualification and at salary not lower than the minimum salaries stipulated in the Handbook;
  - (b) pay the amounts of Special Personnel Fund specified in the Items column under the

heading of Personnel Expenses in Annex B to the staff who have been in continuous service without a break for the Grantee on any subvented post(s) of the Approved Establishment from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Any amounts not having been paid to the staff and remain in the Special Personnel Fund at the expiry of the Subvention Period shall be deposited into the Reserve Fund;

- (c) pay the amount of subvention for Mandatory Provident Fund contribution in respect of the part-time coaches and officials who are engaged for the Activities to the Mandatory Provident Fund trustee in accordance with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485);
- (d) report to the Government on recruitment and movement of subvented staff in the Approved Establishment, and submit copies of the employment contracts within one (1) month upon effect of such staff recruitment and staff movement, detailing the terms and conditions of employment, to the Government for reference; and
- (e) advise the Government on recruitment process and staff selection procedure for appointment of staff to the Approved Establishment.

8. The Grantee agrees:-

- (a) to adopt proper internal controls to ensure that the Subvention and the Reserve Fund are used in a cost-effective and accountable manner. In the event that irregularities are detected, the Grantee is required to immediately undertake an investigation and forward a full report of the investigation within fourteen (14) days to the Government. The report should cover all aspects of the investigation, including a recommendation as to how such irregularities may be prevented from occurrence in future;
- (b) to comply with all laws, enactments, ordinances, rules and regulations in force in Hong Kong for the time being and amended from time to time;
- (c) to comply with the subvention principles and procedural guidelines laid down in the Handbook;
- (d) to comply with the Code of Conduct and Procurement Guidelines, in particular the approval mechanism and declaration system stated therein to avoid conflict of interest and other internal administrative procedures in all work practices and decision-making processes and to answer all enquiries made by the Government about the performances or acts of the Grantee, any of its office-bearers, employees, contractors or agents in all work practices and decision-making processes within fourteen (14) days in writing to the Government's satisfaction;
- (e) to ensure the Affiliated Clubs to -
  - (i) comply with the Code of Conduct and Procurement Guidelines in respect of the approval mechanism and declaration system stated therein to avoid any conflict of interest; and
  - (ii) take all reasonable steps to rectify any breach of or non-compliance with the Code of Conduct or Procurement Guidelines immediately upon discovery of the same.
- (f) to follow and act upon the Government's advice with regard to improving the Grantee's internal control and monitoring mechanism, Code of Conduct, Procurement

Guidelines and procedures for the recruitment and employment of staff to ensure public transparency and accountability in the use of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund;

- (g) to provide explanation on any complaint, allegation or suspicion of breach of or non-compliance with the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines, and all internal guidelines and procedures committed by the Grantee, any of its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs and provide relevant information, document and material upon the Government's request and in the manner and within such period of time to be specified by the Government and to the Government's satisfaction PROVIDED that any failure to provide explanation on such complaint, allegation or suspicion of breach of or non-compliance with the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines, and all internal guidelines and procedures or provide such information, document or material shall be treated as the Grantee's breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement whether or not the breach of or non-compliance with the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines, and all internal guidelines and procedures is committed by the Grantee, any of its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs;
- (h) to seek Government's prior written approval to any change to the subvented posts in the Approved Establishment listed in Annex B;
- (i) to seek Government's prior written approval if the Grantee intends to use any of the Subvention whether the same has been deposited into the Reserve Fund in any activity not listed in the Programme of Activities in Annex A;
- (j) not to deviate from the Budget without the prior written agreement of the Government provided that the Grantee may effect the virement of funds in compliance with the Guidelines on Virement of Funds at Annex C in the use and deployment of the Subvention;
- (k) not to accept any sponsorship from tobacco companies for any of the Activities, and not to accept any sponsorship from liquor companies for any of the Activities organized for young people under the age of 18, or any donation or sponsorship that may adversely affect the image or integrity of the Government;
- (l) to use its best endeavours to generate income from other sources including sponsorship and fundraising activities as estimated in Annex A;
- (m) to include in the Grantee's annual accounts any revenue derived from any bank interest received in respect of the Subvention and the Reserve Fund;
- (n) to advise the Government from time to time and within one (1) month upon effect of any changes in or amendment to the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines, accounting and payment procedures, selection procedures for the recruitment and employment of staff, and all internal guidelines and procedures of the Grantee;
- (o) to advise the Government the declaration of interests made by all its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents and Affiliated Clubs and, when being required, to provide the Government with all the official records including but not limited to notes of discussion, minutes of meeting, and management decisions, etc. for examination of the Grantee's compliance with the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines and all

internal guidelines and procedures, etc.; and

- (p) to advise the Government from time to time and within one (1) month upon effect of any changes in or amendment to the terms of Memorandum and Articles of Association or Constitution of the Grantee and ensure that any such change shall not affect any right or obligation of the parties to this Agreement or the validity of any term or condition in this Agreement.
9. To ensure that the Grantee remains eligible to receive the Subvention, the Grantee agrees to: -
- (a) allow the Government or its representatives to carry out Value For Money studies for the Activities whenever requested by the Government;
- (b) allow the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) or its authorized representatives to examine the management and control procedures of the Grantee and follow and act upon any corruption prevention advice rendered by the ICAC;
- (c) ensure the strict compliance by all its office-bearers, employees, contractors, and agents with the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines, and all internal guidelines and procedures of the Grantee in the conduct of all affairs involving the Grantee PROVIDED that any breach of or non-compliance with the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines, and all internal guidelines and procedures shall be treated as the Grantee's breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement whether or not the breach of or non-compliance with the Code of Conduct, Procurement Guidelines, and all internal guidelines and procedures is committed by the Grantee, any of its office-bearers, employees, contractors, and agents;
- (d) prohibit all its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents and Affiliated Clubs from offering, soliciting or accepting any advantage as defined in the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap. 201) and require all its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents and Affiliated Clubs to declare and avoid any conflict of interest.
10. The Grantee agrees to give due acknowledgment (e.g. in billing, promotional materials, ceremonial arrangement, house programmes and other publications) to the Government by including a statement that the "activity is subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department" followed by the official logo of the Department. The acknowledgement should be placed in a suitable position in promotional materials. The Grantee further agrees that the acknowledgement and any other reference to the Government or its employees carry no implications whatsoever that the Government or its employees undertake or accept any responsibility to third parties for the Grantee's debts or obligations.
11. The Grantee hereby:-
- (a) consents, agrees and authorizes the Government without further notification to disclose, verify and/or exchange all and any information and data ("the Data") related to the Grantee's constituent committees (including other third parties) for the purposes of and in relation to the consideration, review and evaluation of the Grantee's application for the Subvention and the Subvention hereby granted or for the maintenance of the Subvention made or in respect of the continuation of the Subvention made or to be made, or in relation to the use of the Data in the

Government's discretion in the general policies, requirements, decisions and related activities and matters of the Government in administration of and for publicity as part of the general transparency of the Government in the discharge of its functions and duties. The Grantee shall obtain the consent of data subjects and comply with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) before disclosing or transferring the Data obtained from data subjects to the Government; and

- (b) accepts and authorizes that all Data are supplied to the Government in connection with the application for the Subvention and in connection, firstly, with the making, maintaining, reviewing, assessing, recovering and publicizing the Data for the direct primary purpose of the Subvention, and secondly, the objectives of the Government for the wider but equal secondary purpose of recording, storing, identifying and making available the Data for public access and fully informing the public of the performance of the Grantee from time to time and at all times in the necessary discharge of its statutory responsibilities and that failure so to treat and deal with the Data may result in the Government being unable to discharge its functions properly and efficiently and that such treatment of and dealing with the Data are accordingly hereby fully and irrevocably authorized by the Grantee. The Grantee hereby indemnifies the Government against all third party claims in this regard including without limitation employees of or consultants to and any other direct or indirect providers of services or benefits to the Grantee.
12. The Grantee shall take steps to implement principles of Corporate Governance in terms of internal control and monitoring, succession planning of all office-bearers and employees, etc.; and shall conduct in a proper and lawful manner all its business and activities, including but not limited to the Activities.
13. This Agreement is personal to the Grantee. Save and except as provided in Clause 3, the Grantee shall not, without the prior written consent of the Government, assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any part, share or interest therein.
14. (a) The Grantee shall effect and keep in force during the Subvention Period a public liability policy of insurance exclusively for this Agreement in the joint names of the Government, the Grantee and the Affiliated Clubs for all the Activities in the insured sum of not less than HK\$6.5 million for the occurrence of any single accident and unlimited amount for the Subvention Period or in any other insured sum to be directed by the Government with a reputable insurance company authorized under the Insurance Companies Ordinance (Cap. 41). The insurance policy shall cover liability to pay damages and compensation for injury to or death of any person and for loss of or damage to any property where such injury, death, loss or damage is caused by or arises out of any act, omission or negligence of the Government, the Grantee or the Affiliated Clubs or any of their employees or agents. The Grantee shall ensure that any public liability shall be adequately covered by the policy of insurance;
- (b) In the event that the Grantee transfers any of the Subvention to any Affiliated Club to implement any of the Activities pursuant to Clause 3(b), the Grantee shall, before the implementation of such Activities, either arrange for the inclusion of the Affiliated Club in the public liability policy as an insured party or ensure that the Affiliated Club shall effect a separate public liability policy in an insured sum which is adequate for the purpose of such Activities and approved by the Government with a reputable insurance company authorized under the Insurance Companies Ordinance (Cap. 41) to be approved by the Government;

- (c) The Grantee shall provide a copy of the policy of insurance to the Government upon the Government's demand free of charge;
  - (d) If the public liability policy of insurance provides for the payment of any amount of excess or compensation to be borne by the insured parties, the Grantee shall be solely responsible for such payment and shall reimburse the Government forthwith if the Government shall be required to make such payment;
  - (e) The Grantee shall report any accident and claim in respect of any of the Activities and provide relevant information within fourteen (14) days to the Government and report such accident and claim to the insurance company as may be required by the policy of insurance; and
  - (f) The Government shall be at liberty to give instructions to and liaise with the insurance company directly in respect of such accident and claim if it so desires.
15. (a) The Government and its employees or agents shall not be under any liability whatsoever for or in respect of –
- (i) any loss of or damage to any of the Grantee's property or that of its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs howsoever caused except by any act, omission, default or negligence of the Government or any of its employees or agents or otherwise; and
  - (ii) any injury to or death of any of the Grantee's office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or personnel of Affiliated Clubs save and except any such injury or death caused by the negligence of the Government or any of its employees or agents;
- (b) The Grantee shall indemnify the Government and its employees or agents against any claim or demand made against or liability incurred (including all costs, charges or expenses whatsoever) by the Government or any of its employees or agents in respect of –
- (i) any loss, damage, injury or death referred to in sub-clause (a) of this clause save and except loss, damage, injury or death caused by the negligence of the Government or any of its employees or agents; and
  - (ii) any loss of or damage sustained by or any injury to or death of any third party in consequence of any act, omission, default or negligence of the Grantee or any of its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs;
- (c) The Grantee shall indemnify the Government against any loss of or damage to any property of the Government or of any of its employees or agents or any injury to or death of any employee or agent of the Government arising out of any act, omission, default or negligence of the Grantee or any of its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs;
- (d) For the purposes of this clause 'negligence' shall have the same meaning as that assigned to it in Section 2(1) of the Control of Exemption Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 71);
- (e) Without prejudice to Sub-Clauses (a) to (d) hereinabove, the Grantee shall indemnify

the Government and keep the Government fully and effectively indemnified against any and all losses, claims, damages, costs, charges, expenses, liabilities, demands, proceedings and actions which the Government may sustain or incur or which may be brought or established against it by any person and which in any case arises out of or in relation to or by reason of, but not be limited to, the following –

- (i) the negligence, recklessness or wilful misconduct of the Grantee or its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs;
  - (ii) the breach or the non-performance or non-observance of any of the warranties and undertakings, obligations or conditions by the Grantee or its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs under this Agreement;
  - (iii) any unauthorized act or omission of the Grantee or its office-bearers, employees, contractors, agents or Affiliated Clubs; and
- (f) the indemnities, payment and compensation given in pursuance of this Agreement by the Grantee shall not be defected or reduced by reason of any failure or omission of the Government in enforcing any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or in supervising or controlling the Grantee's operation or method of working.
16. The Government shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement forthwith but without prejudice to any other rights and remedies which the Government has or may have under various circumstances including but not limited to the following : -
- (a) the Grantee goes into liquidation or a petition is being filed for the bankruptcy or the winding up of the Grantee's business otherwise than for the purpose of a reconstruction or amalgamation previously approved by the Government in writing or the Grantee becomes insolvent or makes any composition or arrangement with creditors;
  - (b) the Grantee, being a company shall pass a resolution or the court shall make an order for the liquidation of its assets, or a receiver or manager shall be appointed on behalf of the debenture holders, or circumstances shall have arisen which entitled the court or debenture holders to appoint a receiver or manager;
  - (c) non-payment of any sums due from the Grantee to the Government in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;
  - (d) the Grantee assigns, sub-contracts or transfers or purports to assign, sub-contract or transfer this Agreement or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the Government;
  - (e) the Grantee fails and/or neglects to carry out the obligations under this Agreement or any part thereof as and when directed by the Government;
  - (f) the Grantee fails to fulfill the obligations under this Agreement or any part thereof with due care and diligence or in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement despite previous warning by the Government;
  - (g) the Grantee is or has been unnecessarily or unreasonably delaying the fulfillment of its obligations under this Agreement or any part thereof;

- (h) the Grantee is in breach of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and
  - (i) the contravention of any provision of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap. 201) by any of the Grantee's office-bearers, employees, contractors or agents in connection with or in the fulfillment of the obligations under this Agreement.
17. (a) If this Agreement is terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the Government shall not –
- (i) be obliged to make further payment of the Subvention to the Grantee; and
  - (ii) be responsible for any loss and expenses suffered or incurred by the Grantee due to the termination of this Agreement;
- (b) the rights of the Government hereinabove are in addition to and without prejudice to any other rights the Government may have whether against the Grantee directly or pursuant to any indemnity;
- (c) any termination of this Agreement howsoever occasioned shall not affect any accrued rights or liabilities of either party; and
- (d) the Grantee shall be liable for all expenses necessary incurred by the Government as a result of the termination of this Agreement.
18. The remedies available to the Government in this Agreement and the Government's rights under Clauses 3(c), 3(e), 3(f), 3(g), 14(d), 15(b), 15(c), 15(e), 15(f) and 17 shall survive the expiry or termination of this Agreement and the Government may seek any remedy and exercise any such right upon any breach committed by the Grantee (or any Affiliated Club) or discovered by the Government before or after the expiry or termination of this Agreement. Any money due and payable to or demanded by the Government under this Agreement may be deducted from any money payable by the Government to the Grantee under this Agreement or any other agreement, in any form, made between the Government and the Grantee in the past, present or future. Any money due and payable to or demanded by the Government under any previous agreement in any form on Government subvention may be deducted from any money payable by the Government to the Grantee under this Agreement.
19. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. A corresponding Chinese version of this Agreement has been prepared for reference purposes. Should discrepancy in interpretation arise, the English version of the Agreement shall prevail.



In witness whereof the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the  
Government of the Hong Kong Special  
Administrative Region

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Assistant Director of  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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President / Chairman

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*(Association's Chop)*

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Chief Leisure Manager of  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

**HAB183**

Question Serial No.

0588

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead (No. & title): 000

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Regarding the outsourcing of tree maintenance and management work, please list by year the respective numbers of horticultural contractors and term maintenance contractors appointed directly by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the respective expenditures involved in the past three years. How many of them were issued warning letters or given other forms of punishment for improper tree pruning or failure to meet the contractual work requirements? Please provide the relevant details.
- (b) What were the changes in the numbers of the tree management staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past three years? Regarding the tree management staff, please provide the respective numbers of those who are, and those who are not qualified professional arboriculturists.
- (c) What and how many devices has the Department procured for tree inspection and maintenance? Does the Department have any plans to procure new devices in the coming year? If so, what are the details?
- (d) What were the numbers of trees felled by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department during the tropical cyclone and rainy seasons and other months in the past two years in view of the potential or imminent danger posed by them? What were the respective expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has engaged five, six and six horticultural maintenance contractors in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively to provide regular maintenance services for the trees and plants under its management, and the total contract value in the corresponding years was around \$101.3 million, \$106.8 million and \$118.5 million respectively. Over the past three years, LCSD has on about 400 occasions given advice urging the contractors concerned to improve their performance. LCSD issued 102 advisory letters and 34 default notices in the past three years to its contractors for failing to meet contractual work requirements, including improper tree pruning.

In addition to regular maintenance contracts, LCSD also procured tree works related services on a project basis, involving 140, 167 and 123 service providers in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively. It has issued one advisory letter to the service providers in each of 2010-11 and 2011-12, urging them to improve their work and refrain from using improper tree pruning practices.

- (b) The number of tree management staff in LCSD has increased from 122 in 2009-10 to 210 in 2011-12. Among them, around 50% possessed Certified Arborist or equivalent qualification, while the front-line staff such as Workmen and Artisans have attended relevant in-house training. In 2010-11, LCSD launched a five-year Arboricultural Training Plan to provide 5 000 training places for its tree management staff to enhance their professional qualifications, work-related knowledge and skills.
- (c) At present, LCSD is equipped with 29 sets of sonic tomograph and 34 sets of resistograph for carrying out detailed tree assessment. Since the existing stock meets LCSD's operational needs, LCSD has no plan to purchase additional sonic tomograph or resistograph in the coming year.
- (d) The number of trees removed due to potential or imminent danger, including those removed during the tropical cyclone and rainy seasons and other months, was 3 905 and 2 880 in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively. Most tree removal works were undertaken by departmental staff whereas some were carried out by maintenance contractors. The expenditure incurred in tree removal works carried out by maintenance contractors was around \$1.05 million and \$0.76 million in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 6 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB184**

Question Serial No.

2545

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Could the Leisure and Cultural Services Department maintain a balanced budget for the public swimming pools under its management in the past three financial years (i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12)? If so, will the Department consider offering greater concessions or free admission to persons with disabilities, the elderly and full-time students for use of the swimming pools on non-peak days?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The use of public swimming pools is heavily subsidised. Nonetheless, to encourage swimming, concessionary rates (at around half of the normal admission fees) are offered to people aged 60 and above, children aged between three and 13, full-time students, and people with disabilities and their minders (on one-to-one basis) for use of public swimming pools on all days. To alleviate the financial burden on people in these groups and to encourage more regular swimming, we will introduce a public swimming-pool monthly ticket scheme in July 2012 under which these users will enjoy concessionary rates in the purchase of swimming-pool monthly tickets.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB185**

Question Serial No.

3288

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the exploration of new plant species to be introduced to Hong Kong by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, please inform this Committee of the total number of non-native plant species introduced in the past ten years, their names and places of origins, the quantity of plants planted and their distribution, as well as the life spans and maintenance costs of these species.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has introduced 22 new non-native plant species into Hong Kong in the past ten years from 2001-02 to 2010-11. Details, including names, places of origin, quantity, location and usual life span of these plants are set out at the Annex.

