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Dear Ms LAM,

**Finance Committee
Follow-up Action for the Meeting on 21 February 2020:
Progress report of the Anti-epidemic Fund**

Further to our reply on 10 March 2020 indicating that the Government will submit a written report to the Legislative Council on the implementation of various initiatives under the Anti-epidemic Fund (the Fund), the progress report of the Fund as at 26 June 2020 is attached at **Enclosure** for members' information.

Yours sincerely,

(Nick Au Yeung)

For Chief Secretary for Administration

Progress report of the Anti-epidemic Fund

Purpose

As undertaken by the Government earlier, this paper aims to report to the Legislative Council (LegCo) the implementation progress of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) as at 26 June 2020.

Establishment of the AEF

2. In light of the development of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Government has been taking vigilant anti-epidemic measures to contain the public health risk. Having regard to the impact of these measures on the livelihood of individuals and business operation, the Government secured the approval of the LegCo Finance Committee (FC) on 21 February 2020 for a commitment of \$30 billion to set up the AEF. The purposes of the AEF are to enhance Hong Kong's capability in combating the pandemic, and to provide assistance or relief to enterprises and members of the public hard hit by the pandemic or affected by anti-epidemic measures.

3. The AEF is established under the Financial Secretary Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 1015) (the Ordinance) with the Financial Secretary Incorporated (FSI) as its trustee, and shall operate according to the Declaration of Trust made under the Ordinance. To streamline the administrative process, FSI has delegated its powers to the Anti-epidemic Fund Steering Committee (Steering Committee) to receive, consider and approve proposals; and to monitor and coordinate matters related to the operation of the AEF. FSI also appointed the Director of Accounting Services to handle financial and accounting matters related to the AEF, such as opening bank accounts and keeping proper accounts and records, etc.

4. The Steering Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, and members include the relevant Directors of Bureaux¹ responsible for implementing the major initiatives under the AEF. The terms of reference of the Steering Committee is as follows:

- (i) To receive, consider and approve proposals to be funded by the AEF for combatting the novel coronavirus epidemic and for providing assistance and support to enterprises and members of the public affected by the epidemic;
- (ii) To monitor the implementation of measures funded under the AEF; and
- (iii) To oversee the deployment of AEF and endorse the reports for submission to the LegCo

Second-round AEF

5. The erratic situation of the pandemic and various anti-epidemic measures, in particular those relating to social distancing, have brought many commercial and daily activities in Hong Kong to a standstill. All trades and industries in Hong Kong were affected by the pandemic to different extents. Furthermore, the continuous deterioration of the economic and employment condition also affected the income and livelihood of many employees. Various trades have appealed to the Government for additional relief measures to cover their loss in business or income, or other facilitation that would help them tide over this difficult time.

6. Taking into account the overall situation, the Chief Executive announced further on 8 April 2020 a comprehensive package of measures of over \$130 billion to support eligible individuals and businesses. The Government secured FC's funding approval on 18 April 2020, including a \$120.5 billion injection to the AEF to implement second-round relief measures. The measures under the second-round AEF aims to preserve employment and assist the self-employed irrespective of the sectors to which

¹ Membership of the Steering Committee: Chief Secretary for Administration (Chairman), Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Secretary for Development, Secretary for Education, Secretary for Food and Health, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Secretary for Home Affairs Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Secretary for Labour and Welfare and Secretary for Transport and Housing

they belong, provide extra relief to those sectors hard hit by the pandemic and pave the way for post-pandemic economic recovery.

Financial position and implementation progress of the AEF

7. A total financial commitment of \$150.5 billion was approved by FC for the two rounds of AEF. As of 26 June 2020, the financial commitment of measures rolled out under the AEF amounted to over \$142 billion, with nearly \$48 billion of subsidies disbursed/paid, benefitting over 5.93 million² persons and about 1 million applications from enterprises/licence holders. There was an uncommitted contingency of around \$8 billion. The Steering Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of various measures and roll out further measures to plug the gap in existing measures based on the recommendations from bureaux/departments, so as to benefit more enterprises and individuals affected by the pandemic.

