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**Questions scheduled for the
Legislative Council meeting of 23 May 2018**

Questions by:

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| (1) | Hon KWONG Chun-yu | (Oral reply) |
| (2) | Hon SHIU Ka-fai | (Oral reply) |
| (3) | Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
<i>(Replacing her previous question)</i> | (Oral reply)(New question) |
| (4) | Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung | (Oral reply) |
| (5) | Hon Dennis KWOK | (Oral reply) |
| (6) | Hon HO Kai-ming | (Oral reply) |
| (7) | Hon Steven HO | (Written reply) |
| (8) | Hon Claudia MO | (Written reply) |
| (9) | Hon YIU Si-wing | (Written reply) |
| (10) | Hon James TO | (Written reply) |
| (11) | Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan | (Written reply) |
| (12) | Hon IP Kin-yuen | (Written reply) |
| (13) | Hon WU Chi-wai | (Written reply) |
| (14) | Hon Holden CHOW | (Written reply) |
| (15) | Hon Jimmy NG | (Written reply) |
| (16) | Hon Charles Peter MOK | (Written reply) |
| (17) | Hon Kenneth LEUNG | (Written reply) |
| (18) | Hon Paul TSE | (Written reply) |
| (19) | Hon CHAN Hak-kan | (Written reply) |
| (20) | Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT | (Written reply) |
| (21) | Hon YUNG Hoi-yan | (Written reply) |
| (22) | Hon James TO | (Written reply) |

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NOTE :

議員將採用這種語言提出質詢

Member will ask the question in this language

Foreign domestic helpers congregating in public places during holidays

(3) Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (Oral reply)

At present, there are over 350 000 foreign domestic helpers (“FDHs”) in Hong Kong. During holidays, a large number of FDHs congregate in public places, such as parks, footbridge passages and places under flyovers. They sit, eat and sleep on the ground, thus affecting the daily lives of the public, the operation of shops and the environmental hygiene in public places. The problem has persisted for many years and shows a worsening trend. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) whether it knows the details (to be set out by District Council district) of various popular gathering places for FDHs during holidays, including the average number of FDHs gathering, the duration of gathering, the general activities conducted by FDHs, and the number of personnel deployed by the various government departments to station in those places during the relevant periods; if it does not have such information, of the reasons for that and whether it will collect such information; the respective numbers of the various kinds of relevant complaints received by the authorities, and the respective numbers of FDHs who were given verbal warnings, issued penalty tickets, served summons and convicted for the various types of law-breaking acts, in each of the past three years;
- (2) given that the Government launched a scheme in 1994 to establish centres for FDHs under which the premises on loan by seven schools during weekends were used as activity centres for FDHs, but only one centre remains in operation at present, of the current or past details of each of the centres, including the years in which they were opened and closed down, the facilities provided therein, weekly opening hours and average utilization rates, as well as reasons for closure; whether the authorities have reviewed the objectives of the scheme, its operational difficulties and effectiveness; if so, of the outcome and the improvement measures; whether the authorities will consider setting up more centres in various districts for convenient use by FDHs; and
- (3) on the premise of balancing the rights of both FDHs and members of the public to use public places and the related obligations, of the authorities’ new thinking on alleviating the problem caused by the congregation of FDHs in public places during holidays?