These non-native plant species are planted in seven LCSD venues. As they are maintained by LCSD alongside other plant species in the venues concerned, LCSD does not have separate data on the maintenance costs in respect of the non-native species.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB185**

List of Non-native Plant Species that have been introduced into Hong Kong  
in the Past Ten Years from 2001-02 to 2010-11

<b>Name</b>	<b>Places of Origin</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Location*</b>	<b>Usual Lifespan</b>
1. Liriodendron chinense (Chinese Tulip Tree) (馬褂木)	Mainland China	1	HKZBG	Over 100 years
2. Wollemia nobilis (Wollemi Pine) (恐龍杉)	Australia	4	HKZBG HKP KP	Over 100 years
3. Olea europaea (Olive Tree) (油橄欖)	Mediterranean	5	HKZBG HKP TPWP	Over 100 years
4. Laurus nobilis (Bay Laurel) (月桂樹)	Mediterranean	1	HKZBG	Over 30 years
5. Taxus chinensis (Chinese Yew) (紅豆杉)	Mainland China	6	HKZBG HKP	Over 100 years
6. Illicium verum (Star-anise) (八角)	Mainland China	1	HKZBG	Over 30 years
7. Grevillea 'Sandra Gordon' (銀樺栽培種 - 黃花)	Australia	5	HKZBG TPWP	Over 10 years
8. Prunus campanulata (山櫻花)	Taiwan	30	HKZBG MAPG YSHG	Over 10 years

<b>Name</b>	<b>Places of Origin</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Location*</b>	<b>Usual Lifespan</b>
9. <i>Metrosideros</i> ' <i>Thomasii</i> ' (紐西蘭聖誕樹)	Australia, New Zealand	1	HKZBG	Over 10 years
10. <i>Saraca diva</i> (Chinese Sorrowless Tree) (中國無憂樹)	India, Sri Lanka, Mainland China	5	HKZBG HKP	Over 30 years
11. <i>Schizolobium</i> <i>parahybum</i> (Tower Tree) (巨葉鳳凰木)	Brazil	4	HKZBG HKP TPWP	Over 30 years
12. <i>Brachychiton rupestris</i> (Queensland Bottle Tree) (澳洲瓶子樹)	Australia	2	HKZBG HKP	Over 100 years
13. <i>Cananga odorata</i> var. <i>fruticosa</i> (小伊蘭)	Malaysia	20	HKZBG TPWP	Over 10 years
14. <i>Xanthorrhoea glauca</i> (Grass Tree) (草樹)	Australia	1	HKZBG	Over 100 years
15. <i>Clerodendrum</i> <i>quadriloculare</i> (煙火樹)	Philippines	60	HKZBG HKP TPWP	Over 10 years
16. <i>Carludorica palmate</i> (巴拿馬草)	Central America	1	HKZBG	Over 10 years
17. <i>Megaskepasma</i> <i>erythrochlamys</i> (赤苞花)	Venezuela	20	HKZBG TPWP	Over 10 years

Name	Places of Origin	Quantity	Location*	Usual Lifespan
18. <i>Allamanda cathartica</i> cv. 'Nanus' (小葉軟枝黃蟬)	Thailand	20	HKZBG TPWP	Over 10 years
19. <i>Codariocalyx motorius</i> (舞草)	Taiwan	2	HKZBG	Perennial
20. <i>Davidia involucrate</i> (鴿子樹)	Mainland China	4	HKZBG HKP TPWP DP	Over 10 years
21. <i>Jasminum hemsleyi</i> (山素英)	India, Taiwan	3	HKZBG	Over 10 years
22. <i>Fagraea ceilanica</i> (灰莉)	Mainland China	10	HKZBG TPWP	Over 10 years

- \* HKZBG - Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens  
 HKP - Hong Kong Park  
 KP - Kowloon Park  
 TPWP - Tai Po Waterfront Park  
 DP, YL - Dragon Park, Yuen Long  
 MAPG - Mt. Austin Playground  
 YSHG - Yeung Siu Hang Garden, Tuen Mun



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

**HAB186**

Question Serial No.

3289

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Has the Leisure and Cultural Services Department made an assessment of whether the non-native plant species introduced into Hong Kong are invasive and will affect the growth of the native plants?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

While the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) seeks to enhance the horticultural and botanical interest of its parks and gardens by planting different species of plants, including both native and non-native species, it also regularly assesses their suitability for the local environment and ecology. In particular, to ensure that non-native plant species will not pose invasive or undesirable effects on the growth and health of native plants, LCSD will try out new non-native species through on-site assessments, during which their growing habit and adaptability to the local climate and environment will be carefully assessed, before introducing them to Hong Kong. So far, none of the non-native species introduced or planted by LCSD was found to have posed invasive effects on the native plants.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB187**

Question Serial No.

3290

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How many native tree species are there currently and what are their names? How many native trees were planted by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past three years? What is the difference in maintenance costs between native and non-native trees?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

There are currently 115 native tree species under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), details of which are at the Annex.

In the past three years, LCSD has planted some 3 400 native trees in its parks and gardens. As these native species are maintained alongside with the non-native plant species, LCSD does not have separate data on the maintenance costs in respect of native and non-native species.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012

**List of Native Tree Species Maintained by LCSD**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Chinese Name</b>
1	<i>Acronychia pedunculata</i>	Acronychia	山油柑(降真香)
2	<i>Adenantha microsperma</i>	Red Sandalwood	海紅豆
3	<i>Adinandra millettii</i>	Millett's Adinandra	黃瑞木
4	<i>Ailanthus fordii</i>	Ailanthus	福氏臭椿(常綠臭椿)
5	<i>Alangium chinense</i>	Chinese Alangium	八角楓
6	<i>Altingia chinensis</i>	Mountain Litchi	阿丁楓(蕈樹)
7	<i>Antidesma bunius</i>	Chinese Laurei	五月茶
8	<i>Aporusa dioica</i>	Aporusa	銀柴
9	<i>Aquilaria sinensis</i>	Incense Tree	土沉香(牙香樹)
10	<i>Aralia armata</i>	Spine Aralia	虎刺楸木
11	<i>Archidendron clypearia</i>	Monkey-pod	猴耳環
12	<i>Ardisia quinquegona</i>	Asiatic Ardisia	羅傘樹
13	<i>Artocarpus hypargyreus</i>	Silver-back Artocarpus	白桂木
14	<i>Bauhinia x blakeana</i>	Hong Kong Orchid Tree	洋紫荊
15	<i>Bischofia javanica</i>	Autumn Maple	秋楓
16	<i>Bridelia tomentosa</i>	Pop-gun Seed	土蜜樹(逼迫仔)
17	<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	Paper Mulberry	構樹(穀木)
18	<i>Camellia crapnelliana</i>	Crapnell's Camellia	克氏茶(紅皮糙果茶)
19	<i>Camellia granthamiana</i>	Grantham's Camellia	葛量洪茶(大苞山茶)
20	<i>Camellia hongkongensis</i>	Hong Kong Camellia	香港茶
21	<i>Camellia salicifolia</i>	Willow-leaved Camellia	柳葉茶
22	<i>Carallia brachiata</i>	India Carallia	竹節樹
23	<i>Castanopsis fissa</i>	Castanopsis	裂斗錐栗(鬘菊錐)
24	<i>Catunaregam spinosa</i>	Mountain Pomegranate	山石榴
25	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	Chinese Hackberry	朴樹
26	<i>Cerbera manghas</i>	Cerbera	海芒果
27	<i>Choerospondias axillaris</i>	Hog Plum	南酸棗(酸棗)
28	<i>Cinnamomum burmannii</i>	Cinnamon Tree	陰香

<b>Item</b>	<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Chinese Name</b>
29	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Camphor Tree	樟樹
30	<i>Cinnamomum parthenoxylon</i>	Yellow Cinnamomum	黃樟
31	<i>Claoxylon indicum</i>	Claoxylon	白桐樹
32	<i>Cleistocalyx operculatus</i>	Lidded Cleistocalyx	水翁
33	<i>Cordia dichotoma</i>	Dichotomous Cordia	破布木
34	<i>Cratoxylum cochinchinense</i>	Yellow Cow Wood	黃牛木
35	<i>Cyclobalanopsis myrsinifolia</i>	Small-leaved Oak	小葉青岡
36	<i>Cyclobalanopsis neglecta</i>	Bamboo-leaved Oak	竹葉青岡
37	<i>Dalbergia balansae</i>	South China Rose-wood	南嶺黃檀
38	<i>Diospyros morrisiana</i>	Morris's Persimmon	羅浮柿
39	<i>Elaeocarpus japonicus</i>	Japanese Elaeocarpus	日本杜英
40	<i>Elaeocarpus sylvestris</i>	Woodland Elaeocarpus	山杜英
41	<i>Endospermum chinense</i>	Endospermum	黃桐
42	<i>Excoecaria agallocha</i>	Milky Mangrove	海漆
43	<i>Ficus altissima</i>	Mountain Fig	高山榕
44	<i>Ficus hispida</i>	Opposite-leaved Fig	對葉榕(牛乳樹)
45	<i>Ficus pandurata</i>	Fiddle-leaved Fig	琴葉榕
46	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	Chinese Banyan	細葉榕
47	<i>Ficus superba</i> var. <i>japonica</i>	Japanese Superb Fig	筆管榕
48	<i>Ficus tinctoria</i> subsp. <i>gibbosa</i>	Humped Fig Tree	斜葉榕
49	<i>Ficus variegata</i> var. <i>chlorocarpa</i>	Common Red-stem Fig	青果榕
50	<i>Ficus virens</i> var. <i>sublanceolata</i>	Big-leaved Fig	大葉榕(黃葛樹)
51	<i>Fraxinus griffithii</i>	Formosa Ash	光蠟樹
52	<i>Fraxinus insularis</i>	Chinese Ash	苦櫨木
53	<i>Garcinia oblongifolia</i>	Lingnan Garcinia	黃牙果(嶺南山竹子)
54	<i>Glochidion wrightii</i>	Wright's Abacus Plant	白背算盤子
55	<i>Gmelina chinensis</i>	N/A	石梓(華石梓)
56	<i>Gordonia axillaris</i>	Hong Kong Gordonia	大頭茶

<b>Item</b>	<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Chinese Name</b>
57	<i>Heritiera littoralis</i>	Coastal Heritiera	銀葉樹
58	<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	Cuban Bast	黃槿
59	<i>Ilex pubescens</i>	Downy Holly	毛冬青
60	<i>Lagerstroemia fordii</i>	Ford's Crape Myrtle	廣東紫薇
61	<i>Ligustrum amamianum</i>	Formosa Privet	日本女貞(台灣女貞)
62	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Chinese Privet	山指甲
63	<i>Liquidambar formosana</i>	Sweet Gum	楓香
64	<i>Lithocarpus glaber</i>	Nakai	柯
65	<i>Lithocarpus harlandii</i>	Harland's Tanbark	港柯(夏蘭稠)
66	<i>Litsea cubeba</i>	Fragrant Litsea	木薑子(山蒼樹)
67	<i>Litsea glutinosa</i>	Pond Spice	潺槁樹
68	<i>Litsea monopetala</i>	Persimmon-leaved Litsea	假柿樹(假柿木薑子)
69	<i>Macaranga tanarius</i>	Elephant's Ear	血桐
70	<i>Machilus chinensis</i>	Hong Kong Machilus	香港楠(華潤楠)
71	<i>Machilus oreophila</i>	Water Machilus	水楠
72	<i>Machilus thunbergii</i>	Red Machilus	紅楠
73	<i>Machilus velutina</i>	Woolly Machilus	絨毛潤楠
74	<i>Magnolia championii</i>	Hong Kong Magnolia	香港木蘭
75	<i>Mallotus apelta</i>	White-back Leaf Mallotus	白背葉(白桐)
76	<i>Mallotus paniculatus</i>	Turn-in-the-wind	白楸
77	<i>Michelia chapensis</i>	N/A	樂昌含笑(景列含笑)
78	<i>Michelia maudiae</i>	Maud's Michelia	深山含笑(莫氏含笑)
79	<i>Microcos paniculata</i>	Microcos	破布葉(布渣葉)
80	<i>Morus alba</i>	White Mulberry	桑
81	<i>Myrica rubra</i>	Strawberry Tree	楊梅
82	<i>Oroxylum indicum</i>	Tree of Damocles	木蝴蝶(千層紙)
83	<i>Pandanus tectorius</i>	Screw Pine	露兜樹
84	<i>Pavetta hongkongensis</i>	Hong Kong Pavetta	香港大沙葉(茜木)
85	<i>Phoenix hanceana</i>	Spiny Date Palm	刺葵
86	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>	Myrobalan	餘甘子(油甘子)
87	<i>Pinus massoniana</i>	Chinese Red Pine	馬尾松

Item	Botanical Name	Common Name	Chinese Name
88	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	Buddhist Pine	羅漢松
89	<i>Podocarpus neriifolius</i>	Thitmin	百日青(大羅漢松)
90	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Wild Bean	水黃皮
91	<i>Pterospermum heterophyllum</i>	Karnikar	翻白葉樹
92	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Callery Pear	豆梨(麻子梨)
93	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	Sawtooth Oak	麻櫟
94	<i>Reevesia thyrsoidea</i>	Reevesia	梭羅樹
95	<i>Rhodoleia championii</i>	Rhodoleia	紅苞木(紅花荷)
96	<i>Rhus chinensis</i>	Sumac	鹽膚木
97	<i>Rhus succedanea</i>	Wax Tree	野漆樹(木蠟樹)
98	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>	Soap Berry	木患子(無患子)
99	<i>Sapium discolor</i>	Mountain Tallow Tree	山烏柏
100	<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	Chinese Tallow Tree	烏柏
101	<i>Schefflera heptaphylla</i>	Ivy Tree	鴨腳木(鵝掌柴)
102	<i>Schima superba</i>	Schima	荷樹
103	<i>Scolopia chinensis</i>	Chinese Scolopia	刺柊
104	<i>Scolopia saeva</i>	Scolopia	廣東刺柊(白皮)
105	<i>Sterculia lanceolata</i>	Scarlet Sterculia	假蘋婆
106	<i>Symplocos cochinchinensis</i> var. <i>laurina</i>	Laurel Sweet-leaf	黃牛奶樹
107	<i>Syzygium hancei</i>	Hance's Syzygium	韓氏蒲桃
108	<i>Ternstroemia gymnanthera</i>	Naked Anther Ternstroemia	厚皮香
109	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>	Portia Tree	繖楊(恒春黃槿)
110	<i>Tutcheria spectabilis</i>	Common Tutcheria	石筆木
111	<i>Viburnum odoratissimum</i>	Sweet Viburnum	珊瑚樹
112	<i>Vitex quinata</i>	Wild Vitex	山牡荊
113	<i>Wrightia laevis</i>	Smooth Wrightia	藍樹
114	<i>Zanthoxylum avicennae</i>	Prickly Ash	箬欖花椒(箬欖)
115	<i>Zanthoxylum cuspidatum</i>	Yellow Wood	胡椒箬

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

**HAB188**

Question Serial No.

1665

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the amphitheatre at Tamar, please list the names of all hirers, its usage rates and vacancy rates, as well as the publicity and management expenditures incurred since the new Central Government Complex came into operation in autumn 2011.

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

Since the opening of the Tamar Park in October 2011, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has approved five applications for use of the amphitheatre for staging different activities including cultural programmes and public meetings. The five applicants are (i) Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions, (ii) Jireh Fund Ltd., (iii) Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, (iv) Praise Dance Association (Hong Kong) Limited, and (v) The New Life Temple.

The annual expenditure incurred by LCSD in managing the Tamar Park is estimated to be about \$7 million. As the amphitheatre is a part of the Park, LCSD does not have data showing the expenditure incurred for management of the amphitheatre alone. Like other public parks and playgrounds managed by LCSD, the Tamar Park, including its amphitheatre, is freely accessible by members of the public and can be used without LCSD's prior approval. While LCSD processes applications for the exclusive use of its venues, it does not compile daily usage and vacancy rates of its parks and playgrounds.

LCSD has issued press releases to announce the opening of the Tamar Park and introduce its facilities to the public last October. It has also briefed the Central and Western District Council (DC) and encouraged the DC and other local organisations to use the amphitheatre to organise activities for the community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 23 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB189**

Question Serial No.

2690

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the expenditure of the Venue Partnership Scheme in 2010-11 and 2011-12 as well as the estimated provision for the Scheme for 2012-13. Does the Administration have any plans to extend the Scheme to private theatres/establishments/the Hong Kong Creative Arts Centre/the black box theatres in industrial buildings?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The expenditures on the Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2010-11 (Actual) and 2011-12 (Estimates) are \$21.5 million and \$22.2 million respectively; while the estimated expenditure for 2012-13 is around \$31.4 million. In 2012-13, the VPS will be implemented in 12 performance venues managed by the LCSD. LCSD will provide funding support to 13 medium and small sized Venue Partners, while the Home Affairs Bureau will provide funding support to eight Venue Partners which are major performing groups receiving annual subvention from the Bureau.

The VPS is a venue-based scheme whereby the partnering venue provides not only free use of its facilities but also annual programme fees (not exceeding \$1 million per group), notional ticketing charges and publicity support to its partner(s) with a view to encouraging performing arts groups to best utilise LCSD's venue resources to support their artistic pursuits and develop the artistic characteristics of the individual venues. The VPS may not be readily applicable to non-government venues, as they may not be in a position to provide small and medium sized performing groups with free use of space, accord priority to their bookings or offer funding and publicity support as per those available under the VPS. That said, the Administration welcomes private venue operators to collaborate with arts groups in similar ways as the VPS may suit their management and development objectives.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB190**

Question Serial No.

2691

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the expenditure on promoting Cantonese opera performances, the box office receipts of these performances, the age group statistics of the audience, the attendance statistics of expatriate audience, and the number of audience members who were complimentary ticket holders in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

In 2010-11 and 2011-12, \$18.67 million and \$19.3 million were set aside respectively for presenting and sponsoring more than 550 Cantonese opera-related activities, including ticketed performances, audience building and educational activities, free district performances and exhibitions. In 2010-11 and 2011-12, the related box office receipts from these activities are around \$11.3 million and \$13 million, with 3 400 and 4 000 complimentary tickets issued (accounting for about 2% of the total seating capacity) respectively.

The Department has not collected data and statistics on the age distribution and nationality mix of the audience of the above-mentioned programmes. However, it is observed that most of these programmes are attended by people of different age groups, with a majority of children and young people participating in the audience building and educational activities, while adults and the elderly (including foreigners) attending the stage and free district performances.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012

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

**HAB191**

Question Serial No.

2693

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Administration list the amounts of funding to be granted to The Hong Kong Football Association, the Hong Kong Tennis Association, the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union, the Hong Kong Hockey Association and the Hong Kong Cricket Association respectively in 2012-13 for the promotion of sports development? What areas of work will the funding be used for?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The subvention provided to NSAs covers personnel, office and programme expenses. The programmes organised by NSAs and covered by the subvention include national, youth and regional squad training, participation in international events, training programmes for the community, local competitions, school sports programmes and community sports clubs projects, training of officials and attendance at overseas meetings. In 2011-12, the subventions provided to the Hong Kong Football Association, the Hong Kong Tennis Association, the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union, the Hong Kong Hockey Association and the Hong Kong Cricket Association were as follows-

Name of National Sports Association	Amount of subvention (\$ million)
The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	10.38
Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	7.52
Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	4.00
Hong Kong Hockey Association	2.20
Hong Kong Cricket Association	2.88

LCSD is still assessing the NSAs' proposed annual plans, therefore the amount of subvention to be allocated to individual NSAs, including these five NSAs in 2012-13 is still being finalised.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 24 February 2012

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

**HAB192**

Question Serial No.

2743

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide this Committee with the following information:

- (a) The fact that over 70 000 people participated in the Hong Kong Marathon this year reflects the popularity of long distance running among members of the public. Will the Government consider commissioning a study to explore the effectiveness of marathon events in arousing public awareness of sports, and the modes of support for marathon events rendered by governments around the world, etc? Given the increasing popularity of long distance running, will the Government explore and implement relevant support measures and provide more facilities to further promote “Sport for All” and public awareness of sports?
- (b) Will the Administration consider including long distance running in the 4th Hong Kong Games to be held in 2013, and adopting a more proactive approach in the promotion of a stronger sporting culture and greater public participation?
- (c) What are the locations of all the jogging tracks (including those provided in parks and other outdoor venues) presently managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and their respective lengths; the length and percentage of jogging tracks which are surfaced with standard vibration-absorbing materials out of all the jogging tracks; and the respective lengths of jogging tracks using and without using standard vibration-absorbing materials in the past year? Will the Administration consider upgrading all the old jogging tracks by resurfacing them with standard vibration-absorbing materials in phases as soon as possible? What are the locations of jogging tracks expected to be provided in the next three years and their respective lengths?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

- (a) The 2008 Study on "Sport for All - the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities" revealed that jogging was the most popular sport among Hong Kong people. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been working closely with the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association to launch jogging programmes in the community. The programmes aim at equipping the participants with practical jogging skills and techniques and raising their interest in practising jogging regularly. More jogging

programmes will be organised in 18 Districts in 2012-13 to sustain people's interest in distance running.

- (b) An Organising Committee (OC), comprising representatives from the Sports Commission, 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, "national sports associations", the Home Affairs Bureau and LCSD oversees the organisation of each Hong Kong Games (HKG). The OC of the third HKG concluded that the eight sports events selected for the Games, namely, athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal (football), swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball, could meet the interests and aspirations of the community and recommended that they should be retained in the fourth HKG. For the fourth HKG to be held in 2013, the OC to be formed shortly will consider whether to increase the number of events to be included in the Games.
- (c) Currently, 24 LCSD sports grounds are provided with 25 athletic tracks with a total length of about 9 600 metres, all of which are surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials. In addition, LCSD manages 89 outdoor parks and playgrounds providing 96 jogging tracks with a total length of about 44 000 metres, of which 43% (19 000 metres) are surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials. The lists of venues with outdoor jogging tracks are at Annexes I and II respectively. Since 2008, the Department has been using vibration-absorbing materials for its new jogging tracks; and will replace the remaining jogging tracks with vibration-absorbing materials when they are due for renovation. In the next three years, LCSD plans to provide another three jogging tracks surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials with a total length of about 800 metres, details of which are at Annex III.