8. As of 26 June 2020, the AEF has rolled out 66 measures, covering various sectors including the construction, property management, travel, catering, retail, convention and exhibition, arts and culture, innovation and technology, passenger transport, aviation, agriculture and fisheries, hotel, child care centres and registered private schools offering non-formal curriculum. The AEF also provides support to a wide spectrum of employees and needy groups including licenced hawkers, frontline cleansing and security workers, low-income families, secondary, primary and kindergarten students and school-related service providers (such as registered interest class teachers). The 66 measures include:

- (a) 24 measures proposed under the enclosures of FCR(2019-20)46;
- (b) 33 measures proposed under the enclosures of FCR(2020-21)2, including subsidies to premises affected by the Government's anti-epidemic and social distancing measures; and
- (c) 9 new measures approved by the Steering Committee based on proposals put forth by the relevant bureaux/departments having regard to the development of the pandemic, views from various industry stakeholders and their actual business situation.

² Including 3.93 million persons registered through the online platform to collect the CuMask+™.

Annex I sets out the brief description, eligibility criteria and the implementation department/organisation of the above measures.

9. Upon deliberation and approval of the implementation details by the Steering Committee, relevant bureaux/departments and/or organisations entrusted will implement the respective measures under their purview. The Government has reported the progress of the implementation of the first-round AEF in the FC paper (FCR(2020-21)2) when seeking the FC's approval for the second-round injection on 17 April 2020. This paper reports on the progress of the measures mentioned in paragraphs 8 (a), (b) and (c) above. As of 26 June 2020, out of the 66 AEF measures, 11 have been completed, 47 are on-going and 8 will be rolled out shortly. The progress of the 66 measures is set out at **Annex II**.

Other Government relief measures

10. To avoid a downward spiral of the economy, the Government has rolled out relief measures of unprecedented scale to support enterprises, safeguard jobs and relieve people's financial burdens. Apart from the relief measures under the two rounds of AEF, in the 2020-21 Budget, the Financial Secretary announced a whole range of measures to support enterprises, safeguard jobs and relieve people's burden, involving about \$120 billion. These include a \$10,000 cash payout scheme, reduction or waiver of taxes, fees and charges and rental and extra allowances for low-income groups. In addition, the Government has also rolled out a host of other measures. They include providing further concessions for the rent of government properties and fees, enhancing the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme, allowing deferral of tax payment and provide interest-free deferral of student loan repayment. These measures can benefit enterprises and citizens at large. Together with the relief measures under the two rounds of AEF and the relief measures in the 2020-21 Budget costing \$120 billion, the Government has committed a total of \$287.5 billion. The amount committed represents about 10% of Hong Kong's GDP, they are estimated to have a cushioning effect on the Hong Kong economy of around 5% of GDP.

11. The Government's initiatives to lower enterprises' operating costs and ease cash flow problems, together with targeted assistance to enterprises in the hardest hit sectors, wage subsidy to eligible employers and a range of job

creation measures, should have helped avoid closure of some enterprises and keep workers in employment. Therefore, these measures have helped preserve the vitality of the economy and reduce the stress on the financial sector, and should facilitate a swift recovery once the pandemic is well contained and the external economic environment improves.

Conclusion

12. The Government will closely monitor the development of the pandemic, and continue to adopt the strategy of “striking the right balance” to safeguard the health of citizens. The Government will also maintain communication with various industry stakeholders and LegCo members to listen to their needs and how the continuous pandemic has affected them, and consider viable proposal on enhancements and new measures to provide timely support to businesses and members of the public.

