

**Follow up to Meeting of
Legislative Council
Panel on Welfare Services
on 14 May 2012**

**Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme
for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities**

In deliberation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on 14 May 2012, Members requested the Administration to provide the following supplementary information in respect of recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and Disability Allowance (DA):

(a) the number of persons with disabilities with a breakdown by different levels of disabilities; and

(b) the number of children with disabilities aged below 12 and amongst them, the number of those attending schools.

This paper provides the requested supplementary information.

2. According to the records of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), there were a total of about 126 000 persons who were recipients under the CSSA Scheme with 100% disability aged between 12 and 64 or recipients of DA in the same age group as at end-March 2012. In tandem, there were a total of about 7 300 recipients under the CSSA Scheme with 50% disability aged between 12 and 59¹. As the threshold for application of DA is 100% disability, SWD does not have information on the number of persons with 50% disability, apart from those under the CSSA Scheme.

3. With regard to the number of children with disabilities aged below 12, there were a total of about 8 200 children who were recipients

¹ SWD does not have statistics on the number of CSSA recipients with 50% disability aged between 60 and 64.

under the CSSA Scheme with 100% disability aged below 12 or recipients of DA in the same age group as at end-March 2012. There were also about 150 recipients under the CSSA Scheme with 50% disability in the same age group. Similarly, as the threshold for application of DA is 100% disability, SWD does not have information on the number of children with 50% disability aged below 12, apart from those under the CSSA Scheme.

4. As for the number of children with disabilities attending school, under the CSSA Scheme there were about 1 400 recipients with 100% disability aged below 12 and about 140 recipients with 50% disability. As regards those children with disabilities who are DA recipients², SWD does not have such information given that these children are only required to attend medical assessment to prove that they have met the 100% disability threshold and there is no need for submission of proof for attending school.

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² According to the records of SWD, there were about 6 600 recipients of DA aged below 12 as at end-March 2012.