Signature: Signed  
Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG  
Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services  
Date: 5 March 2012

## List of Sports Grounds Provided with Athletic Tracks

District	Venues	Length of Tracks (metres)
Wan Chai	1. Causeway Bay Sports Ground	400
	2. Wan Chai Sports Ground	400
Eastern	3. Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground and Warm-up Area	400 + 126
Southern	4. Aberdeen Sports Ground	400
Sham Shui Po	5. Sham Shui Po Sports Ground	400
Kowloon City	6. Perth Street Sports Ground	286
	7. Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	400
Wong Tai Sin	8. Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground	400
Kwun Tong	9. Kowloon Bay Sports Ground	400
Islands	10. Cheung Chau Sports Ground	250
Tuen Mun	11. Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	400
	12. Siu Lun Sports Ground	355
Tai Po	13. Tai Po Sports Ground	400
Yuen Long	14. Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	400
	15. Yuen Long Stadium	400
Tsuen Wan	16. Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground	400
Kwai Tsing	17. Kwai Chung Sports Ground	400
	18. Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground	300
	19. Tsing Yi Sports Ground	400
North	20. North District Sports Ground	400
Sha Tin	21. Sha Tin Sports Ground	400
	22. Ma On Shan Sports Ground	400
Sai Kung	23. Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	400
	24. Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	400
	- Main sports ground	300
- Secondary sports ground		
<b>Total :</b>		<b>9 617</b>

**List of Outdoor Leisure Venues Provided with Jogging Tracks  
Surfaced with Vibration Absorbing Materials**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks/ trails (metres)</b>
Wan Chai	1. Happy Valley Recreation Ground 2. Green Lane Service Reservoir Sitting-out Area	1 059 255
Eastern	1. Victoria Park 2. Quarry Bay Park 3. Siu Sai Wan Road Garden 4. Shau Kei Wan Service Reservoir Playground 5. Chai Wan Park 6. Aldrich Bay Park	625 640 270 208 300 480
Southern	1. Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park	400
Yau Tsim Mong	1. Yau Ma Tei Service Reservoir Rest Garden 2. Lok Kwan Street Park 3. Cherry Street Park	270 296 160
Sham Shui Po	1. Cornwall Street Park 2. Po On Road Playground 3. Sham Shui Po Park 4. Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	258 150 400 480
Kowloon City	1. Kowloon Tsai Park 2. Junction Road Park	550 265
Wong Tai Sin	1. Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground 2. Morse Park (Park No. 1) 3. Po Kong Village Road Park 4. Ngau Chi Wan Park (Upper platform) (Middle platform)	220 270 650 210 300
Kwun Tong	1. Laguna Park 2. Shun Lee Tsuen Park 3. Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground 4. Shun Lee Tsuen Playground 5. Jordan Valley Park (four tracks)	430 420 498 130 120 275 350 370

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks/ trails (metres)</b>
Islands	1. Tung Chung North Park	200
Tuen Mun	1. Wu Shan Riverside Park 2. Butterfly Beach Park	600 200
Tai Po	1. Tai Po Waterfront Park (Phase I) Tai Po Waterfront Park (Phase II)	480 680
Yuen Long	1. Dragon Park 2. Tin Sau Road Park	350 245
Tsuen Wan	1. Tsuen Wan Park Phase II	1 300
Kwai Tsing	1. Tsing Yi Promenade 2. Tsing Yi Northeast Park	300 277
North	1. Wai Ming Street Garden	350
Shatin	1. Ma On Shan Promenade	2 000
Sai Kung	1. Sheung Ning Playground	500
<b>Total</b>		<b>18 791</b>



**List of Outdoor Leisure Venues Provided with Jogging Tracks  
Not Surfaced with Vibration Absorbing Materials**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks/ trails (metres)</b>
Central and Western	1. Harlech Road Fitness Trail 2. Magazine Gap Service Reservoir Playground 3. Mt. Austin Playground 4. Belcher Bay Park	246 116 221 392
Wan Chai	1. Bowen Road Fitness Trail	3 000
Eastern	1. Cloud View Road Service Reservoir Playground 2. Aldrich Bay Playground	250 100
Southern	1. Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir Playground 2. Wong Nai Chung Reservoir Park Fitness Trail 3. Wong Chuk Hang Service Reservoir Rest Garden 4. Shum Wan Road Sitting-out Area 5. Yuk Kwai Shan Service Reservoir Sitting-out Area 6. Wah Chui Street Sitting-out Area	120 100 180 140 120 160
Yau Tsim Mong	1. Kowloon Park 2. Sai Yee Street Garden	500 156
Sham Shui Po	1. Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground 2. Shek Kip Mei Park 3. To Yuen Street Playground 4. Lai Chi Kok Park (two tracks)	400 588 200 600 1 000
Kowloon City	1. Tokwawan Recreation Ground 2. Carpenter Road Park 3. Hutchison Park 4. Ho Man Tin Park	412 430 600 263
Wong Tai Sin	1. Choi Hung Road Playground 2. Tsz Wan Shan Estate Service Reservoir Playground	410 440

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks/ trails (metres)</b>
Kwun Tong	1. Lam Tin Park 2. Kwun Tong High Level Service Reservoir Garden 3. Hong Ning Road Park 4. Jordan Valley Playground 5. Ping Shek Playground 6. Lam Tin Service Reservoir Playground 7. Yau Tong Service Reservoir Playground	1 200 350 318 340 120 176 308
Tuen Mun	1. Tsing Tin Playground	200
Tai Po	1. Mui Shue Hang Playground 2. Yuen Chau Tsai Park	1 164 194
Yuen Long	1. Tin Shui Wai Park 2. Yuen Long Park	800 870
Tsuen Wan	1. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	1 600
Kwai Tsing	1. Central Kwai Chung Park 2. Tai Wo Hau Road South Playground 3. Tsing Yi Promenade 4. Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park	144 372 500 350
North	1. North District Park 2. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground 3. Fan Leng Lau Road Playground 4. Luen Hing Street Sitting-out Area	333 3 150 320 60
Sha Tin	1. Hin Tin Playground 2. Che Kung Miu Road Playground 3. Ma On Shan Park	100 200 130
Sai Kung	1. Po Tsui Park 2. Po Hong Park	540 250
<b>Total</b>		<b>25 233</b>

**Outdoor Jogging Tracks under Construction / Planning  
in the Coming Three Years from 2012-13 to 2014-15**

<b>District</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date</b>	<b>Estimated Length of Jogging Tracks (metres)</b>
1 Sai Kung	Town Park, indoor velodrome-cum-sports centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	Early 2013	286
2 Kwun Tong	Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	Late 2014	300
3 Yuen Long	Open space in Area 117, Tin Shui Wai	Mid 2014	250

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

**HAB193**

Question Serial No.

2744

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work of “developing and managing leisure facilities...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the measures taken by the Administration to promote the utilisation of various sports facilities? Will the Administration consider lowering the hire charges for the facilities during non-peak hours so as to encourage the public to do exercise and enhance the cost-effectiveness of the facilities?
- (b) the current provision rate of drinking facilities (water dispensers) for each type of recreational venues? Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have any plans to provide drinking facilities at all recreational venues? If not, what are the reasons? Will the Department consider imposing a total ban on the sale of unhealthy drinks and food from vending machines at its venues? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

- (a) To increase the utilisation of facilities during non-peak hours, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to provide free use of sports facilities to schools, subvented non-government organisations, “national sports associations” and district sports associations from opening until 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June in the following year. People with disabilities, senior citizens aged 60 or above and full time students enjoy concessionary fees in the use of sports facilities. These measures encourage the public to participate in sport and other physical activities and enhance the utilisation of the facilities.

LCSD will continue to explore measures to enhance the utilisation of its sports facilities and work in partnership with sports organisations to promote their usage. LCSD will take the utilisation of various sports facilities into consideration in its review of the fees and charges for leisure facilities.

- (b) LCSD provides drinking facilities at major sports venues including sports centres, water sports centres, stadia, tennis courts, sports grounds and swimming pools. Drinking facilities are also provided in most major parks, as well as at beaches and playgrounds with outdoor sports facilities (e.g., volleyball courts, basketball courts and football pitches). For venues without drinking facilities, some are provided with refreshment outlets or vending machines. LCSD will keep the arrangements under review and may consider providing additional drinking facilities at LCSD's venues to meet public demand. The current provision of drinking facilities in sports and recreation facilities by type is set out at the Annex.

LCSD encourages the contractors operating refreshment outlets or vending machines at leisure venues to provide a variety of healthy food and drinks. Products offered for sale in vending machines must comply with the prevailing food legislation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB193**

**Provision of Drinking Facilities at venues under  
the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Facilities	Percentage of venues for which drinking facilities are provided
Sports Centres and other indoor sports facilities	100%
Water Sports Centres	100%
Stadia	100%
Camps	100%
Tennis Courts	98%
Sports Grounds	96%
Swimming Pools	95%
Major Parks	76%
Beaches	34%
Parks and Playgrounds with outdoor sports facilities such as volleyball courts, basketball courts, football pitches, etc.	33%

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

**HAB194**

Question Serial No.

0689

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The trial book drop service was launched at three major Mass Transit Railway interchange stations, namely, Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in September 2011 to make it more convenient for people to return borrowed library materials. In connection with the above arrangement, please provide the estimated expenditure and the estimated number of library materials returned in the 2012-13 financial year.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

In 2012-13, an estimated expenditure of \$4.6 million for the hiring of logistics services for collecting, sorting and delivering returned books to the respective libraries will be incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in providing the book drop service at three Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations. Based on the number of books returned in the first four months since the launch of the trial service on 29 September 2011, it is anticipated that about 240 000 library books will be returned through the book drops at the three MTR stations in 2012-13.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB195**

Question Serial No.

2176

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to encourage collaboration among different sectors in the community, in particular between national sports associations and district-based sports associations, with the aim of supporting the further development of sport in Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Administration list the amount of subvention provided to each of the national sports associations for supporting the development of sport in the last three years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2011-12) respectively?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The subvention provided to the individual NSAs in the past three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12 is at the Annex.

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**Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB195**

**Subvention to National Sports Associations**

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>2009-10 (\$)</b>	<b>2010-11 (\$)</b>	<b>2011-12 (\$)</b>
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,346,235	1,385,862	1,537,579
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	4,732,255	4,487,120	5,534,316
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	8,759,253	10,278,774	10,939,255
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	3,109,797	3,419,609	3,698,559
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	9,126,025	9,203,100	8,782,125
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	1,208,726	1,868,780	2,756,278
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	875,338	750,796	791,744
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association	808,004	959,711	1,125,355
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union	2,807,616	2,726,170	3,172,769
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	1,393,922	1,873,304	1,838,961
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,056,907	2,600,387	2,880,411
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association	5,636,349	6,619,220	7,651,780
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	1,989,592	2,318,150	3,050,682
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,646,804	1,715,150	1,500,648
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,515,729	1,493,686	1,527,753
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	5,137,215	4,979,080	5,433,025
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	7,506,215	8,920,534	10,382,123
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Company Limited	1,045,229	1,031,483	1,309,601
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,385,683	1,463,518	1,449,650
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	3,860,388	4,557,600	4,814,213
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	3,377,234	4,589,230	5,052,246
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association	1,704,757	2,137,573	2,196,950
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	615,415	766,021	734,406
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,016,557	2,700,968	2,706,626
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	973,766	2,119,136	2,537,990
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	507,543	517,924	477,623
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	711,512	753,216	668,190
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	1,719,512	1,892,870	1,872,883

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>2009-10 (\$)</b>	<b>2010-11 (\$)</b>	<b>2011-12 (\$)</b>
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	3,711,587	4,492,215	4,954,196
30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	2,066,389	2,157,508	2,506,317
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association	701,982	880,252	1,046,030
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	2,047,427	2,124,668	2,375,502
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	1,562,804	1,692,865	1,721,529
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	6,394,103	6,549,611	6,638,619
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	3,622,495	3,923,644	4,002,665
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	892,986	968,724	887,444
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,624,361	6,600,230	7,078,400
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	1,906,167	2,597,786	2,546,188
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	622,901	732,743	801,238
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	962,907	1,030,614	986,857
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,176,191	1,232,569	1,416,081
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	448,598	476,937	648,054
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	4,394,100	5,357,704	6,235,454
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	3,965,462	5,083,992	6,207,071
45.	Hong Kong Squash	9,049,716	10,201,665	10,674,707
46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	8,426,071	8,943,425	9,799,528
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	7,716,022	10,009,906	10,615,685
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	1,420,948	1,995,254	2,143,125
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	6,281,024	6,575,498	7,523,678
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	3,351,944	4,429,751	4,488,438
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	3,680,143	4,155,227	4,108,269
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,044,441	1,061,719	935,232
53.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	1,121,063	650,969	1,346,939
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	6,049,976	7,598,248	7,718,231
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	587,012	656,552	663,362
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	552,340	858,180	833,655
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	6,529,455	7,743,791	7,910,402
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	3,106,824	3,872,770	3,611,350

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

**HAB196**

Question Serial No.

2416

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The work of the Administration under this Programme involves “initiating and organising public art programmes in collaboration with the arts community”. In this connection, please provide the following information:

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

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) There are seven existing curatorial projects on public art initiated and / or organised by the Art Promotion Office (APO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) or organised in collaboration with other government departments or organisations. Four will be launched in 2012-13. Details of these 11 projects are as follows:

**Public art projects in progress**

	<b>Names of public art project</b>	<b>Locations</b>	<b>Numbers of participating artists / art groups</b>	<b>Expenditure / Budget</b>
1	Art @ Government Buildings 2011-12	Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices Tsuen Wan Government Offices Revenue Tower	5 (artists / art groups)	\$3,897,000

Names of public art project		Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure / Budget
2	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V (2011 - 2013)	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong Film Archive Tsimshatsui Book Centre, Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Queen Elizabeth Hospital Hong Kong Central Library Tin Chak Shopping Centre Hong Kong Cultural Centre Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre Olympian City 2 Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Jao Tsung-I Academy	24 (artists)	LCSD's commitment is \$1,218,000.  \$423,000 borne by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) under the funding scheme for the Vibrant People, Harmonious Community Activities (VPHCA).
3	Public Art Scheme of the Town Park and Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre	Town Park & Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	3 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$2,900,000 borne by Architectural Services Department. No expenditure for LCSD.
4	Public Art Project – Tamar	Tamar Park	5 (artists / art groups, estimated)	Estimated expenditure of about \$6,500,000 to be borne by Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. No expenditure for LCSD.
5	Park Déco Scheme – Cornwall Street Park	Cornwall Street Park	5 (artists / art groups)	\$5,500,000 borne by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB).  LCSD's commitment is \$1,000,000.
6	New Look for Public Places : Shanghai Street Public Art Project	Outer wall of Shanghai Street Public Toilet Complex next to the Xiqu Activity Centre in Yau Ma Tei	2 (artist / art group)	\$650,000 borne by HAB. No expenditure for LCSD.

Names of public art project		Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure / Budget
7	ArtAlive@Park 2012	Tsim Sha Tsui East Waterfront Podium Garden Tai Po Waterfront Park Stanley Promenade	25 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$4,000,000 ((\$2,600,000 borne by HAD under the funding scheme for the VPHCA. LCSD's commitment is \$1,400,000.)

**Public art projects to be launched in 2012-13**

Names of public art project		Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure / Budget
1	Public Art Programme for "Treasures of the First Emperor of China" Exhibition	A series of Public Art Programmes on a territory-wide basis will be held to coincide with the exhibition	50 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$3,800,000 to be contributed by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust
2	Art @ Government Buildings 2012-13	Three Government Buildings	4 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$3,000,000
3	City Map Project (a project including production of a free public art walking tour map, a directory of public art works on the web, on-site guided tours and thematic public art activities)	Various venues	1 (art group)	\$500,000
4	Hong Kong International Sculpture Symposium (a public art project including a symposium, sculpture displays in public areas and public art-related fringe activities)	Hung Hom Promenade Kwun Tong Promenade (to be confirmed)	48 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$650,000

- (b) The public art projects launched and completed between 1999 and 2011 with art works still on display are detailed below:

<b>Names of public art project</b>	<b>Locations</b>	<b>Numbers of participating artists / art groups</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Public Art Scheme 1999	Kwai Tsing Theatre Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building Tai Po Central Town Square	7 (artists / art groups)	\$4,663,000
Public Art Scheme 2002	Hong Kong City Hall (Memorial Garden) Yuen Long Theatre (Bamboo Courtyard) Hong Kong Central Library (Foyer) Tuen Mun Public Library (Podium, Lift Lobby) Tseung Kwan O Public Library (Foyer Entrance) Fanling Public Library (Children Library)	6 (artists / art groups)	\$2,679,000
Public Art Scheme 2003/04	Ma On Shan Public Library (Children Library) Hong Kong Cultural Centre (Outdoor on Salisbury Road)	2 (art groups)	\$1,290,000
Public Art Scheme 2006	Ko Shan Road Park Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre Po Hong Park	3 (artists / art groups)	\$1,149,000
Installation of Public Artworks at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Stages I & II Stage I – 2001 Stage II – 2006	Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	26 (artists / art groups)	\$8,144,000 borne by Housing Department. LCSD's commitment is \$639,000.
Camera Yuen Long: Art-in-Subways 2008	Six subways (NS203, 224, 184, 209, 210, 211) along the Yuen Long Highway between Tin Shui Wai and Shap Pat Heung interchange	12 (artists)	\$496,000 borne by Highways Department, \$5,000 borne by HAD. LCSD's commitment is \$156,000.

<b>Names of public art project</b>	<b>Locations</b>	<b>Numbers of participating artists / art groups</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Sai Kung District Council Public Art Project 2009	Po Tsui Park Po Hong Park Man Yee Playground	4 (artists)	\$1,800,000 borne by HAD. LCSD's commitment is \$241,000.
Park Déco Scheme – Quarry Bay Park	Quarry Bay Park	6 (artists / art groups)	\$2,999,000

The additional locations where public art projects are in progress and will be displayed, the estimated expenditure and the number of artists involved have been set out in part (a) of the reply.]

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Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB197**

Question Serial No.

1288

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “continue to strengthen the channels and arrangements for booking sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through further enhancement to the computerised booking system”. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the above measure?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Did the Administration receive any complaints about the frequent booking of soccer pitches for illegal speculative purposes? If so, what are the details and the number of complaints received?
- (d) Will the Administration put in measures to prevent illegal speculation activities involving popular sports facilities and venues, which have caused the genuine users to suffer losses? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure Link System (LLS) provides a computerised service for the public to book sports facilities and enroll in sports programmes through four channels, namely, booking counters, the Internet, telephone, and self-service kiosks. The LLS has been in use for about ten years and is approaching its maximum capacity during peak booking hours. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to expand the system capacity so as to reduce the waiting time during peak booking hours and to make the services of LCSD more user-friendly. LCSD aims to complete the enhancement projects by mid-2013.
- (b) The estimated expenditure on the LLS enhancement projects is about \$20 million.



- (c) Since 2007, LCSD has received 15 complaints concerning suspected unauthorised transfer of permits of soccer pitches and ticket scalping through the internet.
- (d) To minimise unauthorised transfer of the user permits, LCSD strictly enforces the “Conditions of Use of LCSD Recreation and Sports Facilities”, which stipulate that the hirer must be one of the users of the facilities and must be present during the use of the booked sessions. All hirers are required to produce valid permits or approval letters (which are non-transferable) and identification documents for verification and registration before using the facilities. All venue management staff are required to strictly enforce the identity checking procedures to ensure that the booked facilities are used by genuine hirers. The venue management will refuse use of the facilities by non-hirers even if they produce the permits or approval letters; and notices have been put up at the venues to inform the public that non-hirers will be refused the use of facilities.

In addition, LCSD is now conducting a review of the existing facility booking system and allocation arrangements with a view to identifying further measures to guard against unauthorised transfer of the user permits as well as other possible abuses. As the review is yet to be completed, LCSD is unable to provide the estimated expenditure of these measures at this stage.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB198**

Question Serial No.