Chief Secretary for Administration’s Office
July 2020

Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)
Eligibility criteria and brief description of measures

Table I. Measures under first-round AEF

Item	Measures	Eligibility/Brief Description
1.	Enhancing support to the Hospital Authority for combating the epidemic Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Hospital Authority (HA)	The Government allocated \$4.7 billion from the AEF to provide additional resources for the HA in tackling the epidemic, in particular for ensuring sufficient support and protection for frontline healthcare staff.
2.	Support local mask production Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Hong Kong Productivity Council	The Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme aims to facilitate local production of masks in order to stabilise supply and to build up stock. Applicant of the 20 production lines under the Scheme must be a company holding a valid Business Registration Certificate and a valid Certificate of Incorporation in Hong Kong and demonstrate all the following conditions when submitting application: (a) having the production equipment in Hong Kong; (b) having the raw materials in Hong Kong; (c) having already in place or rented the production venue in Hong Kong; (d) having already in place, rented or hired a contractor to set up clean room facilities in Hong Kong; and (e) each production line being able to produce at least 500 000 masks per month.
3.	Global procurement of personal protective equipment Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Government Logistics Department	To ensure the Government has funds readily available for the procurement of personal protective equipment so that orders can be placed quickly in the highly competitive market.
4.	Support property management sector in anti-epidemic efforts	Frontline property management (PM) workers performing duties related to security or environmental hygiene in private residential/ composite (i.e. commercial cum residential) and

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	<p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the Property Management Services Authority</p>	<p>industrial/ commercial building blocks (including shopping malls) will be eligible for a monthly allowance of \$1,000 for seven months (February to August 2020) (each eligible building is subjected to a cap of 100 headcounts); depending on the types of buildings, property management companies/ owners' organisations of these building blocks are eligible for a \$4,000/\$8,000 subsidy per each eligible building block.</p>
5.	<p>Technology applications to enable reusability of masks Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission</p>	<p>To provide a reusable mask to each Hong Kong citizen.</p>
6.	<p>Support construction sector in anti-epidemic efforts Policy Bureau: Development Bureau Implementation: Construction Industry Council</p>	<p>Eligible workers registered under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583), depending on whether they have attendance records, will be provided with a subsidy of \$1,500/\$1,000, and eligible construction enterprises comprising levy-paying contractors, subcontractors registered with the Construction Industry Council with employment of registered construction workers, and consultants admitted in the Government's recognised lists will be provided with a subsidy of \$50,000/\$20,000.</p>
7.	<p>Support cleansing and security staff engaged by Government and Hong Kong Housing Authority service contractors in anti-epidemic efforts Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Individual departments and the Hong Kong Housing Authority in collaboration with their contractors</p>	<p>Frontline cleansing workers, toilet attendants and security workers employed by service contractors of the Government and Housing Authority will receive a monthly allowance of \$1,000 through the contractors who employ them for seven months (March to September 2020).</p>

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8.	Installation of emergency alert system (EAS) Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Office of the Communications Authority	Install a new EAS to enable the Government to send time-critical public announcements and messages to alert the general public during emergency situations.
9.	Home quarantine support Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer/Innovation and Technology Commission (Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech Research and Technology Centre)	The measure supports the development and procurement of monitoring devices, enhancement of backend system, monitoring of and provision of support services for people undergoing compulsory home quarantine.
10.	Ex-gratia payment to eligible public rental housing (PRH) applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Housing Authority	Eligible PRH applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate will be provided with an ex-gratia payment of \$6,000. The Government announced on 10 July 2020 that it would provide further assistance to eligible PRH applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate (but excluding those former prospective tenants of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate who have accepted an allocation offer of other PRH estates and have signed the tenancy agreement and collected the flat keys on or before June 30) by granting a further ex-gratia payment of \$6,000 to them. The ex-gratia payment will be disbursed starting from mid-July.
11.	Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Chief Secretary for	Under the scheme, a one-off subsidy of \$80,000 will be provided to each eligible retail store. The maximum amount of subsidy for a parent company that operates retail groups or chain

