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| (1) | Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun | (Oral reply) |
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| (3) | Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit | (Oral reply) |
| (4) | Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che | (Oral reply) |
| (5) | Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung | (Oral reply) |
| (6) | Hon James TO Kun-sun | (Oral reply) (New question) |
| | <i>(Replacing his previous question)</i> | |
| (7) | Hon IP Wai-ming | (Written reply) |
| (8) | Hon WONG Sing-chi | (Written reply) |
| (9) | Hon KAM Nai-wai | (Written reply) |
| (10) | Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau | (Written reply) |
| (11) | Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip | (Written reply) |
| (12) | Hon LEE Wing-tat | (Written reply) |
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| (14) | Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long | (Written reply) |
| (15) | Hon LAU Wong-fat | (Written reply) |
| (16) | Hon Fred LI Wah-ming | (Written reply) |
| (17) | Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee | (Written reply) |
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| (19) | Hon Starry LEE Wai-king | (Written reply) |
| (20) | Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee | (Written reply) |

註 :

NOTE :

議員將採用這種語言提出質詢

Member will ask the question in this language

為有需要人士提供資助以改善其健康情況

(6) 涂謹申議員 (口頭答覆)

香港現時的貧窮情況，令人關注。其中除了貧窮家庭營養不良的問題外，數十萬長者亦面對嚴重牙科問題。政府2001年的調查發現，百分之76居於院舍的65歲及以上長者所剩下的牙齒少於可維持最低功能水平的20顆，百分之27失去全部牙齒，而非居於院舍的65至74歲長者中，約百分之50剩下的牙齒少於20顆，百分之8失去全部牙齒。他們大多沒有經濟能力繳付治療費用，影響身體健康及生活質素。就此，行政機關可否告知本會：

- (一) 鑒於最近有本地團體的調查發現，在職貧窮家庭未能負擔足夠的營養食物開支，當局有何措施處理這個問題，會否考慮為在職貧窮人士提供膳食津貼；若會，詳情為何；若否，原因為何；鑒於社區食堂一向為有需要人士提供協助，有關當局會否增加對這些服務的資助；若會，詳情為何；若否，原因為何；
- (二) 鑒於關愛基金早前宣布，將於2011-2012年度預留1.7億元就3個項目(包括為長者提供鑲假牙等牙科服務)進行研究，為研究鑲假牙服務所預留的金額為何；關愛基金最多可為該項服務調撥的金額為何，預計可以為多少名長者提供鑲假牙服務；會否研究基於甚麼準則提供津貼；預計將於甚麼時候完成該項研究及落實該項服務；當局會否考慮將鑲假牙等牙科服務納為經常性服務；並考慮擴展“院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服

務先導計劃”，以全面資助有需要長者的牙科(包括鑲牙或補牙)服務；及

- (三) 當局會否重新考慮重設由高層領導的扶貧委員會；若會，詳情為何；若否，原因為何？

Provision of subsidies to improve
the health of the persons in need

Hon James TO Kun-sun (Oral Reply)

The present situation of poverty in Hong Kong has aroused public concern. Apart from the problem that poor families suffer from malnutrition, hundreds of thousands of elderly persons also suffer from serious dental problems. As revealed in an oral health survey conducted by the Government in 2001, among the 65-year-old and above institutionalized older persons (“IOPs”), 76% had fewer than 20 teeth left, which was the minimum number of teeth for minimum level of function, and 27% IOPs had no tooth at all (“edentulous”). It was also found that among the 65 to 74-year old non-institutionalized older persons (“NOPs”), about 50% of them had fewer than 20 teeth left and 8% NOPs were edentulous. Most of them cannot afford to pay for dental treatment, thus affecting their health and quality of life. In this connection, will the executive authorities inform this Council:

- (a) given that a recent survey conducted by a local organization has found that working-poor households cannot afford to buy nutritious food, what measures the authorities have to address this problem, and whether they will consider providing subsistence allowances to the working poor; if they will, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; given that community canteens have all along been offering assistance to the persons in need, whether the authorities will increase the amount of subsidies for providing such services; if they will, of the details; if not, the reasons for that;
- (b) given that the Community Care Fund (“CCF”) announced earlier that \$170 million would be reserved in 2011-2012 for conducting a study on the feasibility of three programmes (including the provision of dental services for the elderly such as denture-fixing, etc.), of the amount of funding reserved for the study on the provision of for denture-fixing service; of the maximum

amount of funding that CCF may allocate to the provision of denture-fixing service and the estimated number of elderly persons who will benefit from such service; whether CCF will examine the criteria for providing subsidies; when such study is anticipated to be completed and such service provided; whether the authorities will consider including denture-fixing service, etc. in the scope of regular dental care services, and expanding the coverage of the “Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres”, with a view to providing the elderly in need with comprehensive subsidized dental services (including denture-fixing and tooth-filling services); and

- (c) whether the authorities will reconsider the re-establishment of the Commission on Poverty which is led by high-ranking officials; if they will, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?