1900

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The average usage rates of tennis courts stood at 58% in 2010 and 2011, and are expected to remain the same in 2012. What were and are the reasons for the unchanged usage rates? Can the Leisure and Cultural Services Department take measures to promote the utilisation of tennis courts?

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has introduced measures to enhance the utilisation of tennis courts, such as organising fun days, training courses and competitions. The department also distributes promotional materials to and liaises with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities. The usage rate of tennis courts has increased gradually, from 51% in 2007 to 58% in 2010, and whilst the average usage rate of tennis courts was maintained at 58% in 2011, the total number of used hours has increased by 3.6% (or 25 392 hours), from 711 644 hours in 2010 to 737 036 hours in 2011. The average usage rate has remained unchanged because more hours were available for hiring and used last year, mainly due to fewer tennis courts being closed for refurbishment and fewer cancellations of bookings due to inclement weather. LCSD will continue to implement measures to promote the utilisation of tennis courts.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB199**

Question Serial No.

1901

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the subvention provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to 25 holiday camps and sea activity centres managed by 12 non-government organisations, what was the actual expenditure incurred in 2010-11? What are the revised estimated expenditure for 2011-12 and the estimated expenditure for 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to 25 holiday camps and sea activity centres managed by 12 non-government organisations (NGOs). The subvention provided to the NGOs concerned in 2010-11 and the estimated provision in 2011-12 and 2012-13 are as follows-

Year	Total Subvention (\$ million)
2010-11	32.9
2011-12	38.7
2012-13	40.6

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 22 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB200**

Question Serial No.

1902

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under Programme (1) that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will provide subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) and sports organisations for training of athletes and organising leisure and sports activities. What are the details of the subvention and the amount to be allocated to each NSA?

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The subvention provided to NSAs covers personnel, office and programme expenses, while that provided to SOs is on a project basis and covers programme expenses only. The programmes organised by NSAs and covered by the subvention include national, youth and regional squad training; participation in international events; training programmes for the community; local competitions; school sports programmes and community sports clubs projects; training of officials; and attendance at overseas meetings. The SOs mainly organise sports promotional activities for the community. The subvention provided to the individual NSAs and SOs in 2011-12 is at the Annex, while the amount to be allocated in 2012-13 is still being finalised.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB200**

**Subvention to National Sports Associations in 2011-12**

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>\$</b>
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,537,579
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	5,534,316
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	10,939,255
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	3,698,559
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58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	3,611,350

**Subvention to Sports Organisations in 2011-12**

	<b>Name of Sports Organisation</b>	<b>\$</b>
1.	Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China	3,439,892
2.	Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong	30,855
3.	Citizen Athletic Association	176,637
4.	Happy Valley Athletic Association	209,886
5.	Hong Kong Chess Federation	45,770
6.	Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association	135,049
7.	Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association	119,010
8.	Hong Kong Christian Service	73,966
9.	Hong Kong Miniature Football Association	132,303
10.	Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China	104,273
11.	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf	90,540
12.	Hong Kong Tai Chi Association	20,598
13.	Hong Kong Teacher's Association	40,248
14.	Hong Kong Tennis Patrons' Association Limited	3,236,095
15.	Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association	7,830
16.	Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association	15,332
17.	Kowloon Miniature Football Association Limited	97,429
18.	New Territories Regional Sports Association	292,235

19.	Outward Bound (Alumni) Association	47,580
20.	Sail Training Association of Hong Kong Limited	149,702
21.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	8,750
22.	South China Athletic Association	131,159

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

**HAB201**

Question Serial No.

2758

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) It is stated in the 2012-13 Budget that the Government extended and standardised in 2009 the opening days of major and district libraries in the territory to seven days a week, with weekly opening hours of 71 hours. The annual recurrent expenditure on library services has increased by \$34 million since then. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the total recurrent expenditure for the existing library services and the respective recurrent expenditures of each library?
- (b) Has the Administration assessed the additional amount of resources required for every extended opening hour of a library? If so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?
- (c) Will the Administration list by types of library the average annual non-recurrent and recurrent expenditures for the provision of a library?
- (d) What are the current numbers of study rooms in different districts of Hong Kong, and the total number of seats provided, the opening hours as well as the utilisation rates of these study rooms? What is the amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, the total recurrent expenditure for providing the existing library services is \$776.66 million, covering staff cost and the costs of library materials, replacement of furniture and equipment, public utilities, system maintenance, store items, rental for libraries at leased premises, hiring of contracted services and other operational expenses.

While some of the above cost items can be accounted for on a library basis, the bulk of the library services, including acquisition and handling of library materials, procurement of information technology and system maintenance services as well as outsourced services such as cleansing and security services, are being co-ordinated centrally by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). Hence, breakdown on the recurrent expenditures incurred by individual libraries is not available.



- (b) Extension of opening hours has been implemented at 33 major and district libraries managed by LCSD since April 2009. Due to the differences in their size, original opening hours, scope of services and hence staffing requirements, the additional cost for each extended opening hour of the individual libraries also vary. While the total annual recurrent expenditure incurred by LCSD for extending the opening hours of its major and district libraries is \$34 million, it is unable to assess the additional amount required for every extended opening hour of a library.
- (c) The estimated one-off and annual recurrent costs for setting up a new library by type are as follows:

Costs \ Type of Library	Major Library (\$ million)	District Library (\$ million)	Small Library (\$ million)	Mobile Library (\$ million)
One-off Cost <sup>Note 1</sup>	52.51	21.16	5.15	3.96
Annual Recurrent Cost <sup>Note 2</sup>	35.63	18.36	5.04	2.03

Note 1 One-off cost includes the costs for setting up library systems and equipment, procurement of library materials, staffing for preparation of library materials and shelving, as well as decoration services, but excludes the construction and fitting out costs.

Note 2 Annual recurrent cost includes the costs for maintenance of library systems and equipment, staffing and hiring of services such as cleansing and security, but excludes the rental costs for libraries if located in leased premises.

- (d) The overall provision of students' study rooms in Hong Kong is co-ordinated by the Education Bureau. Currently, LCSD operates 32 Students' Study Rooms (SSRs) in public libraries providing a total of 5 522 seats. The opening hours of these SSRs are summarised in the Annex. The average occupancy rate of the SSRs in 2011 is 53.25%. As the operating costs in respect of these SSRs have been absorbed in the overall recurrent budget for the respective libraries, breakdown on the cost of providing SSRs is not available.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

## Students' Study Rooms Managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

District	Library		Opening Hours of Students' Study Room	
			Group	Details
<b>(i) Hong Kong Island</b>				<b>(I) <u>Non-examination Period (January, February &amp; June to December)</u></b>  <b>(A)</b> Monday to Wednesday, Friday..... .....9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursday.....12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. Saturday.....9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday and Public Holiday...9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  <b>(B)</b> Monday.....12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.....9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday .....9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday and Public Holiday ..9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  <b>(C)</b> Monday to Wednesday, Friday..... .....10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursday..... Closed Saturday/Sunday/Public Holiday ..... .....10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  <b>(II) <u>Examination Period (March to May)</u></b> - Weekdays (including library closing day) : 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays : 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Central & Western	1	Shek Tong Tsui	B	
Eastern	2	Chai Wan	B	
	3	Quarry Bay	A	
Southern	4	Aberdeen	B	
	5	Pok Fu Lam	C	
Wanchai	6	Lockhart Road	B	
<b>(ii) Kowloon</b>				
Kowloon City	7	Kowloon	B	
	8	To Kwa Wan	A	
Yau Tsim Mong	9	Fa Yuen Street	A	
	10	Yau Ma Tei	B	
Sham Shui Po	11	Lai Chi Kok	A	
	12	Po On Road	B	
Kwun Tong	13	Shui Wo Street	B	
	14	Ngau Tau Kok	A	
Wong Tai Sin	15	Ngau Chi Wan	B	
	16	San Po Kong	A	
<b>(iii) New Territories</b>				
Kwai Tsing	17	Tsing Yi	A	
	18	North Kwai Chung	B	
	19	South Kwai Chung	A	
Tsuen Wan	20	Tsuen Wan	B	
Tuen Mun	21	Tuen Mun	B	
Yuen Long	22	Yuen Long	B	
	23	Tin Shui Wai	A	
North	24	Sheung Shui	B	
	25	Fanling	A	
Tai Po	26	Tai Po	A	
Sha Tin	27	Sha Tin	A	
	28	Ma On Shan	B	
Sai Kung	29	Sai Kung	A	
	30	Tseung Kwan O	B	
Islands	31	Cheung Chau	A	
	32	Tung Chung	B	

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

**HAB202**

Question Serial No.

2760

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the plans of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to promote “Sport for All” in the community in 2012-13 and the breakdown of the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to organise about 37 300 recreation and sports programmes catering for some 2 140 000 participants at an estimated budget of \$141.1 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports training courses and competitions as well as major events such as the Hong Kong Games, the Master Games and the Corporate Games. LCSD will continue to provide the public with diversified sports and physical activities including parent-child training programmes and some less formal and less physically demanding activities such as jogging and fitness walking to encourage more regular and wider participation in sport. LCSD will also continue to enhance its efforts to promote “Sport for All” in the community in collaboration with different sectors of the community, including the District Councils, “national sports associations”, non-government organisations, and schools.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB203**

Question Serial No.

2761

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated that it would continue to organise more programmes for special target groups, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities in 2012-13. Will the Administration provide the details and a breakdown of the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people of all age groups and with different levels of ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and people with disabilities.

The planned number of programmes to be organised for the elderly and people with disabilities in 2012-13 with estimated number of participants and expenditure are -

	Elderly	People with Disabilities	Total
Number of Programmes	4 160	1 230	5 390
Number of Participants	436 800	67 700	504 500
Expenditure (\$ million)	7.62	4.02	11.64

The programmes include swimming, baduanjin, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), gymnastics for all, hydro-fitness, social dance, table tennis, gateball, day camps and excursions. Outreach programmes will also be organised at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB204**

Question Serial No.

2762

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated that it would continue to enhance the feeder system of national sports associations to identify and nurture more young potential athletes. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the effectiveness of the work and the expenditure involved in the past three years? What are the specific plans and the estimated amount of resources to be allocated for the work in 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Enhanced Feeder System Scheme aims to help “national sports associations” (NSAs) identify and nurture young athletes with potential at an early stage and provide them with regular opportunities to participate in training and competitions in a structured and systematic manner, thereby improving their chances of performing at a higher level. By March 2011, about 300 junior athletes had advanced to senior and elite levels after receiving more intensive training under the Scheme.

In the two years of 2009-10 and 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provided a total of about \$15.8 million to 22 NSAs to implement enhanced feeder systems. In 2011-12, LCSD extended the Scheme to cover 35 NSAs with funding provision of about \$12.9 million.

In 2012-13, the Scheme will be further extended to cover 44 NSAs, and will become an on-going programme to be funded under the Sports Subvention Scheme. We will earmark \$16 million for the Scheme in 2012-13.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB205**

Question Serial No.

2766

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department plans to strengthen the channels and arrangements for booking sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes in 2012-13. Will the Administration please provide the details and a breakdown of the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Leisure Link System (LLS) provides a computerised service for the public to book sports facilities and enroll in sports programmes through four channels, namely, booking counters, the Internet, telephone and self-service kiosks. The LLS has been in use for about ten years and is approaching its maximum capacity during peak booking hours. We plan to expand the system capacity so as to reduce the waiting time during peak booking hours and to make the services more user-friendly. The estimated expenditure on the LLS enhancement projects is about \$20 million. LCSD aims to complete the enhancement projects by mid-2013.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB206**

Question Serial No.

2781

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to organise “Chinese Opera Festival” and brand it as an annual signature event to promote various genres of Chinese opera of great heritage values. In this connection, how many different genres/dialects of regional opera will be featured in the “Chinese Opera Festival”? What are the plan of implementation and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will present the “Chinese Opera Festival” for the third consecutive year between June and August 2012. The Festival will feature nine regional operatic genres and song art performances (Kunqu opera, Peking opera, Yue opera, Cantonese opera and five others that are rarely performed in Hong Kong, namely Anhui Huangmei opera, Jiangxi Gan opera, Shaanxi Qinqiang, Gezi opera of Taiwan and Tianjin song art). The Department will widely promote the Festival through various media, such as advertisements in Mass Transit Railway stations, newspapers and magazines as well as online information and feature articles. Also, the Hong Kong Tourism Board will be invited to help publicise the event to tourists and a range of guided appreciation activities, such as symposiums, talks, opera film shows and exhibitions on operatic genres, will be organised during the Festival. Furthermore, Chinese and English surtitles will be provided for these performances to enable the audience to better appreciate the essence of traditional Chinese opera. In 2012-13, the total estimated expenditure on the Festival, including the production and publicity costs, is about \$10 million.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 22 February 2012

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

**HAB207**

Question Serial No.

0875

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Brief Description of Programme (1), the work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) involves organising a wide range of recreation and sports programmes for different age groups with a view to developing a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong and promoting “Sport for All”. The aim is to encourage the general public to participate regularly in sports and physical activities.

Easing the financial burden on the public, especially the elderly, is a very effective means to achieve the above objective. Under the Free Use Scheme implemented by LCSD, eligible organisations can apply to use certain leisure facilities. While the scheme increases the usage of the leisure facilities, it may benefit only some members of these organisations. Individuals, especially the elderly, who have not joined any such organisations have been left out.

It is believed that the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme to be introduced by LCSD this year has been drawn up for the same considerations, i.e. to relieve the financial burden on frequent swimmers, especially the elderly, and to promote swimming among the public. In fact, there have been requests from the public that sports centres, activity rooms and squash courts (which are currently covered by the Free Use Scheme) as well as public swimming pools should offer free admission one day a week, a practice similar to that of public museums which have free admission on Wednesdays.

In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) of the additional provision estimated by LCSD for expenditure arising from the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme to be introduced this year?
- (b) of the income generated from the admission fees of public swimming pools in the past year?
- (c) of the income generated from the fees and charges of the venues under the Free Use Scheme in the past year? What was the amount of revenue foregone arising from the implementation of the Scheme? What was the foregone revenue as a percentage of the income generated from the fees and charges?



- (d) Regarding the Free Use Scheme implemented since 2000, what were the additional provisions required by LCSD in the past five years as a result of the reduction in income? What were the provisions expressed as percentages of the department's expenditures under Programme (1)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure for implementing the swimming-pool monthly ticket scheme in 2012-13 is about \$3.9 million.
- (b) The estimated income from admission fees of public swimming pools in 2011-12 is about \$98 million.
- (c) The sports venues covered by the Free Use Scheme (the Scheme) include the main arena and activity rooms of sports centres, squash courts, hockey pitches, outdoor bowling greens and obstacle golf courses. The total estimated income generated from the hire charges of the above facilities in 2011-12 is \$131.55 million; whilst the estimated revenue foregone arising from the implementation of the Scheme is about \$5 million, accounting for about 3.8% of the total estimated income from these facilities.
- (d) The implementation of the Free Use Scheme since 2000 has formed part of the ongoing operation of the facilities and does not require additional provision by the Department.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB208**

Question Serial No.

0114

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the hiring of facilities such as natural turf pitches and artificial turf pitches under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past three years? What are the expenditure and staff establishment for the maintenance and management of the pitches in each of the years?
- (b) Whether the Administration has statistics on the hirers' identities? What is the percentage of the sessions taken up by local professional teams as against the total number of sessions hired?
- (c) Regarding reports that speculators make a profit by reselling at a higher price the sessions they have booked through the venue booking system, what measures are taken by the Administration to curb speculation activities? How many booking requests have been rejected for this reason last year?
- (d) What measures will the Administration take to assist local professional teams which have difficulties in booking pitches for training?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

- (a) In the past three years (2009-2011), the overall usage rate of natural turf pitches under the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been 100%, whilst the usage rates for artificial turf pitches were 75%, 73% and 73% respectively. As natural and artificial turf pitches usually form part of the overall facilities provided in public leisure venues such as parks and sports grounds, LCSD does not have separate data on the expenditure and staff establishment for the maintenance and management of the pitches.
- (b) Natural and artificial turf pitches are hired by members of the public, schools, "national sports associations", community sports associations, district sports clubs, subvented non-government organisations, government departments and other bona fide associations for holding competitions or training courses. In 2011, the total number of hours used by the ten

First Division football teams accounted for 3.5% of the total number of used hours for natural turf pitches (1 192 hours of 33 949 hours) and 1.6% for artificial turf pitches (1 527 hours of 93 620 hours).

- (c) To minimise unauthorised transfer of the user permits, LCSD enforces the “Conditions of Use of LCSD Recreation and Sports Facilities” which stipulate that the hirer must be one of the users of the facilities and must be present during the use of the booked sessions. All hirers are required to produce valid permits or approval letters (which are non-transferable) and identification documents for verification and registration before using the facilities. The venue management will refuse non-hirers use of the facilities even if they produce the permits or approval letters. The strict enforcement of the verification procedure helps ensure that facilities will only be used by genuine hirers. LCSD will continue to monitor the situation and take action as necessary against suspected abuse or ticket scalping cases.
- (d) To help the local professional teams book pitches, since the 2009-10 football season LCSD has allocated “home” venues to the Hong Kong Football Association to assign to First Division teams. LCSD also provides dedicated training venues for the First Division teams. A list of the training venues for the First Division teams in the 2011-12 football season is at the Annex.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**Venues Allocation for First Division Football Teams for Training  
(2011-12)**

<b>Football Clubs</b>	<b>Venues</b>
South China Athletic Association	Po Kong Village Road Park Pitch No. 1 (Artificial turf pitch)
Kitchee Sports Club Limited	Shek Kip Mei Park (Artificial turf pitch)
The Citizen Athletic Association Limited	Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 6 (Artificial turf pitch)
Tin Shui Wai Pegasus Football Club Limited	Tsing Yi Northeast Park (Artificial turf pitch)
Tai Po Football Club	Kwong Fuk Park (Artificial turf pitch)
Sun Hei Sports Club	Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground (Natural turf pitch)
Biu Chun Rangers	Po Kong Village Road Park Pitch No. 2 (Artificial turf pitch)
Sham Shui Po Sports Association Limited	Shek Kip Mei Park (Artificial turf pitch)
Tuen Mun Sports Association Limited	Siu Lun Sports Ground (Natural turf pitch)
Hong Kong Sapling	Kowloon Tsai Park Pitch No. 1 (Artificial turf pitch)

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

**HAB209**

Question Serial No.

0970

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

When will the Department introduce the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme? What are the expenditure involved and the estimated number of people to be benefited respectively?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

We plan to introduce the swimming-pool monthly ticket in early July 2012. The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2012-13 is about \$3.9 million. Based on the current usage pattern of swimming pools and the Administration's proposal of setting the monthly ticket price at \$350, we estimate that over 10 000 frequent swimmers will benefit from the scheme.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 23 February 2012

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

**HAB210**

Question Serial No.

0971

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “continue to organise more programmes for special target groups, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities”. Please provide information on the details of work carried out by the Department in the past one year under this item, including the attendance at the programmes concerned and the expenditure involved, as well as the specific activities expected to be held in 2012-13 and the related expenditures.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people of all age groups and with different levels of ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and people with disabilities.

The total number of programmes, participants and expenditure incurred by LCSD in the organisation of recreation and sports programmes for the elderly and people with disabilities in 2011-12, as well as the planned number of programmes to be organised in 2012-13 with estimated number of participants and expenditure are -

	2011-12			2012-13 (expected)		
	Elderly	People with Disabilities	Total	Elderly	People with Disabilities	Total
Number of Programmes	4 134	1 195	5 329	4 160	1 230	5 390
Number of Participants	420 097	65 949	486 046	436 800	67 700	504 500
Expenditure (\$ million)	7.10	3.37	10.47	7.62	4.02	11.64

The programmes include swimming, baduanjin, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), gymnastics for all, hydro-fitness, social dance, table tennis, gateball, day camps and excursions. Outreach programmes will also be organised at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 17 February 2012

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

**HAB211**

Question Serial No.

2058

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is estimated that there will be a net increase of 231 posts in the establishment of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2012-13. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) the number of the posts to be deleted and created by Programme, rank and function;
- (b) the establishment and strength in 2011-12 and the estimation for 2012-13 by Programme and rank;
- (c) the number of non-civil service contract staff employed in 2011-12 and the estimated number of non-civil service contract staff to be employed in 2012-13 by the LCSD by Programme, rank, function and length of contract;
- (d) the expenditure involved in 2011-12 and the estimated expenditure for 2012-13 of the LCSD by three categories of service contracts, namely “non-civil service contract staff”, “agency workers” and “outsourced services”.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to create 231 new non-directorate posts in 2012-13 to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as swimming pools, parks, a sports centre and a public library as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. These new posts cover 15 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Maintenance Surveyor, Clerk of Works, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.