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	<p>Administration's Office Implementation: Hong Kong Trade Development Council</p>	<p>stores under the same business registration is \$3 million (equivalent to no more than 38 stores).</p> <p>To be eligible, an applicant must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) conducting substantial and substantive retail business at a fixed physical and individually operated store in Hong Kong; and (b) running a business that has commenced before 1 January 2020 and is still in operation at the time of application. <p>Under the Scheme, eligible retail stores do not include the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) stores with licences of restaurants, canteens, light refreshment restaurants, fresh provision shops, food factories, bakeries, siu mei and lo mei shops issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department; (b) hawkers (including licensed hawkers); (c) mobile stalls and counters in department stores without separate payment system and stores operating under short-term tenancy of a duration less than 6 months; and (d) retail stores conducting non-store retailing via mail order, internet or direct marketing sales only.
12.	<p>Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	<p>A one-off subsidy of \$200,000 is provided to eligible licence holders of the premises in operation including general restaurants, marine restaurants and factory canteens; and a subsidy of \$80,000 is provided to eligible licence holders of the premises in operation including light refreshment restaurants, fresh provision shops, food factories, bakeries and siu mei and lo mei shops.</p> <p>1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the applicant holds a valid food business licence (full or provisional licence) of any one of the eight specified categories issued by the FEHD on or before 14 February 2020; and (b) the licensed food premises are in operation on the date of submission of the application; and (c) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of licence in respect of the

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		<p>licensed food premises is under processing in the period from the date of submission of the application to the date of approval of the application; and</p> <p>(d) the applicant holds the related valid licence in (a) above on the date of approval of the application (if the application for subsidy is submitted in respect of a provisional licence and the validity period of the provisional licence on the date of submission of application is less than one month, the related full licence has to be obtained either before the expiry of the provisional licence or close of application for the subsidy).</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant who did not hold a related valid licence on 14 February 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) where an application for transfer of licence was made on or before 14 February 2020 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the applicant is an approved transferee and the application for transfer was approved after 14 February 2020; and (ii) no subsidy has been granted by the FEHD to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence under this subsidy scheme; and (iii) the applicant meets the criteria in items 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) of the above. <p>(b) where a provisional licence held by the applicant in respect of the same premises has, irrespective of the expiry date, expired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the applicant is successful in obtaining a full licence before close of application for the subsidy; and (ii) the applicant meets the criteria in items 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) of the above.
13.	<p>Subsidy for the transport sector Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Transport Department and Marine Department</p>	<p><u>Fuel Subsidy</u></p> <p>(a) Reimburse one-third of the actual fuel/electricity cost between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 for the five franchised bus companies, 22 franchised and licensed ferry services and Hong Kong Tramways Limited.</p> <p>(b) Offer a \$1.0 discount per litre of liquefied petroleum gas ("LPG") for LPG taxis and Public Light Buses ("PLBs") between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.</p> <p>(c) Reimburse one-third of the actual fuel cost for petrol taxis and diesel PLBs between 1 July</p>

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		<p data-bbox="875 268 1211 300">2020 and 30 June 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="813 347 1048 379"><u>One-off subsidy</u></p> <p data-bbox="813 387 2112 539">(a) Provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 for each licensed non-franchised public bus. (b) Provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for each licensed school private light bus, hire car and goods vehicle.</p> <p data-bbox="813 587 1951 619"><u>Subsidising cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers to conduct nucleic acid test</u></p> <p data-bbox="813 627 2112 778">(a) Provide a subsidy of \$350 per test with a maximum of four applications per month on an accountable basis for conducting nucleic acid tests in Hong Kong. (b) Nucleic acid tests are provided for Hong Kong cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers at ports in Shenzhen and Zhuhai.</p> <p data-bbox="813 826 2063 858"><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial mechanised vessels</u></p> <p data-bbox="813 866 2112 1018">Except for the vessels covered by the Transport Department's supporting measures, all local commercial mechanised vessels meeting the following eligibility criteria, including commercial mechanised vessels of Class I, II and III as well as Class IV let for hire or reward, may be granted a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000:</p> <p data-bbox="813 1026 2112 1465">(a) A vessel which held a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020 (a Class IV vessel let for hire or reward is required to hold a valid certificate of survey or certificate of inspection as well on the day); or (b) A vessel which, failing to comply with the requirements under item (a), but held a valid operating licence between 1 June 2019 and 20 February 2020 (a Class IV vessel let for hire or reward is required to hold a valid certificate of survey or certificate of inspection as well during the period), and has its operating licence successfully renewed on or before 20 August 2020 (a Class IV vessel let for hire or reward is also required to hold a certificate of survey or certificate of inspection or have such certificates successfully renewed during the period); or (c) A vessel of which the shipowner had already submitted to MD all documents required</p>

