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(1)	Hon Andrew WAN	(Oral reply)(New question)
	(Replacing his previous question)	
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(3)	Hon LUK Chung-hung	(Oral reply)
(4)	Hon WONG Ting-kwong	(Oral reply)
(5)	Hon Paul TSE	(Oral reply)
(6)	Hon Charles Peter MOK	(Oral reply)
(7)	Hon Michael TIEN	(Written reply)(New question)
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(8)	Hon CHAN Chun-ying	(Written reply)
(9)	Hon Kenneth LAU	(Written reply)
(10)	Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan	(Written reply)
(11)	Hon James TO	(Written reply)
(12)	Hon IP Kin-yuen	(Written reply)
(13)	Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT	(Written reply)
(14)	Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai	(Written reply)
(15)	Hon Alice MAK	(Written reply)
(16)	Hon SHIU Ka-chun	(Written reply)
(17)	Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok	(Written reply)
(18)	Hon CHAN Hak-kan	(Written reply)
(19)	Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki	(Written reply)
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(22)	Hon Kenneth LEUNG	(Written reply)

註 : <u>NOTE</u> :

- # 議員將採用這種語言提出質詢
- # Member will ask the question in this language

Manifestation of a new style of governance in the policy implementation by the current-term Government

(1) <u>Hon Andrew WAN</u> (Oral reply)

The Chief Executive ("CE") pledged in her election manifesto a new style of governance which embraced such elements as "public discussion" and "attracting talent widely". However, some members of the public have pointed out that, as shown in a number of cases, the current-term Government has been implementing policies in a manner contrary to the said style. For example, CE appointed a person who had attracted substantial controversies within the relevant sector to be an Under Secretary; the membership of the Task Force on comprises mainly pro-development persons Supply Land and lacks conservationists; and the authorities have refused to consider afresh the implementation of any immigration and customs clearance arrangements other than the "co-location arrangement at the West Kowloon Station" for the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the specific examples of manifestation of "public discussion" in the policy implementation by the current-term Government since its inauguration;
- (2) as there are comments that the current practice of direct appointment of members by CE to a number of advisory committees lacks transparency, and the memberships of some committees do not comprise a wide spectrum of different stakeholders, whether the authorities will study improvement measures; and
- (3) of the specific measures to enhance the communication between policy bureaux and various sectors of the community so as to manifest the new style of governance, particularly in respect of issues relating to the co-location arrangement and housing developments on sites on the periphery of country parks?

Declaration of income and assets under the revised "Well-off Tenants Policies"

(7) <u>Hon Michael TIEN</u> (Written reply)

The revised Housing Subsidy Policy and Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources ("Well-off Tenants Policies") have been implemented starting from the declaration cycle this month. Public rental housing ("PRH") households whose family income exceeds five times the prevailing PRH income limits ("PRHILs") or whose total net assets exceed 100 times the prevailing PRHILs shall vacate their PRH flats. Lump-sum retirement benefits received by any household member under mandatory provident fund schemes, occupational retirement schemes or civil service pension scheme are deductible in the calculation of total net asset value. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) as some PRH households have pointed out that at present, the authorities have not set out in details the deductible and non-deductible items in the calculation of total net asset value (e.g. it has not been set out whether the lump-sum retirement benefits, received under occupational retirement schemes by household members who have quitted their jobs early before reaching retirement age, are deductible), whether the authorities will review and revamp the current information on the Well-off Tenants Policies web page in order to give households clearer guidelines;
- (2) as a District Council member has relayed to me that, in reply to his enquiries about the calculation of total net asset value, the authorities have indicated that since there are different terms and contribution arrangements under various occupational retirement schemes, households may bring along all relevant documents to their respective estate offices to seek clarifications, of the criteria adopted by the authorities for determining whether the benefits received under such schemes are deductible in the calculation of total net asset value; and
- (3) whether the authorities will step up the publicity work relating to Well-off Tenants Policies?