The number of posts to be created and deleted in 2012-13 by Programme is set out below:

Programme	Creation of posts (a)	Deletion of posts (b)	Net increase in posts (c) = (a) – (b)
(1) Recreation and Sports	123	-4	119
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	4	-	4
(3) Heritage and Museums	-	-	0
(4) Performing Arts	7	-2	5
(5) Public Libraries	107	-4	103
<b>Total:</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>231</b>

- (b) The establishment as at 1 February 2012 and the projected establishment as at 31 March 2013 by Programme are set out below :

Programme	Establishment as at 1 February 2012	Projected establishment as at 31 March 2013
(1) Recreation and Sports	3 920	4 077
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	1 904	1 922
(3) Heritage and Museums	623	644
(4) Performing Arts	830	840
(5) Public Libraries	1 183	1 298
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8 460</b>	<b>8 781</b>

As at 1 February 2012, LCSD had 7 826 civil service staff.

These posts and staff cover different departmental grades (including Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Curator, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services) and Cultural Services Assistant) as well as various general and common grades (including Accounting Officer, Administrative Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Executive Officer, Information Officer, Maintenance Surveyor, Management Services Officer, Official Languages Officer, Statistical Officer, Statistician, Structural Engineer, Supplies Officer, Training Officer, Transport Services Officer, Treasury Accountant, Veterinary Officer, Calligraphist, Clerical Assistant, Clerical Officer, Clerk of Works, Computer Operator, Confidential Assistant, Special Driver, Motor Driver, Office Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supervisor of Typing Services, Supplies Assistant, Supplies Attendant, Supplies Supervisor, Typist, Veterinary Laboratory Technician, Senior Artisan, Artisan, Laboratory Technician, Photographer, Property Attendant, Workman I and Workman II). A breakdown on the civil service staff by Programme is not available as the Department does not keep the staff records by Programme.

- (c) As at 1 February 2012, there were 1 075 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff in the Department. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure/cultural venues and offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services. Information on NCSC staff by Programme is not available as the Department does not keep the staff records by Programme. Since the number of NCSC staff varies from time to time during the year, the Department is also unable to provide an estimate of the NCSC staff required in 2012-13.

About 93% of the existing NCSC staff are employed under contract of one year or less. The maximum duration of the contract for NCSC staff is two years.

(d) (i) Expenditure for the employment of NCSC staff

The estimated expenditure for the employment of NCSC staff in 2011-12 is about \$300.6 million.

A considerable number of NCSC staff in LCSD are employed to meet short-term or seasonal service needs (e.g. seasonal lifeguards employed during the swimming season). Hence, the number of NCSC staff varies from time to time during the year. The Department is unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the employment of NCSC staff in 2012-13.

(ii) Expenditure for the engagement of agency workers

The estimated expenditure for the engagement of agency workers in 2011-12 is about \$32.4 million.

Agency workers are engaged by individual venues and offices in LCSD to meet specific service needs which are mainly unforeseeable and short-term in nature or entail irregular work pattern. Each venue or office has to critically examine its operational needs, manpower and financial positions as well as the availability of alternative modes of service delivery before it proceeds to engage agency workers. Given the rather ad hoc and irregular nature for the engagement of agency workers in the Department, the Department is unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the engagement of agency services in 2012-13.

(iii) Expenditure for outsourced services

The estimated expenditures on major outsourced services such as cleansing, security, venue management and horticultural maintenance in 2011-12 and 2012-13 are about \$847 million and \$866 million respectively. The anticipated increase in expenditure is mainly due to the need to provide outsourced services for the new leisure and cultural facilities expected to be commissioned in 2012-13.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB212**

Question Serial No.

1605

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise a blockbuster exhibition “Treasures of the First Emperor of China” at the Hong Kong Museum of History to mark the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). What is the estimated cost required?
- (b) It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise a blockbuster exhibition “Treasures of the First Emperor of China” at the Hong Kong Museum of History to mark the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. Please explain the relationship between the First Emperor of China and the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR.

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

- (a) The estimated cost of organising the “Treasures of the First Emperor of China” exhibition at the Hong Kong Museum of History to mark the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR is about \$31 million. In addition to the display of national treasures and exhibits, the exhibition will make extensive use of multi-media and interactive presentations to enhance the visitors’ experience.
- (b) The mega exhibition, to be jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Relics Bureau, will feature a large number of national treasures, notably terra cotta warriors, to showcase the history and culture of the Qin dynasty, which was an important era in Chinese history. Furthermore, the Mausoleum of the First Emperor, a World Heritage Site inscribed by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, is one of the most significant archaeological sites in China. The mega exhibition is deemed appropriate to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR as it will enhance Hong Kong people’s understanding of the

history and cultural heritage of China, as well as their appreciation of the importance of archaeological conservation.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5 March 2012

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

**HAB213**

Question Serial No.

1606

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will complete the territory-wide survey of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) in Hong Kong in the first half of 2012 with a view to drawing up the first ICH list for Hong Kong. What is the estimated cost required?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The estimated cost of conducting the territory-wide survey of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Hong Kong is \$6.25 million.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB214**

Question Serial No.

1607

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to enhance the marketing and branding of museums and promote exhibitions and programmes to visitors and local residents. What is the estimated cost required?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The estimated cost for enhancing the branding of museums and promoting museum exhibitions and programmes to local visitors and tourists is about \$20 million in 2012-13. The funding will be used to promote museum exhibitions and activities to different audience segments through various online and offline channels, including but not limited to advertisements, museum guidebooks, dedicated websites, mobile applications, collaboration and cross-promotion with private and non-government organisations as well as public engagement activities.

In 2012-13, additional funding provision of \$3 million has been secured to implement web improvement projects including the roll out of a new museum portal for the public museums.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 22 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB215**

Question Serial No.

1608

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services  
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that the Department will continue to support budding and young artists as well as small to medium scale performing arts groups.

- (a) Please provide the names of these artists and performing arts groups as well as the distribution of venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department that offer such support; and
- (b) What are the actual expenditure for this purpose in 2010-11, and the estimated expenditures in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been supporting a large number of young and individual artists, as well as small and medium scale performing arts groups by engaging them in year-round cultural presentations, festival and entertainment programmes, audience building and arts education activities, and the Venue Partnership Scheme. In addition to presenting and sponsoring their productions with the provision of programme fees, LCSD also provides publicity support, and/or free venue and ticketing services. Excluding those who were or will be engaged by LCSD to perform in free district entertainment events and LCSD venues' audience building programmes, a total of 190 artists/small and medium scale performing arts groups have been or will be supported by the LCSD between 2010-11 and 2012-13 (full list at the Annex).

These artists and arts groups perform at various LCSD performance venues and museums, as well as other venues such as the Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts, Nan Lian Garden, Cattle Depot, HKICC Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity, Youth Square, Hong Kong Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre and various school and community halls.

- (b) The funding support for these artists and small and medium scale performing arts groups in the past two years (2010-11 and 2011-12) as well as the estimated funding support to be provided in 2012-13 are as follows:

	2010-11 (\$000) (actual)	2011-12 (\$000) (estimate)	2012-13 (\$000) (estimate)
Funding support *	99,503	98,550	102,800

\* excluding notional venue hire charges and ticketing expenses.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 1 March 2012



**List of young/individual artists and small to medium scale  
performing arts groups presented or sponsored by the LCSD in 2010-11 to 2012-13**

Note: The groups/artists listed below have been/will be presented or sponsored by LCSD's programming offices or they have joined/will join the Venue Partnership Scheme between 2010-11 and 2012-13. Groups/artists engaged for free district entertainment programmes or for LCSD venues' own audience building programmes are not included.

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
<b>Music</b>	
1.	Allegro Singers
2.	Anonymous Quartet
3.	Asian Youth Orchestra
4.	Bel Canto Singers
5.	China Philharmonic Orchestra (Hong Kong)
6.	City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong
7.	Contemporary A Cappella Society of Hong Kong
8.	Four Gig Heads
9.	Gay Singers
10.	Hong Kong Association for Music Educators
11.	Hong Kong Bach Choir
12.	Hong Kong Chamber Choir
13.	Hong Kong Children's Symphony Orchestra
14.	Hong Kong City Chinese Orchestra
15.	Hong Kong Composers' Guild
16.	Hong Kong Fringe Club
17.	Hong Kong Harmonica Association
18.	Hong Kong Juvenile and Youth Chinese Classical Orchestra
19.	Hong Kong Ling Nan Orchestra
20.	Hong Kong Music Lover Chinese Orchestra

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
21.	Hong Kong New Music Ensemble
22.	Hong Kong Oratorio Society
23.	Hong Kong Schools Music and Speech Association
24.	Hong Kong Symphony Orchestra
25.	Hong Kong Yue Yue Tuen
26.	Hong Kong YWCA Chinese Orchestra
27.	Musica Viva
28.	Nancy Loo and Friends
29.	Opera Hong Kong
30.	Opus One
31.	Pan Asia Symphony Orchestra
32.	Pop Culture Creations
33.	RTHK Quartet
34.	Wang Kwong Chinese Orchestra
35.	Windpipe Chinese Ensemble
36.	Wuji Ensemble
37.	Chan Kwok-fai (Zheng)
38.	Helen Cha (Piano)
39.	The Chopin Society of Hong Kong
40.	Hou Shihchieh (Erhu)
41.	Loo Sze-wang (Sheng)
42.	Mary Wu and Friends
43.	Nan Yin Yeu Yuen
44.	Ng Hiu-hing (Zheng)
45.	Premiere Performances of Hong Kong
46.	Tam Po-shek (DongXiao)

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
47.	The Music Section of the Hong Kong Chiu Chow Merchants Mutual Assistance Society Ltd.
48.	Wong On-yuen (Erhu)
49.	Wu Shengzhong (Piano)
50.	Xu Lingzi (Zheng)
51.	Chinese Music Virtuosi
52.	Deyin Qin Society
53.	Stanley Chen, Yuko Niitsuma
54.	Ng Cheuk-yin
55.	Saturday Night Jazz Orchestra
56.	Hua Xia Chinese Music Association
57.	Centre for Community Cultural Development
<b>Dance</b>	
58.	Association of Hongkong Dance Organizations
59.	Biuguk
60.	DanceArt Hong Kong
61.	Hong Kong Ballet Group
62.	Hong Kong Dance Alliance
63.	Hong Kong Dance Federation
64.	House of Performing Arts
65.	Miranda Chin Dance Company
66.	MuseMotion
67.	NeoDanceHK
68.	Off the Ground
69.	R&T (Rhythm & Tempo)
70.	Unlock Dancing Plaza

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
71.	Y-Space
72.	Lau Tin-ming, Lee Chi-wai and Ho Tak-ching
73.	E-side Dance Company
74.	Yuen Hai Artiste Troupe
75.	Zero Zero Ensemble
76.	Passover Dance Company
77.	Jo Leung
78.	Cai Ying
79.	Elaine Kwok
80.	Ivanhoe Lam
<b>Multi-Arts</b>	
81.	All Theatre Art Association
82.	amusical.org Limited
83.	Contemporary Musiking (Samson Young)
84.	Fantasy Puppet Theatre
85.	Ho Bit Goon Limited
86.	Hong Kong Puppet & Shadow Art Center
87.	Jumbo Kids Theatre
88.	Make Friends With Puppet
89.	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education Ltd
90.	Mui Kwong Chiu Production
91.	Shu Ning Presentation Unit
92.	Gaybird Leung
93.	Sol Concept
94.	Kung Chi Shing

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
95.	International Association of Theatre Critics (HK)
<b>Theatre</b>	
96.	Actors' Family Limited
97.	Alice Theatre Laboratory
98.	Asian People's Theatre Festival Society
99.	Cinematic Theatre
100.	Class 7A Drama Group
101.	Drama Gallery
102.	Project On Earth Creative Communication Company Limited
103.	Edward Lam Dance Theatre
104.	Exploration Theatre
105.	Fong Fong Project d' Art
106.	Heiquan Theatre
107.	Hong Kong 3 Arts Musical Institute
108.	Hong Kong Federation of Drama Societies
109.	Hong Kong Movie TV Theatrical Society
110.	Hong Kong Theatre Works Co., Ltd.
111.	Interschool Drama Festival
112.	Kearen Pang Production
113.	On & On Theatre Workshop
114.	Pants Production
115.	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre
116.	Pop Theatre
117.	Prospects Theatre
118.	Spring-Time Experimental Theatre
119.	Tang Shu-wing Theatre Studio

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
120.	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection (including Shakespeare4All Co. Ltd, Seals Players Foundation Ltd and Eduarts Ltd)
121.	The Nonsensemakers
122.	The Princess' Blackbox
123.	Theatre du Pif
124.	Theatre of the Silence
125.	Theatre Ronin
126.	Theatre Space
127.	TNT Theatre
128.	Trinity Theatre
129.	Radiant Theatre
130.	Pichead On Stage
131.	Theatre Noir
132.	Harmonic Theatre
133.	Theatre Horizon
134.	陳永泉製作
135.	Wilderness Creation
136.	Whole Theatre
137.	W Theatre and Windmill Grass Theatre
138.	Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance (including Jumbo Kids Theatre, Hong Kong Children and Juvenile Chinese Opera Troupe, Hong Kong Children's Musical Theatre, Make Friends with Puppet and Millennium Youth Orchestra)
<b>Chinese Opera</b>	
139.	Aroma Cantonese Opera Troupe
140.	Chi Chuk Hin Cantonese Opera Society
141.	Ching Nam Art Square

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
142.	Choi Lun Cantonese Opera Association
143.	Chuk Lin Wah Cantonese Opera Troupe
144.	Classical Chinese Opera & Musical Club
145.	Dan Fung Cantonese Opera
146.	Dawn Radiance Opera Troupe
147.	Golden Blossom Opera Troupe
148.	Hei Shing Sheung Opera Society
149.	Hon Fung Cantonese Opera Institute
150.	Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
151.	Hung Ka Po Cantonese Opera Troupe
152.	Jingkun Theatre
153.	Kam Chi King Chinese Opera
154.	Kam Yuk Tong Cantonese Opera Troupe
155.	Kim Sang Fai Cantonese Opera
156.	Kim Sum Cantonese Opera Association
157.	Kim Sun Sing Cantonese Opera Troupe
158.	Kiu Fai Conton Opera Group
159.	Koon Kwan Tin Cantonese Opera Troupe
160.	Ling Lung Cantonese Opera Troupe
161.	Lung Tang Yan Opera Troupe
162.	Man Cheung Hung Chinese Opera
163.	Ming Chee Sing Chinese Opera
164.	Ming Chu Cantonese Operatic Songs Association
165.	New Star Cantonese Opera Troupe
166.	Phoenix Cantonese Opera Troupe
167.	RhapsoArts Management Ltd

	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
168.	Sensational Sprouts Cantonese Opera Association
169.	Shiny Light Troupe
170.	Hong Kong Sun Hon Kwong Chiu Chow Opera Troupe
171.	Sunny Cantonese Opera Troupe
172.	The Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong
173.	The Hong Kong Young Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe
174.	The Hong Kong Youth of Chinese Opera College
175.	The Young Academy Cantonese Opera Troupe
176.	Yat Hin Guangdong Music Association
177.	Yeung Ming Cantonese Opera Troupe
178.	YSF Cantonese Opera Promotion Association
179.	YUE • Opera Troupe
180.	Yvonne and Sabrinas' Cantonese Opera Troupe
181.	The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association (including Glory Chinese Opera Institute, Golden Blossom Opera Troupe, Ming Chee Sing Chinese Opera, Kim Sun Sing Cantonese Opera Troupe, Dragon Art Society, Kam Yuk Tong Cantonese Opera Troupe, The Hong Kong Youth Cantonese Opera Troupe, Legend Cantonese Opera Association, Lung Kui Kam Yuen Court, Hong Kong Sun Sing Cantonese Opera Promotive Association, Kam Sing Fai Cantonese Opera, Eurana Operatic Arts Assembly, Wing Cheong Cantonese Opera Promotion Association, Go-Sing Cantonese Opera Troupe, Fung Ngai Cantonese Opera, Yeung Ming Cantonese Opera Troupe, Rainbow Opera Troupe, Love And Faith Cantonese Opera Laboratory, Tung Ling Chinese Traditional Opera Centre, Ming Fai Cantonese Opera Association, Kim Sang Fai Cantonese Opera and Sun Moon Star Cantonese Opera/Chin Fung Cantonese Opera Troupe)
182.	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera
183.	Spring-Time Experimental Theatre and Hong Kong Young Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe



	<b>Artist / Group Name</b>
184.	Hong Kong Performing Stage of Cantonese Opera (comprising Art of Cantonese Opera Association, Spring Glory Cantonese Opera , Workshop and Dragon Art Society)
185.	The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong
186.	Streaming Chinese Opera
187.	Jade Lotus Opera House
188.	Moon on the Water Xiqu Association
189.	Opera Artist Club
190.	Sam Po Cantonese Opera Troupe

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

**HAB216**

Question Serial No.

1868

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How many hard surfaced pitches are managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department? Except for soccer activities, please list the uses of these pitches and the number of such uses in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides 230 hard surfaced soccer pitches for free use by the public. In addition to soccer, these pitches can be used for sports activities such as Tai Chi, handball, rugby and dance. Also, batting games such as baseball, softball and cricket can be played at selected hard surfaced soccer pitches that are installed with peripheral fencing. As hard surfaced soccer pitches are free of charge and can be used by walk-in players without booking, LCSD does not have a full record of the frequency of the different types of sports activities held at the individual pitches. Apart from sports activities, LCSD may approve applications for holding activities such as carnivals, fairs, musical performances and public meetings at the hard surfaced pitches. In the three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12, a total of 1 850 approved non-designated activities were held at these pitches. A list of the common designated and non-designated uses of the hard surfaced soccer pitches is at the Annex.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

**List of Common Activities Held at Hard Surfaced Soccer Pitches  
From 2009-10 to 2011-12**

**Sports Activities**

- Football
- Dance
- Handball
- Softball\*
- Rugby
- Cricket\*
- Badminton
- Netball
- Cycling
- Baseball\*
- Roller skating
- Tai Chi

\* Batting games that can be held at selected venues.

**Non-designated Activities**

- Carnivals
- Ceremonies
- Fun Days
- Musical performances
- Public meetings
- Flower Show
- Exposition / exhibition
- Lunar New Year Fair
- Yu Lan
- Puntsoi banquet
- Chinese opera
- Bazaar
- Parade
- Fire drill
- Orienteering

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

**HAB217**

Question Serial No.

0388

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 231 to 8 769 posts as at 31 March 2013. Please inform this Committee of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department plans to create 231 new non-directorate posts in 2012-13 to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as swimming pools, parks, a sports centre and a public library as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. These new posts cover 15 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Maintenance Surveyor, Clerk of Works, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I. The estimated salary provision for the 231 new posts in 2012-13 is \$49.8 million.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB218**

Question Serial No.

2713

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Audit Commission has criticised the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for the low utilisation rate of its performing arts venues. In this connection, will the LCSD inform this Committee:

- (a) of the expenditure, revenue and utilisation rate of the venues managed by the LCSD in 2010-11;
- (b) whether the LCSD will introduce any measures to enhance the utilisation of these venues in 2012-13? If so, what criteria will be adopted by the Department to assess the effectiveness of such measures?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

- (a) The usage rates of the major and minor facilities of the 13 performing arts venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2010-11 are at Annex I. The expenditure and revenue in respect of these venues in 2010-11 are set out at Annex II.
- (b) The overall usage rates of the major facilities at the 13 performing arts venues are generally very high (around or exceeding 90%), except for the North District Town Hall (NDTH) which has a lower usage rate in view of the constraints of its stage facilities. Thus only small scale and less sophisticated arts programmes can be staged in NDTH. To enhance its utilisation, LCSD will organise more audience building programmes, and encourage its Venue Partner as well as district organisations to organise more performances and arts education activities at NDTH in the coming year.