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		<p>before 21 February 2020 for the application for an operating licence, but was not issued with a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020 as MD was reviewing the application.</p> <hr/> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial non-mechanised vessels for cargo operation or marine construction works</u> Local commercial non-mechanised vessels used for cargo operation or marine construction works (i.e. some of the Class II non-mechanised vessels; “non-mechanised vessel” refers to a vessel not installed with a propulsion engine as indicated on the operating licence) may be granted a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 provided one of the following eligibility criteria is met -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A vessel which held a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020; or (b) A vessel which failed to comply with the requirement under item (a), but held a valid operating licence between 1 June 2019 and 20 February 2020, with the operating licence successfully renewed on or before 20 August 2020; or (c) A vessel of which the shipowner had already submitted to the MD all documents required before 21 February 2020 for the application for an operating licence, but was not issued with a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020 as the MD’s internal audit exercise was in progress. <hr/> <p><u>One-off survey fee subsidy for local commercial vessels</u> Except for the vessels covered by the Transport Department’s supporting measures, all local commercial vessels meeting the following eligibility criteria, including Class I, II and III vessels as well as Class IV vessels let for hire or reward, may be granted a one-off survey fee subsidy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A vessel which held a valid certificate of survey or certificate of inspection and a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020; or (b) A vessel which, failing to comply with the requirements under item (a), but held a valid certificate of survey or certificate of inspection and operating licence between 1 June 2019 and 20 February 2020, with its certificate of survey or certificate of inspection and operating licence successfully renewed on or before 20 August 2020; or

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		<p>(c) A vessel of which the shipowner had already submitted to MD all documents required for the application for an operating licence before 21 February 2020, but was not issued with a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020 as MD was reviewing the application.</p> <p>(d) An eligible vessel, whether surveyed by the MD or a competent surveyor, may be granted a subsidy of which the amount will be equivalent to the survey fee stipulated under section 12 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548J).</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million for each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel</u></p> <p>Cross-boundary ferry which held a valid Permit to operate High Speed Craft and was deployed for the provision of cross-boundary ferry services at the China Ferry Terminal, the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal or the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal during the period from 30 July 2019 to 3 February 2020.</p>
14.	<p>Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and AsiaWorld-Expo</p>	<p>The Scheme aims to provide subsidy to the convention and exhibition (C&E) industry. During the validity period of the scheme (for one year, counting from the opportune time for holding events), exhibitors of exhibitions and participants of major conferences (i.e. over 400 participants) organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and organisers of exhibitions and international conferences (i.e. over 400 participants and at least 50% of which are non-local participants) at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and Asia World-Expo will be provided with a subsidy.</p>
15.	<p>Special allowance for eligible Working Family Allowance (WFA) and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency</p>	<p>Working Family Allowance (WFA) households: Households who have submitted an application (and eventually approved) from 1 April 2019 to 21 February 2020 (i.e. the day on which the funding proposal was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council) will receive a special allowance equivalent to two months of WFA payment.</p> <p>Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households:</p>