To enhance the utilisation of the minor facilities in the performing arts venues, LCSD has been proactively marketing them to potential hirers including individuals, arts groups and community organisations for organising workshops, training classes and rehearsals. The

Department will continue to closely monitor and review the effectiveness of the measures taken, and come up with further measures to boost their utilisation if necessary.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5 March 2012

**Usage Rates of LCSD Performing Arts Venues in 2010-11****A. Major Facilities**

	Venue	Facility	Daily Usage (2010-11) <sup>Note 1</sup>
<i>Urban area</i>			
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Concert Hall	100%
		Grand Theatre	100%
		Studio Theatre	100%
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	Concert Hall	99%
		Theatre	98%
3.	Ko Shan Theatre	Theatre	98%
4.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	Theatre	98%
		Cultural Activities Hall	76%
5.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Theatre	97%
		Lecture Hall	90%
6.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	Theatre	97%
		Cultural Activities Hall	86%
<i>New Territories</i>			
7.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Auditorium	99%
		Black Box Theatre	83%
8.	North District Town Hall	Auditorium	68%
9.	Sha Tin Town Hall	Auditorium	99%
		Cultural Activities Hall	95%
10.	Tai Po Civic Centre	Auditorium	92% <sup>Note 2</sup>
11.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Auditorium	92%
		Cultural Activities Hall	95%
12.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Auditorium	98%
		Cultural Activities Hall	90%
13.	Yuen Long Theatre	Auditorium	88%

*Note 1: Daily usage rates are based on the number of days used over the total number of days available, excluding maintenance.*

*Note 2: The adjacent Tai Po Government Secondary School has priority use of Tai Po Civic Centre during weekdays and the figure includes school usage.*

**B. Minor Facilities** <sup>Note 3</sup>

Venue	Usage (2010-11) <sup>Note 4</sup>
Urban Area	40%
New Territories	62%

*Note 3: Covers 63 LCSD minor facilities such as studios, rehearsal rooms and function rooms.*

*Note 4: Usage rates are based on the total number of hours booked over the total number of hours available.*



**Expenditure and Revenue of LCSD Performing Arts Venues in 2010-11**

	Venue	Expenditure (\$000) <sup>Note 1</sup>	Revenue (\$000) <sup>Note 2</sup>
<b><i>Urban Area</i></b>			
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	93,396	65,676
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	48,347	42,151
3.	Ko Shan Theatre	16,078	3,284
4.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	18,861	4,277
5.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	18,006	9,116
6.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	17,841	2,688
<b><i>New Territories</i></b>			
7.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	37,766	14,764
8.	North District Town Hall	8,390	1,658
9.	Sha Tin Town Hall	42,576	33,433
10.	Tai Po Civic Centre	8,528	1,219
11.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	29,932	23,252
12.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	31,831	11,248
13.	Yuen Long Theatre	29,003	9,285

*Note 1: Expenditure refers to salaries, operating costs, electricity, cleansing and security and venue promotional activities cost, etc.*

*Note 2: Revenue refers to rental and franchise revenue, etc.*

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

**HAB219**

Question Serial No.

0474

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide information in the following format:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )
Distribution of NCSC staff posts			
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff			
• \$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824	( )	( )	( )
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
Length of employment of NCSC staff			
• 5 years or above	( )	( )	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )	( )	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )	( )	( )
• less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants	( )	( )	( )

Number of NCSC staff failing to turn into civil servants	( )	( )	( )
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	( )	( )	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Information on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for 2010-11 and 2011-12 is set out below. The figures for 2012-13 are not available as the number of NCSC staff varies over time in accordance with the changing service needs.

(a) Number and duties of NCSC staff

No. of NCSC staff as at -	
<u>1.1.2012</u>	<u>1.1.2011</u>
1 063 (-17.1%)	1 283

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

In the past year, the number of NCSC staff employed by LCSD has decreased by 17.1%. The NCSC staff employed are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure/cultural venues and offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology (IT) services.

(b) Staff cost of NCSC staff

	Financial Year	
	<u>2011-12</u> (Estimated)	<u>2010-11</u>
Staff cost of NCSC staff	\$300.6 million (-4.7%)	\$315.5 million
Percentage of staff cost of NCSC staff over total staff costs of LCSD	12.1% (-12.3%)	13.8%

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

(c) Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff

Monthly salary	No. of NCSC staff as at -	
	<u>1.1.2012</u>	<u>1.1.2011</u>
\$30,000 or above	69 (+25.5%)	55
\$16,000 - \$29,999	250 (+3.7%)	241
\$8,001 - \$15,999	722 (-12.9%)	829
\$6,501 - \$8,000	22 (-59.3%)	54
\$5,824 - \$6,500	0 (0%)	0
Below \$5,824	0 (-100%)	104
Total	1 063 (-17.1%)	1 283

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

As at 1 January 2012, 98% of the NCSC staff receive monthly salaries above \$8,000, of whom 30% receive salaries above \$16,000. The staff with salaries between \$6,501 to \$8,000 are all youth trainees employed on NCSC terms for four to six months to receive training on work in swimming pools/beaches. Following the implementation of the Minimum Wage Ordinance, their monthly allowance has been revised from \$4,000 to \$6,510 to meet the statutory requirements.

(d) Length of employment of NCSC staff in years

	No. of NCSC staff as at -	
	<u>1.1.2012</u>	<u>1.1.2011</u>
5 years or above	566 (-12.1%)	644
3 years to less than 5 years	115 (+4.5%)	110
1 year to less than 3 years	227 (-20.1%)	284
Less than 1 year	155 (-36.7%)	245
Total	1 063 (-17.1%)	1 283

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

The majority of the NCSC staff who have worked for five years or more in LCSD are employed by public libraries who are being gradually replaced by civil servants with the phased implementation of the new mode of delivery of frontline and support services.

(e) Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants

It is the government's established policy to fill civil service vacancies through an open, fair and competitive recruitment process. In filling civil service openings through open recruitment, the Government welcomes all interested candidates who meet the relevant basic entry requirements to apply for the jobs, and compete on the basis of their overall merits. Generally speaking, NCSC staff who have met the basic entry requirements of the job and possess working experience relevant to the job should enjoy a competitive edge over other candidates in the selection process.

For the various civil service open recruitment exercises conducted by LCSD for departmental grades since 2006, LCSD has received a total of 813 qualified applications from its NCSC staff. Out of the 813 qualified NCSC candidates, 630 have been found suitable for appointment to the grades concerned, among whom 515 have been offered appointment as civil servants as at 1 February 2012. Those who are found suitable for appointment but not yet offered civil service appointments are being put on a waiting list and will be offered appointment as and when vacancies arise. Relevant figures are set out in the table below.

	Civil service open recruitment exercises for departmental grades in LCSD conducted in -		
	<u>2011<sup>#</sup></u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2006 - 2009</u>
No. of qualified applications from NCSC candidates	24	114	675
No. of NCSC candidates found suitable for appointment	24	85	521
No. of NCSC candidates who were offered civil service appointment (as at 1.2.2012)	4	62	449

# Excluding the two recruitment exercises for Cultural Services Assistant II and Assistant Librarian which are not yet concluded and for which 39 and nine qualified applications from NCSC candidates have been received respectively. The suitability of these NCSC candidates for appointment as civil servants will be determined upon completion of the recruitment exercises.

(f) Percentage of NCSC staff over the total number of staff in the Department

Position as at -	
<u>1.1.2012</u>	<u>1.1.2011</u>
11% (-21.4%)	14%

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year change*

(g) Meal breaks for NCSC staff

The working hours of the NCSC staff are determined with reference to those applicable to civil servants in comparable civil service ranks or comparable level of responsibilities in the Department. They are specified in the employment contracts either as gross working hours (including lunch hour) or net working hours (excluding lunch hour).

As at 1 January 2012, LCSD employed a total of 1 063 NCSC staff. The working hours of 936 staff (88%) are expressed in gross working hours and 127 staff (12%) in net working hours. The NCSC staff are remunerated on monthly basis and their terms of employment, including salary and other conditions of service, are covered under a remuneration package as a whole.

(h) Work pattern of NCSC staff

As at 1 January 2012, 594 (56%) of the 1 063 NCSC staff worked five days a week. The remaining 469 (44%) worked on a six-day week or other shift duty patterns having regard to the operational requirements of the venues/offices.

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Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB220**

Question Serial No.

0499

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services  
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On engaging “agency workers”, please provide the following information:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	( )	( )	( )
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	( )	( )	( )
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	( )	( )	( )
Length of contract for each employment agency	( )	( )	( )
Number of agency workers	( )	( )	( )
Distribution of the positions held by agency workers			
Monthly salary range of agency workers			
• \$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )
• number of workers with monthly salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )
• number of workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
Length of service of agency workers			
• 5 years or longer	( )	( )	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )	( )	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )	( )	( )
• less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies in the total departmental staff cost	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on five-day weeks	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on six-day weeks	( )	( )	( )

( ) denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on the agency workers engaged by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for 2010-11 and 2011-12 is set out below. The figures for 2012-13 are not available as the number of agency workers varies over time in accordance with changing service needs.

(a) Number of agency workers, agency contracts, length of agency contracts and duties of the agency workers

	Position as at -		
	1.1.2012	30.9.2011 <sup>Note</sup>	30.9.2010 <sup>Note</sup>
No. of agency workers	142 (-24.5%)	188 (-40.1%)	314
No. of agency contracts	100 (-23.7%)	131 (-45.4%)	240
Length of agency contracts	2.5 to 24 months (82% with contract periods of 12 months or less)	1.5 to 24 months (84% with contract periods of 12 months or less)	2 to 24 months (88% with contract periods of 12 months or less)

Figures in ( ) denote changes in the specified dates

[Note : The information provided for 2010 and 2011 was a snapshot of the situations taken by the Department on 30 September 2010 and 30 September 2011 respectively in response to surveys conducted by the Civil Service Bureau (CSB). The updated position as at 1 January 2012 is also provided.]

The agency workers were mainly engaged to assist in meeting urgent or unforeseen short-term service needs or unexpected surge in service demands, or service needs which entail irregular work pattern, including –

- (i) assisting in the organisation of short-term leisure and cultural programmes / projects, e.g. the International Arts Carnival, World Cultures Festival 2011 – Enchanting Arts of Asia, Hong Kong City Hall 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, summer camps, exhibitions, etc.;
- (ii) providing stage management and technical support services in the performance venues;
- (iii) assisting in data collection and processing work, e.g. data verification and input, etc.; and

- (iv) filling short-term manpower gap pending the appointment of civil servants and / or Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff.

The agency contracts with longer service periods (more than 12 months) were signed before CSB issued the guidelines on the use of agency workers in April 2010. Since then, the contract duration of most new agency contracts entered into by the Department is nine months or less, except for tasks that entail irregular work pattern (such as the provision of stage management and support services for performance venues where agency workers are sourced from contracts of a longer duration to meet the fluctuating service demands of performance venues. These agency workers concerned are remunerated on an hourly basis.)

Apart from the above agency workers, LCSD has also engaged agency services to provide supplementary manpower support in respect of information technology (IT) and public library services.

(i) IT service

The Department has secured supplementary IT manpower through technical service providers engaged under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (hereafter referred to as “T-contract staff”). The numbers of T-contract staff engaged as at 30 September 2010, 30 September 2011 and 1 January 2012 were 47, 61 and 62 respectively. They were engaged to assist in the development of computer systems and programmes or managing specific IT projects. This arrangement allows the Department to tap the latest market expertise in developing IT systems and programmes, and better manage their fluctuating IT manpower requirements. It also enables technology transfer between the Department’s IT staff and IT professionals in the private sector.

(ii) Public library service

The engagement of manpower from employment agencies (thereafter referred to as “service bureau staff”) to supplement the provision of frontline service in public libraries dated back to the former Urban Council days. Service bureau staff assist the core workforce (comprising civil servants and NCSC staff) in the public libraries to deliver counter and customer services, sort and shelve library materials, perform patrol and other miscellaneous duties. The supplementary support services are provided on a man-hour basis, and are usually required during peak-demand periods, such as lunch hours, after-school hours, weekends and public holidays.

(b) Expenditure for engaging agency workers and commission paid to employment agencies

	<u>2011-12</u> (Estimated)	<u>2010-11</u>
Expenditure for engaging agency workers	\$32.4 million (-4.4%)	\$33.9 million
Percentage of expenditure for engaging agency workers over the total departmental staff cost	1.3% (-13.3%)	1.5%

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*



In procuring employment agency services, LCSD has complied with the relevant Stores and Procurement Regulations, Financial Circulars and guidelines issued by CSB. These regulations and guidelines do not require the Department to specify the amount or the rate of commission payable to employment agencies. As such, the Department does not have information on the amount of commission paid to the employment agencies.

(c) Monthly salary range of agency workers

Prior to the issue of the guidelines on use of agency workers in April 2010, the Department did not keep records of the monthly salaries of the individual agency workers who are deployed to work in LCSD venues. Hence, salary information of the agency workers in respect of contracts signed before April 2010 was not available. After the issue of the guidelines on the use of agency workers by CSB, the Department requires all bidders to state the wages they would pay to their employees when submitting quotations for the provision of agency service for LCSD.

The range of the monthly salaries of the agency workers engaged by the Department as at 30 September 2010, 30 September 2011 and 1 January 2012 is set out below. They all met the statutory requirements under the Minimum Wage Ordinance which was effective from May 2011.

Monthly salary	No. of agency workers as at -		
	<u>1.1.2012</u>	<u>30.9.2011*</u>	<u>30.9.2010<sup>#</sup></u>
\$30,000 or above	0 (0%)	0	0
\$16,000 - \$29,999	7 (0%)	7	0
\$8,001 - \$15,999	102 (-5.6%)	108	15
\$6,501 - \$8,000	24 (-50%)	48	34
\$5,824 - \$6,500	0 (-100%)	1	0
\$5,000 - \$5,824	0 (0%)	0	0
Below \$5,000	0 (0%)	0	0
Total	133 (-18.9%) (excluding 9 agency workers remunerated on an hourly basis with hourly wages ranging from \$46 to \$90)	164 (excluding 24 agency workers remunerated on an hourly basis with hourly wages ranging from \$45 to \$95)	49 (excluding 23 agency workers remunerated on an hourly basis with hourly wages ranging from \$42 to \$98)

*Figures in ( ) denote changes in the specified dates*

# *The figures as at 30 September 2010 in the table do not include the 242 agency workers who were engaged by the Department before the issue of CSB's guidelines on the use of agency workers (April 2010) and before salary information on agency workers was collected.*

\* *Since the information on the monthly salary level of the agency workers provided in the table does not include the 242 workers engaged before April 2010, no comparison can be made with the position as at 30 September 2011.*

(d) Length of service of agency workers

The mode of using agency workers is that the Department and an employment agency enter into a service contract under which the agency will supply manpower as and when the Department requires. As long as the Department's requirements are satisfied (e.g. in terms of the number of

agency workers and the qualifications and/or experience required for agency workers), the employment agency may arrange any of their employees to work in the Department or arrange replacement agency workers during the contract period for different reasons. LCSD therefore does not keep information on the years of service of agency workers who are employees of the employment agencies.

(e) Percentage of agency workers over the total number of staff in the Department

Position as at -		
<u>1.1.2012</u>	<u>30.9.2011</u>	<u>30.9.2010</u>
1.5% (-16.7%)	1.8% (-43.8%)	3.2%

*Figures in ( ) denote changes in the specified dates*

(f) Meal breaks for agency workers

The Department enters into service contracts with employment agencies for the supply of manpower to meet short-term service needs. The agency workers are employed by the employment agencies and the terms of employment, including paid/unpaid meal breaks, are determined under the employment agreement signed between the agencies and their employees under mutual agreement. The Department does not have information on this issue.

(g) Work pattern of agency workers

As at 1 January 2012, 100 (70%) of the 142 agency workers worked five days a week. The remaining 42 (30%) worked on a six-day week or other shift duty patterns having regard to the operational requirements of the venues/offices.

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Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB221**

Question Serial No.

2945

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On engaging “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of outsourced service contracts	( )	( )	( )
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	( )	( )	( )
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	( )	( )	( )
Number of outsourced workers engaged through outsourced service providers	( )	( )	( )
Distribution of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)			
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers			
• \$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )
• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )

Length of service of outsourced workers			
• 5 years or longer	( )	( )	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )	( )	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )	( )	( )
• less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on five-day week	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on six-day week	( )	( )	( )

( ) denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The requested information relating to the outsourced service contracts of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is set out below:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of outsourced service contracts	Not available	226 (-12%) [as at 31.1.2012]	256 [as at 31.3.2011]
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (in \$M) – (Note 1)	866 (+2%) (Estimate)	847 (+6%) (Revised Estimate)	797 (Actual)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	2-3 years (Note 2)		
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers – (Note 3)	Not available	9 900 (+3%)	9 600
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)			
Cleansing		5 883 (+5%)	5 619
Security		2 486 (+8%)	2 310
Horticultural Maintenance	Not available	1 073 (-0.2%)	1 075
Venue Management		426 (-26%)	579

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of outsourced workers whose monthly salary range are – (Note 4)			
• \$30,001 or above		0	0
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		0	0
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		154 (+328%)	36
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	Not available	9 714 (+339%)	2 213
• \$5,824 - \$6,500		0 (-100%)	703
• below \$5,824		0 (-100%)	6 631
Length of service of outsourced workers	Not available (Note 5)		
• 5 years or longer			
• 3 - 5 years			
• 1 - 3 years			
• less than 1 year			
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department (Notes 3 & 6)	Not available	104% [as at 31.1.2012]	101% [as at 31.3.2011]
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	Not available	34.2%	34.8%
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	Not available (Note 5)		
Number of workers on five-day week Number of workers on six-day week	Not available (Note 5)		

( ) denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

- Note (1) The expenditures are related to the major outsourced services in LCSD such as cleansing, security, horticultural maintenance and venue management.
- (2) The duration of the contracts is normally two to three years depending on the operational needs.
- (3) The number of workers (rounded to hundred) includes both full-time and part-time workers provided by outsourced contractors where the numbers of working posts to be manned by them are specified in the contracts.
- (4) The figures represent the number of workers under different wage range of LCSD outsourced services contracts in which the numbers of working posts to be manned by contractors have been specified.
- (5) Since LCSD is not the employer of the outsourced workers, LCSD does not have the information requested.

- (6) The total number of staff in the department covers both civil servants and non-civil service contract staff employed by LCSD.

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Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28 February 2012

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

**HAB222**

Question Serial No.

3133

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities”. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) How will the Administration enhance utilisation of the facilities? What are the relevant details?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Please list by district the utilisation rates of sports facilities or venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) To increase the utilisation of sports facilities, especially during non-peak hours, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to allow free use of selected sports facilities by schools, subvented non-government organisations, “national sports associations” and district sports associations during non-peak hours (i.e., from opening till 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June in the following year). Moreover, people with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary rates during peak and non-peak hours. In addition, LCSD will continue to organise promotional activities including fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities, as well as distribute promotional materials and liaise with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.
- (b) As the above measures are carried out as part of the ongoing work of LCSD through deployment of existing resources, LCSD does not have separate figures showing the expenditure involved in implementing these measures.

- (c) The average usage rates for various types of sports facilities in the past five years by district are detailed at Annexes I to IV.

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Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5 March 2012



## Usage of Sports Centres (Arena) in Past Five Years (from 2007 - 2011)

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2007	2008 <sup>@</sup>	2009	2010	2011
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	85%	91%	89%	88%	84%
Southern	64%	74%	70%	69%	68%
Central and Western	78%	83%	81%	79%	80%
Wan Chai	85%	89%	88%	86%	86%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Yau Tsim Mong	80%	84%	83%	82%	83%
Sham Shui Po	71%	81%	78%	78%	78%
Kowloon City	74%	79%	78%	76%	76%
Wong Tai Sin	72%	78%	76%	75%	75%
Kwun Tong	73%	79%	76%	75%	76%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	44%	56%	49%	54%	56%
Kwai Tsing	78%	82%	81%	79%	79%
Tsuen Wan	80%	85%	83%	83%	81%
Tuen Mun	78%	82%	80%	79%	78%
Yuen Long	80%	81%	82%	82%	82%
Sha Tin	90%	93%	91%	87%	86%
Tai Po	82%	82%	83%	80%	79%
North	82%	86%	85%	82%	81%
Sai Kung	79%	84%	81%	81%	81%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>78%</b>

## Remarks

- @ The higher than usual usage rates in 2008 were due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the “Free Admission Scheme” in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB222**

**Usage of Sports Grounds in Past Five Years (from 2007 - 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Average Usage Rate (%)</b>				
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	91%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	93%	91%	95%	90%	100%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kowloon City	100%	100%	97%	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	92%	93%	93%	93%	92%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	99%	99%	100%	100%	98%
Tuen Mun	98%	98%	98%	100%	100%
Yuen Long	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	94%	93%	94%	98%	97%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
North	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	87%	86%	86%	91%	95%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>99%</b>

## Usage of Artificial Turf Soccer Pitches in Past Five Years (from 2007 – 2011)

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	89%	85%	86%	83%	80%
Southern	67%	71%	74%	73%	72%
Central and Western #	-	-	-	81%	76%
Wan Chai	75%	79%	74%	68%	75%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Yau Tsim Mong	83%	84%	88%	88%	86%
Sham Shui Po*	-	-	-	-	78%
Kowloon City	83%	82%	81%	78%	74%
Wong Tai Sin	76%	71%	70%	68%	68%
Kwun Tong	80%	78%	76%	77%	77%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	74%	72%	76%	78%	75%
Kwai Tsing ^	-	-	-	70%	70%
Tuen Mun	56%	54%	56%	57%	59%
Sha Tin	73%	72%	70%	71%	70%
Tai Po	75%	69%	69%	64%	67%
North	86%	83%	81%	80%	78%
Sai Kung	59%	61%	55%	56%	58%
<b>TOTAL @</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>

## Remarks

- # The artificial turf soccer pitch in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park was open for the public use in November 2010.
- \* The natural grass soccer pitch in Shek Kip Mei Park was converted into an artificial turf soccer pitch in July 2011.
- ^ The artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park was open for the public use in June 2010.
- @ Ten additional artificial turf soccer pitches, of which six were converted from natural turf pitches, were completed in the past five years to meet the strong public demand for football facilities. As a result of the substantial increase in the number of sessions available for hiring at artificial turf pitches (270 sessions per month per pitch as compared to 60 sessions

per month per natural turf pitch), the overall average usage rate of these pitches during non-peak hours has decreased. Nevertheless, the average usage rate of artificial turf pitches at peak hours was about 94% in 2011 which reflects a continued strong public demand for such facilities. Moreover, the total used hours for artificial turf pitches have increased by 11% in the past year, from 84 094 hours in 2010 to 93 620 hours in 2011.

**Annex IV to Reply Serial No. HAB222**

**Usage of Tennis Courts in Past Five Years (from 2007 - 2011)**

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2007	2008 @	2009	2010	2011
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	73%	81%	76%	74%	74%
Southern	67%	73%	77%	72%	71%
Wan Chai	74%	81%	79%	78%	77%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Yau Tsim Mong	54%	67%	65%	63%	65%
Sham Shui Po	50%	65%	60%	57%	56%
Kowloon City	53%	62%	59%	61%	64%
Wong Tai Sin	43%	60%	57%	53%	53%
Kwun Tong	41%	59%	53%	53%	52%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	18%	28%	22%	17%	17%
Kwai Tsing	35%	45%	44%	43%	43%
Tsuen Wan	35%	48%	47%	46%	45%
Tuen Mun	28%	48%	33%	36%	38%
Yuen Long	38%	55%	43%	44%	46%
Sha Tin	45%	55%	56%	57%	56%
Tai Po	47%	57%	57%	59%	56%
North	40%	53%	46%	47%	44%
Sai Kung	47%	63%	57%	54%	65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>

Remarks

- @ The higher than usual usage rates in 2008 were due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the “Free Admission Scheme” in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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

**HAB223**

Question Serial No.

3134

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated that “the trial book drop service was launched at three major Mass Transit Railway interchange stations, namely, Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in September 2011 to make it more convenient for people to return borrowed library materials. A review of the cost-effectiveness of the service will be conducted in 2012”. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) When will the review be conducted? When is the result expected to be released?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) If the result of the review is positive, will the Administration consider extending the scheme to other stations in remote areas?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The Administration plans to conduct a review of the trial book drop service one year after the launch, i.e. in late 2012. It is expected that the outcome of the review will be available in early 2013.
- (b) The one-off expenditure on the trial service was around \$0.8 million, which covered the hiring of consultancy services for evaluating the technical feasibility of installing book drops at the three Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations, as well as the design and production of the book drops. The annual operating cost is estimated at about \$4.6 million, covering the hiring of logistics services for collecting, sorting and delivering the returned books to the respective libraries.
- (c) The Administration will assess the public response to and cost-effectiveness of the trial service, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications, based on which the

Department will recommend a way forward, including whether the service should be extended to other MTR interchange stations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB224**

Question Serial No.

0961

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the provision of public cleansing service under this Programme, please provide the respective number of LCSD staff, the outsourced service providers and their employees involved.

What was the expenditure incurred by the Department for the service in 2011-12?

What is the estimated expenditure for 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

Regarding the provision of public cleansing service under Programme (2) Horticulture and Amenities of Head 95 - Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the relevant information is provided as follows:-

Number of LCSD staff involved	160
Number of outsourced service providers engaged	13
Number of employees working under the relevant outsourced service contracts	1 878
Estimated expenditure on the outsourced services (2011-12)	\$173.66 million
Estimated expenditure on the outsourced services (2012-13)	\$175.80 million

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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Reply Serial No.

**HAB225**

Question Serial No.

2011

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Administration stated that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) would review the service performance of the Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT) upon the expiry of the three-year contract in 2012-13. Please inform this Committee of the details of CSNT, its effectiveness at present, and the estimated number of cases served and the expenditure involved in the future.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : Through the provision of outreaching support, casework and group work services, the CSNT aims at assisting mainly the street sleepers, ex-mentally ill persons and ex-offenders to integrate into the community. In 2009-10 and 2010-11, the CSNT, having newly reached 465 and 414 target vulnerable individuals respectively, fulfilled the service performance requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreement. As the three-year contract will expire in June 2012, SWD is now working out the details of service renewal, including the estimated number of cases to be served in the future. The estimated expenditure for the CSNT in 2012-13 is about \$1.6 million.

Signature	Signed
Name in block letters	PATRICK T K Nip
Post Title	Director of Social Welfare
Date	2 March 2012

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

**HAB226**

Question Serial No.

1368

Head: 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question: Regarding the indicators under this programme, will the Administration please advise this Committee :

- (a) The number of inspections conducted in 2011 for the amusement rides at the Ocean Park;
- (b) The reason why the estimated number of inspections for amusement rides this year is less than the actual figure in 2011?
- (c) Will the Administration consider increasing the number of inspections for amusement rides so as to ensure the normal operation of amusement rides at large-scale theme parks in Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

- Reply:
- (a) In 2011, 369 inspections were conducted for the amusement rides at the Ocean Park.
  - (b) New amusement rides were launched at two theme parks in 2011 and more inspections were required during the commissioning stage of the new rides. The actual number of inspections for amusement rides conducted in 2011 was thus slightly higher than the estimated number of inspections in 2012.
  - (c) To ensure safety of amusement rides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) assesses and approves their design and installation, and conducts regular inspections during their construction and operation. A risk-based approach is adopted in the planning of inspection frequency. Based on previous safety records, the estimated number of inspections in 2012 is therefore maintained at a level similar to that of last year, which is considered adequate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAN Fan \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB227**

Question Serial No.

0293

Head: 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Given the frequent occurrence of amusement ride incidents at theme parks during last year, please provide the expenditures in connection with the inspection of amusement rides according to the table below:

Year	Amusement Rides	
	Inspection indicator	Expenditures involved
2010		
2011		
2012		

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The annual expenditure in enforcing the safety of amusement rides (including processing and approval of applications, assessment of personnel competence, inspections and incident investigations) in 2010, 2011 and 2012 are summarized in the table below:

Year	Amusement Rides	
	Inspection indicator	Expenditure <sup>#</sup>
2010	1 973	\$4.7 million
2011	1 976	\$5.9 million
2012	1 950	\$5.8 million

<sup>#</sup> Based on financial year 2010-11 (actual), 2011-12 (projected) and 2012-13 (estimated).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAN Fan \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB228**

Question Serial No.

3292

Head: 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

a. Will the Administration increase the number of inspections on the operation and maintenance of amusement rides at Hong Kong Disneyland, Ocean Park and carnivals?

b. Over the past three years (i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12), has the Administration initiated any prosecution against the aforementioned companies due to their poor maintenance? If yes, what are the numbers of successful/unsuccessful cases?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

a. To ensure the safety of the amusement rides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) assesses and approves their design and installation, and conducts regular inspections during their construction and operation. A risk-based approach is adopted in the planning of inspection frequency. Based on previous safety records, the number of inspections is considered adequate.

b. The Administration will initiate prosecution against any non-compliance with relevant ordinances. In the past three years, no prosecution was brought against the companies concerned due to their poor maintenance of amusement rides.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAN Fan \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Reply Serial No.

**HAB229**

Question Serial No.

1989

Head : 703 – Buildings

Subhead : 3057RE Conversion of Yau Ma Tei  
Theatre and Red Brick Building  
into a Xiqu Activity Centre

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : According to the Administration, the approved project estimate for the conversion of Yau Ma Tei Theatre and Red Brick Building into a Xiqu Activity Centre is \$186.7 million and the actual expenditure as at 31 March 2011 is \$44.389 million. Yet the estimated expenditure for 2012-13 is only \$15 million. What is the timetable for drawing down the remaining provision of \$79.811 million or so? How can the works be expedited in order to make up the serious shortfall in the facilities for Xiqu activities?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : The conversion works of the Yau Ma Tei Theatre and Red Brick Building into a Xiqu Activity Centre was substantially completed in September 2011. The centre is scheduled for opening in mid-2012. The remaining expenditure will be incurred in 2012-13 and beyond for procurement of furniture and equipment and settlement of final account.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters : \_\_\_\_\_ K K LEUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title : \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Architectural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ 1 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB230**

Question Serial No.

1990

Head : 703 – Buildings

Subhead : 3049RG Public library and indoor  
recreation centre in Area 3,  
Yuen Long

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : According to the Administration, the approved project estimate for the public library and indoor recreation centre in Area 3, Yuen Long is \$704.1 million and the actual expenditure as at 31 March 2011 is \$12.121 million. Yet the estimated expenditure for 2012-13 is only \$120 million. What is the timetable for drawing down the remaining provision of \$562 million or so? How can the works be expedited in order to provide services to the local community as soon as possible?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : The construction of the public library and indoor recreation centre in Area 3, Yuen Long commenced in July 2010 and is scheduled for completion in late 2013. The approved project estimate is \$704.1 million and the actual expenditure as at 31 March 2011 is \$12.121 million. The revised estimate for 2011-12 is \$10 million. The estimated expenditure of \$120 million for 2012-13 is mainly for the foundation and superstructure works. The remaining estimated expenditure of \$562 million will be incurred in 2013-14 and beyond for the remaining works and procurement of furniture and equipment. We will continue to closely monitor the project progress for expediting the works.

Signature : Signed

Name in block letters : K K LEUNG

Post Title : Director of Architectural Services

Date : 23 February 2012

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB231**

Question Serial No.

1991

Head : 703 – Buildings                      Subhead : 3051RG    Redevelopment of Kwun Tong  
Swimming Pool Complex and  
Kwun Tong Recreation Ground

Programme :

Controlling Officer :    Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau :    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :    According to the Administration, the approved project estimate for the redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground is \$1,323.8 million and the actual expenditure as at 31 March 2011 is \$62.752 million. Yet the estimated expenditure for 2012-13 is only \$427 million. What is the timetable for drawing down the remaining provision of \$634 million or so? How can the works be expedited?

Asked by :    Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :    The construction of the Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex (KTSPC) and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground (KTRG) commenced in November 2009 and is scheduled for completion in December 2014. The project will be delivered in two phases, with Phase 1 comprising demolition of the three training pools at the existing KTSPC and of the KTRG and construction of a new KTSPC; and Phase 2 comprising the demolition of the main pool and other facilities of the existing KTSPC and reprovisioning of recreation facilities at the KTRG. The approved project estimate is \$1,323.8 million and the actual expenditure as at 31 March 2011 is \$62.752 million. The revised estimate for 2011-12 is \$200 million. The estimated expenditure of \$427 million for 2012-13 is mainly for the construction of the Phase 1 works. The remaining estimated expenditure of \$634 million will be incurred in 2013-14 and beyond for the Phase 2 construction works and procurement of furniture and equipment for both phases. We will closely monitor the project progress and ensure the works are completed on time.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters : \_\_\_\_\_ K K LEUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title : \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Architectural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ 23 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB232**

Question Serial No.

3278

Head: 33 - Civil Engineering and Development      Subhead (No. & title):  
Department

Programme: (3) Provision of Land and Infrastructure

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 of this Programme, the Department will continue the planning and commence the design on the public infrastructure works in co-ordination with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority and government departments. Please provide information on the relevant details, manpower, studies and funding involved in the above work item.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The Government will carry out public infrastructure works in support of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development. In this connection, the Civil Engineering and Development Department tentatively plans to commence the design and site investigation works for the proposed public infrastructure works for WKCD phase 1 development in the second half of 2012 and will seek funding approval from the Legislative Council Finance Committee in due course.

The estimated expenditure for the design and site investigation works in 2012-13 is about \$21.1 million. Consultants will be engaged to undertake the design and site investigation assignment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ C K HON \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Civil Engineering and Development \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB233**

Question Serial No.

1485

Head: 33 -Civil Engineering and Development Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please specify the details of the construction works of Lung Mei Beach. When will the works be expected to be completed?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The proposed Lung Mei Beach project at Tai Po comprises the construction of a 200-metre beach, a beach building, a public car park and other ancillary facilities. Subject to the approval of Finance Committee, we plan to commence the construction works in late 2012 for completion in late 2014.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ C K HON \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Civil Engineering and Development \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB234**

Question Serial No.

3345

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What specific work has been undertaken by the Government in monitoring registered private temples in the past five years? What were the annual expenditures involved?
- (b) The Home Affairs Bureau stated that a total of 18 cases relating to suspected operations of temple without registration under the Chinese Temples Ordinance were received in the past five years. What were the follow-up actions of the Government? Have any of the temples involved in these cases been penalised? What was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) The responsibility of monitoring registered temples rests with the Secretariat to the Chinese Temples Committee (CTC). No government expenditure is involved.
- (b) The Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153) (“the Ordinance”) was enacted in 1928 according to the needs at that time, and social circumstances have changed substantially since then. CTC has not applied the provisions under the Ordinance to take actions against those temples operating without registration under the Ordinance in the past five years.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB235**

Question Serial No.

3472

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In what way will the Government promote Cantonese opera and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Government has been supporting the preservation, promotion and continuing development of Cantonese opera in the following ways:

- (a) developing performance venues for Cantonese opera;
- (b) nurturing Cantonese opera professionals, preserving the traditions and promoting creative works;
- (c) promoting Cantonese opera education, audience building and community participation;
- (d) fostering cultural exchange and co-operation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao; and
- (e) preserving the essence of Cantonese opera and showcasing treasures of our cultural heritage.

On the development of performance venues for Cantonese opera, the Yau Ma Tei Theatre will open in mid 2012 and serve as a cradle to nurture Cantonese opera new talents. Besides, an annex to the Ko Shan Theatre is being built to provide a new theatre of 600 seats and is expected to be completed in 2013.

The Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) will continue to support projects and new initiatives for the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera. It is estimated that about \$11 million will be spent by CODF in 2012-13 to support various Cantonese opera projects, out of which \$3 million will be used to support two new talent troupes under the Hong Kong Cantonese Opera New Talent Troupe Grant Scheme to nurture more Cantonese opera budding artists.

On top of the funding support provided by the CODF, it is estimated that about \$32 million will be spent by the Government in 2012-13 to support the development of Cantonese opera through performances, audience building and arts education programmes, preservation work and exhibitions implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and support provided to Cantonese opera organisations under the Department's Venue Partnership Scheme, the Cantonese opera training programmes under the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and the Cantonese opera projects supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB236**

Question Serial No.

3500

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What were the number of participants and the average expenditure per participant for the International Youth Exchange Programme for the past five years?
- (b) What is the estimated average expenditure per participant for the International Youth Exchange Programme in 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) The Commission on Youth organises the “International Youth Exchange Programme” (the IYEP) to provide opportunities for Hong Kong youth to broaden their international perspective. The numbers of Hong Kong participants and the average expenditure per Hong Kong participant in the past five years are as follows:

Year	Exchange Partner	Number of Hong Kong Participants	Average Expenditure per Hong Kong Participant (\$)
2011-12 (Estimate)	Ireland	8	22,921
	United Kingdom	22	25,501
	Singapore	26	5,556
2010-11	Ireland	12	16,299
	United Kingdom	21	22,023
	Singapore	23	4,401
	Japan <sup>Note</sup>	15	9,287
2009-10	Ireland	12	15,283

Year	Exchange Partner	Number of Hong Kong Participants	Average Expenditure per Hong Kong Participant (\$)
	United Kingdom	20	13,295
	Singapore	23	5,754
2008-09	Ireland	13	17,399
	United Kingdom	20	14,811
	Singapore	22	4,383
	Japan <sup>Note</sup>	14	6,852
2007-08	Ireland	9	13,005
	United Kingdom	20	13,024
	Singapore	22	3,347

Note : The IYEP to Japan is organised once every two years.

- (b) We are now discussing with our exchange partners about the arrangement of IYEP 2012-13. Details, including expenditure of each programme, are not yet available.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB237**

Question Serial No.

3501

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What were the number of participants and the average expenditure per participant for the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland for the past five years?
- (b) What is the estimated average expenditure per participant for the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland in 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) The Commission on Youth sponsors community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people through “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme). The number of participants and sponsorship per participant in the past five years are as follows :

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>	<u>Amount of Sponsorship per Participant per Day</u>
2011-12	About 10 700	\$180 (within Guangdong Province) \$400 (outside Guangdong Province)
2010-11	About 9 400	\$160 (within Guangdong Province)
2009-10	About 7 800	\$370 (outside Guangdong Province)
2008-09	About 8 100	
2007-08	About 15 200	\$140 (within Guangdong Province) \$330 (outside Guangdong Province)



- (b) In 2012-13, the amount of sponsorship per participant per day under the Scheme will be \$200 and \$440 for visit within and outside Guangdong Province respectively.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB238**

Question Serial No.

3502

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Bureau states that opportunities will continue to be provided to youngsters, with a token stipend, to serve in under-privileged areas in the Mainland under the "Service Corps". What are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Service Corps Programme seeks to develop Hong Kong young people's tenacity and potential, encourage them to serve others and contribute to the country, increase their understanding of our country, enhance their sense of national identity, and promote volunteerism.

The estimated expenditure for Phase I (September 2011 to January 2012) and Phase II (February 2012 to July 2012) of the programme amounted to about \$800,000 and \$1,300,000 respectively, which include a token of stipend of RMB3,000 per month for each Corps member, insurance, transportation, training and supplementary programmes, publicity, and professional programme management service fee.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012

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

**HAB239**

Question Serial No.

3504

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Bureau stated that it will “explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities to cater for public demand in the longer term”. What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

As an ongoing exercise, the Home Affairs Bureau will assist the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC) to identify potential sites for columbarium development.

The BMCPC will, through deployment of its own resources, continue to work with departments concerned, including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB240**

Question Serial No.

3506

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Bureau stated that it will “enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland”. What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply

The Commission on Youth sponsors community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people under the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme). The projects under the Scheme should promote understanding of China’s history, politics, economy, culture, arts, science, sports, people’s lives, social system, etc. The vetting of applications under the Scheme for 2012-13 is underway. We anticipate that the total sponsorship for 2012-13 will not be less than that for 2011-12, which was about \$22 million.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB241**

Question Serial No.

3507

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Bureau stated that it will “work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth in promoting national education among the general public, particularly the youth”. What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The provision earmarked in 2012-13 for the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth for national education promotion is about \$30 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organisations to organise promotional activities and youth study tours to the Mainland, promotional programmes on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications on national education for enhancing public interest in various aspects of the Mainland (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012

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

**HAB242**

Question Serial No.

3433

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much funding will be granted to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for 2012-13? Please elaborate on the details, manpower and results involved for 2012-13. Please also advise on the funding granted to and the number of beneficiaries of the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association over the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association (HKGGA) for their youth development programmes targeting at youth members. The funding allocation for and the youth membership of HKGGA is listed below –

Financial year	Youth membership*	Subvention (in HK\$)
2009-10	46 950	9,830,000
2010-11	44 910	10,130,000
2011-12	44 560	10,130,000
2012-13	44 560	10,850,000 (to be granted)

\* Source: HKGGA

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB243**

Question Serial No.