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		<p>Households receiving means-tested SFA for pre-primary, primary and secondary students in the 2019/20 academic year will receive a special allowance of \$4,640.</p> <p>For households eligible for the special allowance under both WFA and SFA, the amount payable will be the higher of the above two cases.</p>
16.	<p>Additional student grant for 2019/20 school year Policy Bureau: Education Bureau Implementation: Education Bureau</p>	<p>All students, as at the date of application, studying in secondary day-schools, primary schools and special schools (including public sector schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools, English Schools Foundation schools, private schools) as well as kindergartens in Hong Kong, are eligible for the \$3,500 grant (of which \$1,000 will be paid for under the AEF). Students of evening schools, students of private studies, holders of student visa for entry into Hong Kong for studies and holders of Form of Recognizance issued by the Immigration Department are ineligible.</p> <p>Taking into account that there are some students who should meet the eligibility criteria stated in the above but attend other programmes owing to special circumstances, the following students are also eligible for the grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Children at the age of two years and eight months or above as at 1 September of the school year concerned attending the Special Child Care Centres subsidised by the Social Welfare Department owing to special needs; (b) Newly arrived children attending the full-time Initiation Programme funded by the Education Bureau; and (c) Students taking full-time programmes for Secondary 3 school leavers offered by the Vocational Training Council.
17.	<p>Rental waivers for tenants at the Hong Kong Science Park, industrial estates and Cyberport Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau</p>	<p>The rental relief covers all start-ups, incubatees, co-working space users, office tenants, partner companies, professional services companies and merchant outlets at the Hong Kong Science Park, InnoCentre, industrial estates and Cyberport. The relief is subject to a cap at 10 000 square feet and is effective from 1 April to 30 September 2020.</p>

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	<p>Implementation: Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited</p>	
<p>18.</p>	<p>Subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders, fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands and fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department</p>	<p>(a) Owners of fishing vessels and fish collectors with Mainland deckhand will be provided with a subsidy of \$200,000 (for each vessel of 25 meters or above in length) or \$80,000 (for each vessel of less than 25 meters in length), the eligibility criteria is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) possess a valid Class III Certificate of Ownership and Operating Licence issued by the Marine Department in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548); and a valid 《漁業捕撈許可證》 or 《捕撈輔助船許可證》 issued by the relevant Mainland Authority; and (ii) employ Mainland deckhands to work on board the subject vessel in accordance with the relevant legal/administrative requirements in HK and/or Mainland. <p>(b) Live marine fish wholesalers: The applicant must hold a valid license agreement in the wholesale fish market under the Fish Marketing Organization (FMO) to operate in wholesale of live marine fish. Each eligible live marine fish wholesale trader in the FMO markets will be provided with a subsidy of \$200,000.</p> <p>(c) Fresh marine fish wholesalers: The applicant must have been operating fresh marine fish wholesale at a usual location in the wholesale fish market of FMO. Each eligible fresh marine fish wholesale trader in the FMO markets will be provided with a subsidy of \$40,000.</p> <p>(d) Vegetable/ freshwater fish/ hen egg/ fresh fruit wholesalers: The applicant must be conducting fresh food wholesale business between 21 January 2020 and 20 April 2020 in a physical wholesale market in AFCD, VMO or Yuen Long Freshwater Fish Wholesale Market/ Yuen Long Temporary Wholesale Vegetable Market.</p> <p>The applicant has not been benefitted from Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme and Retail Subsidy Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund.</p>

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		Each eligible fresh food wholesalers will be provided with a subsidy of \$40,000. The maximum amount of subsidy for a wholesale trader operates multiple stores under the same business registration is \$200,000 (equivalent to no more than 5 stores).
19.	Support to child care centres (CCCs) Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Social Welfare Department	All CCCs, including aided and non-aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs registered with Social Welfare Department or Education Bureau, were eligible for the special monthly grant for 4 months (February to May 2020). The amount of grant per CCC was based on its size of enrolment (i.e. no. of children) before suspension of service and whether the service is full-day or half-day.
20.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau and others	Under the \$150-million Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme, about \$114 million have been disbursed to the following categories – (a) Arts groups directly subvented by HAB (i.e. nine major performing arts groups, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, 14 venue partners under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, 34 grantees of the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme, and Hong Kong Maritime Museum) will be provided with subsidy. (b) The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) has launched the “Support Scheme for Arts & Cultural Sector” ¹ to provide subsidy to eligible arts groups/artists or accept their applications, including – (i) Grant recipients of HKADC’s 2019/20 Year Grant, Literary Arts Platform Project and Eminent Arts Group Scheme; (ii) Projects funded by HKADC; (iii) Arts projects not funded by HKADC; and (iv) Individual arts practitioners

¹ For arts groups/projects under categories (b)(i) and (b)(ii), application is not required. HKADC has provided them with direct subsidy from 20 March 2020. As for categories (b)(iii) and (b)(iv), application has started since 20 March 2020.