3434

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

I have received complaints from the general public that the current Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association fails to meet the position's entry requirement of being a university graduate, and was promoted out of patronage, which set a bad example for current members of the Hong Kong Girl Guides. While the Government provides funding to such organisations, is there any mechanism monitoring their internal operations so as to avoid exerting a bad influence on our next generation?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association (HKGGA), there is no requirement stipulated in their constitution and other governing rules regarding the academic qualifications of its Chief Executive. HKGGA is an independent non-governmental organisation. The Government respects the autonomy of HKGGA and does not interfere in its internal operations.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012

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

**HAB244**

Question Serial No.

3435

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the funding for the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for 2012-13, has any provision been made to cover the expenditure of the Happy Bee and Golden Guide units or branches? Please also advise on the number of beneficiaries and funding required for the Happy Bee and Golden Guide units or branches over the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for conducting youth development programmes only. The Happy Bee and Golden Guide units are not related to youth development. Thus, no subvention has been granted for these non-youth units and we have no information on the number of beneficiaries and funding required.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 29 February 2012



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

**HAB245**

Question Serial No.

3436

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the financial provision for the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for 2012-13, how many annual dinners or hotel banquets are covered?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for its youth development programmes only. There is no Government provision for annual dinners or banquets.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB246**

Question Serial No.

3437

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

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the provision of secretariat support to the Family Council in promoting the family core values, please elaborate on the details, manpower, results involved and funding required for 2012-13. Will more funding be provided to enhance work in this respect? Please also advise on the number of beneficiaries and the funding required for the programme over the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Family Council will continue to promote family core values, and to foster a pro-family environment through the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “Happy Family Info Hub” (an online platform allowing easy access to a wide range of family-related information and facilitating sharing of family-related issues on the Internet). Besides, the Family Council, together with the Commission on Youth, the Elderly Commission and the Women’s Commission, will launch the “Love and Respect Thy Elders” (LARTE) Campaign to encourage and mobilise every member of the family to respect the elders by putting “Love”, “Concern”, “Respect” and “Care” into practice.

An amount of \$27.5 million has been made available in 2012-13 for launching the LARTE Campaign, a new series of family educational packages, family-related researches, other activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” as well as the maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”. The Family Council will closely monitor the progress of the programmes.

The Family Council Secretariat is headed by the Secretary to the Family Council ranked at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C level and supported by one Chief Executive Officer, one Senior Executive Officer, two Executive Assistants and a Clerical Officer.

The expenditures involved in launching the territory-wide programmes to promote family core values were about \$8 million and \$25 million in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively, and the corresponding estimated expenditure in 2011-12 is \$25 million. The territory-wide promotion programmes organised in the past three years reached out different sectors of the community and benefited the whole community in general.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB247**

Question Serial No.

3347

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In the past three years, how many complaints involving unlicensed guesthouses did the Home Affairs Department receive? What follow-up actions were taken? What was the expenditure?
- (b) Would the Administration consider increasing resources to step up inspection of and crackdown on illegal guesthouses? In addition to inspection, would the Administration consider other means for law enforcement, such as undercover operations? What is the estimated expenditure?
- (c) Would the Administration consider reviewing the legislation to increase the penalties for operating unlicensed guesthouses? If so, what are the estimates?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The operation of hotels and guesthouses in Hong Kong is regulated by the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO) which stipulates that any premises providing sleeping accommodation at a fee with a tenancy term of less than 28 consecutive days shall obtain a licence before commencing operation. The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) has spared no efforts in combating unlicensed guesthouses operation. Upon receipt of a complaint or report, OLA will conduct an inspection within eight working days, and, having regard to the circumstances of each case, will also collect evidence through various means, including surprise inspections during and outside office hours and posing as clients (commonly known as “snaking”) to collect evidence when necessary. Upon investigation, if it shows that there is sufficient evidence indicating operation of unlicensed guesthouses in the premises, prosecution shall be instituted. Moreover, OLA will conduct large-scale inter-departmental blitz operations.

The number of complaints or reports against unlicensed guesthouses in the past three years is set out below:–

	2009	2010	2011
<b>Complaint*</b>	445	366	696

\* Some of the cases were outside the purview of HAGAO as the premises were let out on a monthly basis.

OLA currently has an establishment of 50 civil service posts responsible for enforcing HAGAO, Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) and Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573). Under these Ordinances, it is also tasked with the issue of licences/certificates of compliance to the relevant establishments. OLA has also a team of 32 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff with law enforcement experience for performing enforcement related duties. To strengthen enforcement action against unlicensed guesthouses, OLA has enhanced its intelligence network and penetration and stepped up its law enforcement action by conducting more blitz inspections and mounting more large-scale inter-departmental operations at suspected unlicensed guesthouse black spots. It has also introduced a number of new measures. As a standard practice, OLA will pass on information of the convicted cases including the names of the convicted persons, locations of the premises, etc. to relevant parties both within and outside Government for follow-up action. These parties include the Rating and Valuation Department, the Inland Revenue Department, mortgage banks or financial institutions, property owners, owners' corporations and management offices of the buildings. It will also pass the conviction records of property agents or insurance agents to the Estate Agents Authority or the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance for follow up action. In 2012-13, three civil service posts will be created under OLA to strengthen its Enforcement Team. OLA also plans to employ additional NCSC and part-time staff to cope with the increasing workload.

The operation of an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence. Under HAGAO, any person who operates hotels or guesthouses without valid licences is liable on conviction to a fine of \$200,000, imprisonment for two years and a fine of \$20,000 for each day during which the offence continues. In the past three years (as at 31 January 2012), the fine imposed by the court for breach of HAGAO ranged from \$800 to \$30,000 and 13 offenders have been sentenced to imprisonments of two weeks to four months (ten with suspension for one to two years). We consider the level of penalties appropriate and do not plan to increase the penalties.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB248**

Question Serial No.

3348

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding minor works projects, how many were “fung shui” compensatory works requested by indigenous inhabitants? Please advise the details of these “fung shui” compensation and the average expenditure on each project.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department administers two minor works programmes, namely, the Rural Public Works and the District Minor Works Programmes. We have not implemented any fung shui compensatory works under these two Programmes.

Signature: Signed

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 1 March 2012

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

**HAB249**

Question Serial No.

3431

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Quite a number of ethnic minorities residing in Hong Kong feel being discriminated and are unhappy and some even isolate themselves. Will the Government increase resources to facilitate their integration into the community? What is the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

At present, services for ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2012-13, HAD will continue to provide a number of existing support services for EMs, comprising –

- (a) \$26.4 million for support services for EMs, including the provision of four support service centres for EMs and two community support teams, funding three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesian, Nepali and Urdu), publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesian, Tagalog, Thai, Hindi, Nepali and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarship Scheme; and
- (b) \$2.8 million for enhanced support services for EMs, including district-based integration programmes and an ambassador scheme to introduce services to EMs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary.

The above resources include an annual provision of \$3.4 million to meet the cost of a dedicated team in HAD to implement support services for EMs.

As announced by the Chief Executive in his 2011-12 Policy Address, we will establish an additional support service centre for EMs in Yau Tsim Mong District and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively. In addition, we will provide two additional radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Hindi and Thai). The estimated expenditures for the additional centre and sub-centres are \$7.2 million in 2012-13 (including \$3.2 million as one-off setting up cost and \$4 million as part-year recurrent provision) and \$7.3 million as annual provision in 2013-14 and onwards. The estimated expenditure of the additional radio programmes is \$1 million in 2012-13 and onwards.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB250**

Question Serial No.

3505

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Over the past five years, how much resources has the Home Affairs Department allocated for “opinion gauging” on different policies? What are the details and expenditure involved?
- (b) In 2012-13, how much resources will be allocated for “opinion gauging”? What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

According to established mechanism, the relevant subject bureaux and departments will take the lead in deciding how to gauge public opinions on different policies. Channels to gauge public opinions used by bureaux and departments may include consultations with the various stakeholders including the relevant Legislative Council Panels, District Councils (DCs), advisory boards and committees, other relevant organisations, political parties and individuals concerned, etc. Where necessary, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will assist bureaux and departments in formulating public consultation strategies and conducting consultation, including consultation with DCs. The associated expenditure under HAD is absorbed from within existing resources, and there is no separate item of expenditure for gauging opinions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed

Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 March 2012

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

**HAB251**

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

Question Serial No.

3392

Programme:                    (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Information Services Department (ISD) provide details of the speaking engagements arranged outside Hong Kong for the past 3 years and the expenditure incurred year by year?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD), in conjunction with government offices outside Hong Kong, has rendered support in arranging speaking engagements and meetings for senior government officials during their outgoing visits. The aim is to promote Hong Kong and enable the external audience to understand Hong Kong's strengths and latest development. The number of speaking engagements and meetings that ISD helped arrange and the expenditure incurred in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	No. of Speaking Engagements and Meetings	No of Cities	Expenditure
2010-11	175	21	\$917,255
2009-10	214	24	\$817,995
2008-09	173	19	\$1,203,878

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB252**

Question Serial No.

3402

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

Programme:                    (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding “assistance given to sponsored visitors and visiting VIPs” over the past 3 years, how many resources have been deployed by the Information Services Department (ISD), what are the details and the respective expenditures?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) runs a Sponsored Visitors Programme to keep influential constituencies outside Hong Kong posted on the city's latest situation. The visitors include political figures, business leaders, think-tank members, academics and government officials. The number of sponsored visitors in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 was 83, 102 and 104 respectively. The corresponding yearly expenditure was \$5.14 million, \$4.79 million and \$6.9 million. Besides, ISD assisted the visits of 232, 290 and 187 other VIPs respectively in these 3 years.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB253**

Question Serial No.

3411

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

Programme:                    (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Information Services Department (ISD) had assisted in the planning and implementation of 9 “major campaigns” respectively in 2010 and 2011, what are the details and the expenditures incurred respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) provides advice and technical support to bureaux and departments (B/Ds) in planning, organising and implementing publicity campaigns and promotion drives.

ISD provided assistance in planning and mounting 9 publicity campaigns in each of the calendar years 2010 and 2011 as follows:

Campaigns mounted in 2010

- 1) HKSAR's Participation in the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China (Expo 2010)
- 2) 2012 Constitutional Reform Package
- 3) Healthcare Reform Second Stage Public Consultation
- 4) 2011 Population Census
- 5) Anti-drug
- 6) Fight Crime
- 7) Environmental Protection
- 8) Road Safety
- 9) Fire Prevention

Campaigns mounted in 2011

- 1) 2011 Population Census
- 2) 2011 Voter Registration
- 3) 2011 District Council Election
- 4) Scheme \$6,000
- 5) Anti-drug
- 6) Fight Crime
- 7) Environmental Protection
- 8) Road Safety
- 9) Fire Prevention

These campaigns made use of a variety of publicity and advertising means ranging from TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest and special TV/radio programmes, to community involvement activities, display advertising, giveaways, dedicated websites, advertising in the print media and on Internet.

For Hong Kong's participation in Expo 2010, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved a sum of \$201 million, of which \$20 million was allocated for publicity and souvenirs. To enhance publicity efforts, ISD absorbed an expenditure of another \$10 million through internal redeployment of resources.

Expenses for the other campaigns mentioned above were absorbed by the relevant B/Ds responsible for the campaigns.

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Name in block letters	_____
	Michael WONG
Post Title	_____
	Director of Information Services
Date	_____
	2 March 2012

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

**HAB254**

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

Question Serial No.

3412

Programme:                    (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Information Services Department (ISD) will assist in the planning and implementation of 10 major campaigns and 135 minor campaigns respectively in 2012. What are the details and the estimated expenditures respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) provides advice and technical support to bureaux and departments (B/Ds) in planning, organising and implementing publicity campaigns and promotion drives.

In the calendar year 2012, ISD expects to provide assistance in planning and mounting publicity campaigns as follows:

- 1) Chief Executive Election
- 2) 2012 Voter Registration
- 3) 2012 Legislative Council Election
- 4) 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR
- 5) Anti-Drug
- 6) Environmental Protection
- 7) Road Safety
- 8) Fight Crime
- 9) Fire Prevention
- 10) Any Other Campaign

These campaigns will make use of a variety of publicity and advertising means ranging from TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) and special TV/radio programmes, to exhibitions, community involvement activities, display advertising, giveaways, dedicated websites, advertising in the print media and on Internet.

In regard to the estimated 135 minor campaigns planned for 2012, these relate mainly to publicity campaigns on a wide range of issues of community concern conveyed mostly through TV and radio APIs, posters and leaflets.

The budgets for major and minor campaigns are the responsibility of, and are funded by, the respective B/Ds responsible for the campaigns.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB255**

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

Question Serial No.

3418

Programme:                      (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the details of assistance given by the Information Services Department (ISD) to the 2012 Legislative Council Election and the estimated expenditure during 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) provides advice and technical support to bureaux and departments (B/Ds) in planning, organising and implementing publicity campaigns and promotion drives.

ISD plays an advisory role in devising strategies, themes, communication tools and budgets for general and specific publicity needs. Among other services, it provides support to B/Ds on the production of Announcements in the Public Interest on television and radio, including the selection of advertising agencies/production houses and development of creative concepts. ISD also helps ensure quality control and timely delivery of the publicity items concerned.

The content and budget of the publicity campaign for the 2012 Legislative Council Election are not available yet.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_



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

**HAB256**

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

Question Serial No.

3419

Programme:                    (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

For the past 5 years, how many press conferences and briefings had been held by the Information Services Department (ISD) each year? What are the details and the expenditure incurred year by year?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The numbers of press conferences and briefings arranged by the Information Services Department (ISD) in the past five years are as follows:

- \* In 2011, 1 073 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 33 were background briefings;
- \* In 2010, 1 204 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 44 were background briefings;
- \* In 2009, 1 461 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 61 were background briefings;
- \* In 2008, 1 181 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 52 were background briefings; and
- \* In 2007, 1 100 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 33 were background briefings.

As the work of arranging press conferences and briefings is handled by Information Officers within ISD headquarters and/or by Information Officers posted to other Government bureaux and departments, no extra financial and manpower resources are incurred.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB257**

Question Serial No.

3471

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Members of the public have reportedly complained of frequent failure to book the sports facilities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and pointed out that there have been touting of booked sessions for these facilities. What measures have been taken by the Government to prevent such unauthorised activities and what is the expenditure incurred?
- (b) How many complaints regarding such unauthorised transfers has the Government received in the past three years? Will it allocate additional resources for combating such unauthorised activities? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) To minimise unauthorised transfer of the user permits, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) enforces the “Conditions of Use of LCSD Recreation and Sports Facilities”, which stipulate that the hirer must be one of the users of the facilities and must be present during the use of the booked sessions. All hirers are required to produce valid permits or approval letters (which are non-transferable) and identification documents for verification and registration before using the facilities. The venue management will refuse non-hirers use of the facilities even if they produce the permits or approval letters. The strict enforcement of the verification procedure helps ensure that facilities will only be used by genuine hirers. LCSD will continue to monitor the situation and take action as necessary against suspected abuse or ticket scalping cases.
- (b) In the past three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12, LCSD has received ten complaints concerning suspected unauthorised transfer of permits of sports facilities and ticket scalping through the internet. Apart from strictly enforcing the identity-checking requirements by the venue staff, LCSD is now conducting a review of the existing facility booking system and allocation arrangements with a view to identifying further measures to guard against unauthorised transfer of the user permits as well as other possible abuses. As the review is yet to be completed, LCSD is unable to provide the estimated expenditure of these measures at this stage.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB258**

Question Serial No.

3478

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How will the effectiveness of the book drop service launched at Mass Transit Railway stations be assessed? Will the Government consider extending the service to other districts? If so, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Administration plans to conduct a review of the trial book drop service at the three Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations, namely, Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong Stations, one year after its launch in September 2011, i.e. in late 2012, to assess the public response to and cost-effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications. The Administration will recommend a way forward based on the findings of the review, including whether the service should be extended to other MTR interchange stations. It is expected that the outcome of the review will be available in early 2013.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB259**

Question Serial No.

3479

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government deploy resources to enhance its audio book lending service? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Insofar as collection development is concerned, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) aims at providing a balanced library stock, including books, newspapers, periodicals, audiovisual materials and electronic resources, to meet the needs of readers from all walks of life. The HKPL will set aside about \$1 million for procuring audio books in 2012-13, though the actual quantity of audio books to be procured depends on their supply in the market and their suitability for library readers of different ages.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB260**

Question Serial No.

3485

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Does the Government have statistics on the usage rates of indoor and outdoor heated swimming pools? If so, what are their respective usage rates?
- (b) Has the Government conducted any study on the public demand for heated swimming pools? If so, what are the work plan and expenditure involved?
- (c) Will the Government convert more swimming pools into indoor heated pools to promote the sporting culture? If so, what are the work plan and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) Of the 41 public swimming pool complexes managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), 20 have heated pools. Twelve of them are indoors while the remaining eight are outdoors. These pools are open for public use during the winter months from November to March. In January to March and November to December 2011, the average monthly attendance at the indoor and outdoor heated pools was 20 384 and 14 878 respectively.
- (b) The Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” conducted in 2008 revealed that swimming is the second most popular physical activity among Hong Kong people.
- (c) To meet the public demand for heated pools, LCSD is converting some of its existing pools into heated pools, namely: Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex, Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex and a secondary pool in Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool. The total estimated cost of these projects is \$2,688 million. LCSD will examine the feasibility of converting more existing swimming pools into indoor heated pools having regard to the views of the District Councils, the demand for such facilities, technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 March 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HAB261**

3408

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

- Question : (a) Does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provide any specific welfare service for ethnic minority groups? If yes, what is the expenditure involved? If no, will the Government consider introducing such welfare services? What will be the estimated expenditure?
- (b) With reference to the Government's information, please provide the ratio of social workers serving the ethnic minority to the number of ethnic minority service users in the past three years (that is, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12). What are the respective expenditures in these three years?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply : (a) & (b) Welfare services provided by SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations, including family and child welfare services, youth services, medical social services, social security services, etc. are available to all Hong Kong residents, including ethnic minorities. Service units like integrated family service centres and integrated children and youth services centres may organise customised support services such as integration programmes, social activities and volunteer services for ethnic minorities in specific localities. As the welfare services serve different target groups, there is no breakdown of the ratio of social workers serving the ethnic minorities to the number of ethnic minority service users and the expenditure on the services provided for ethnic minorities.

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Name in block letters	PATRICK T K NIP
Post Title	Director of Social Welfare
Date	2 March 2012

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

**HAB262**

Question Serial No.

3484

Head: 42 - Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- a. How many reportable incidents related to the amusement rides in the two theme parks were received by the Administration last year? Please provide the monthly statistics and details of reportable incidents from the respective theme parks.
- b. What is the existing reporting mechanism on amusement rides incidents for the two theme parks? Does the Administration have any plan to review the mechanism and enhance the public announcement of the incident details in order to improve transparency? If yes, please provide the details such as the work schedule. If no, please explain the reasons.
- c. New rides were put into service in the two theme parks last year and the number of amusement rides has increased in the parks. The Administration, however, does not have any plan to increase the number of inspections. Please explain.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- a. The monthly statistics and nature of reportable incidents related to the amusement rides in the two theme parks in 2011 are given in the following table:

Nature Month	Passengers' behavior and motion sickness		Equipment fault		Operation issue	
	Ocean Park	Hong Kong Disneyland	Ocean Park	Hong Kong Disneyland	Ocean Park	Hong Kong Disneyland
January	0	1	0	0	0	0
February	0	1	0	0	0	0
March	1	4	0	0	0	0
April	2	1	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	2	2	0	0	0	0
July	1	1	0	0	0	0
August	1	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	1	4	1	0	0
October	0	0	1	0	0	1
November	0	1	0	0	0	0
December	4	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

b. As stipulated in the Amusement Rides (Safety) (Operation and Maintenance) Regulation, the owner of an amusement ride shall report to the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services on certain incidents, including:

- (i) death of any person occurring in connection with the ride;
- (ii) injury to any person occurring in connection with the ride;
- (iii) failure of major components of any ride;
- (iv) any rescue operation;
- (v) any fire; and
- (vi) any ground settlement or landslide.

The two theme parks have developed and put in place a set of public announcement arrangements on certain incidents arising from their amusement rides. The Administration will, from time to time, monitor the effectiveness of the reporting mechanism and consider enhancement measures where necessary.

c. To ensure the safety of amusement rides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department assesses and approves their design and installation, and conducts inspection during their construction and operation. A risk-based approach is adopted in planning the inspection frequency. Based on previous safety records, the total number of inspections in 2012-13 is considered adequate and can be maintained



at a level similar to the past few years.

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Name in block letters: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAN Fan \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 27 February 2012 \_\_\_\_\_