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		<p>(c) The practitioners of various categories involved in the affected professional Cantonese opera performances in the period from 29 January 2020 to 30 June 2020. The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong (Barwo) is engaged to collect details of the affected professional Cantonese opera performances, and disburse the subsidies to the practitioners of various categories involved in the performances.</p> <p>(d) Tenants of arts space run by HKADC and Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre were offered a rental waiver from February to April 2020 and a 75% rental waiver from May to September 2020.</p> <p>(e) Art Central Hong Kong and Le French May Arts Festival.</p>
21.	<p>Licensed Guesthouses Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Tourism Commission in collaboration with the Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	<p>Guesthouses holding on 21 February 2020 a valid guesthouse licence issued under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance will be provided with a subsidy of \$50,000 or \$80,000 (depending on the number of licensed guestrooms).</p>
22.	<p>Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Tourism Commission</p>	<p>Travel agents holding on 14 February 2020 a valid travel agent licence issued under the Travel Agents Ordinance will be provided with a subsidy of \$80,000.</p>
23.	<p>Support to training bodies of Employees Retraining Board (ERB) Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Employees Retraining Board</p>	<p>Training bodies appointed by ERB with approved funding for organising courses during February to May 2020 are provided with a special grant set at 30% of the monthly funding allocated to individual training bodies for organising training courses.</p>

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24.	Licensed Hawkers Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Holder of a valid Fixed-pitch Hawker Licence or Itinerant Hawker Licence (“Hawker Licence”) issued by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene under the Hawker Regulation (Cap. 132AI) on or before 14 February 2020 and still holds the valid hawker licence on the date of approval of the application will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$5,000.

Table II. Measures under second-round AEF

Item	Measures	Eligibility/Brief Description
1.	<p>Employment Support Scheme (ESS) Policy Bureau: Chief Executive's Office supported by Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office</p>	<p>The ESS is to maintain employment during the epidemic by providing time-limited financial support to employers to retain their employees who may otherwise be made redundant. The ESS should be used for paying wages to maintain employment for their staff currently in the job. Eligible employers participating in ESS will be required to provide an undertaking (1) not to make redundancies during the subsidy period; and (2) to spend all the wage subsidies on paying wages to the employees.</p> <p><u>Employers</u> All employers who have been making Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contributions or have set up Occupational Retirement Schemes (ORSO schemes) for their employees will be eligible for ESS, except those on the exclusion list². The Government will provide wage subsidies to eligible employers for 6 months. The amount of subsidy for an employer would be calculated on the basis of 50% of the actual wages paid to employees at a specified month, with a wage cap at \$18,000 per month (i.e. maximum subsidy is \$9,000 per month per employee). Subsidies will be disbursed in two tranches. The first tranche of subsidies³ will cover the period from June to August 2020, while the second tranche will cover the period from September to November 2020.</p> <p>For employers who have been participating in MPF schemes (including Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes) will be eligible to apply for wage subsidies in respect of the following categories of employees: (a) "regular employees" under the Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes for whom</p>

² Including HKSAR Government, statutory bodies such as Hospital Authority, Housing Authority, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Urban Renewal Authority, MTR Corporation Limited, Airport Authority, Hong Kong Housing Society, West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, etc.

³ For an employer who has received the first tranche of subsidies, if he/she fails to use all the wage subsidies received for a particular month during the three-month subsidy period to pay the wages of his/her employees in the same month, the Government will claw back the unspent balance of the subsidy. Furthermore, if the number of employees on the payroll in any one month of the subsidy period is less than the number of paid or unpaid staff in March 2020, the employer will have to pay a penalty to the Government.

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		<p>MPF mandatory contributions have been made by their employers; (b) employees aged 65 or above under the Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes.</p> <p>Employers cannot apply for wage subsidies in respect of “casual employees” under the Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes.</p> <p>A licence holder who has submitted application for the Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme in respect of the licensed premises covered by the relevant business registration certificate (including applications being processed or approved) is not eligible.</p> <p>Employers cannot apply for subsidies under ESS in respect of the following types of employees whose wages are subsidised by the Government:</p> <p>(a) employees in government-funded organisations whose wages are fully funded by the Government. (b) dedicated employees engaged by outsourced government services contractors/ consultants to implement or deliver these contracts.</p> <p><u>Self-employed persons (SEPs)</u></p> <p>SEPs who have set up an MPF account on or before 31 March 2020 (i.e. cannot be backdated to that date or any earlier dates), which has not been terminated as of 31 March 2020, will be eligible to apply for ESS for a one-off lump-sum subsidy of \$7,500.</p> <p>However, the following persons are not eligible for ESS –</p> <p>(a) freelancers who provide school bus services as school bus drivers, school private light bus drivers and escorts (commonly known as “nannies”) and have applied for the subsidies under the School Bus Service Providers Subsidy Scheme of the Education Bureau (except proprietors of a fleet or vehicle who are also drivers/escorts; they can apply for the ESS subsidies as SEPs and, at the same time, the subsidies under the “School Bus Service Providers Subsidy Scheme”); and</p>

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		(b) freelancers who are tour service coach drivers and have applied for the subsidies under the Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme of the Tourism Commission (except proprietors of a fleet/vehicle who are also drivers; they can apply for the ESS subsidies as SEPs and, at the same time, the subsidy under the “Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme”).
2.	<p>Job Creation</p> <p>Policy Bureau: All policy bureaux, coordinated by Civil Service Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: All policy bureaux and relevant departments and public bodies</p>	<p>\$6 billion has been earmarked under AEF for the creation of 30 000 time-limited jobs in the public and private sectors in the coming two years for people of different skill sets and academic qualifications.</p> <p>The 30 000 time-limited jobs to be created under the Job Creation Scheme will include jobs in the public and the private sectors, with particular focus on those industries the development of which has been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
3.	<p>LAWTECH Fund</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Department of Justice (DoJ)</p> <p>Implementation: The Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association (for law firms/chambers) and DoJ</p>	<p>The Fund aims to assist some small and medium-size law firms and barristers' chambers in procuring and upgrading information technology systems and arranging for their staff to attend lawtech training courses.</p> <p>Each law firm or chamber with five or fewer practising lawyers (as at 8 April 2020 and at the time of granting the subsidy) will be given a reimbursement amount of up to \$50,000.</p>
4.	<p>COVID-19 Online Dispute Resolution Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Department of Justice</p> <p>Implementation: : eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited (eBRAM Centre)</p>	<p>The Scheme aims to provide online dispute resolution (ODR) services to the general public and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, to resolve disputes arising out of or in relation to COVID-19 in a speedy and cost-effective manner. It is hoped that the Scheme, by resolving disputes through the multi-tiered dispute resolution mechanism, would help build and reinforce a harmonious society and enable parties to preserve their long term business relationships. It is also anticipated that the Scheme will make the use of ODR services more prevalent, thereby strengthening Hong Kong’s LawTech capability in the long run.</p>

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		<p>The Scheme covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any dispute arising out of or in relation to COVID-19 directly or indirectly; (b) the claim amount of the case is not more than \$500,000; and (c) either one of the parties to the dispute is a Hong Kong resident or company. <p>To make use of the services under the Scheme, the parties are required to enter into a dispute resolution agreement and only need to pay \$200 each as registration fees.</p>
5.	<p>Subsidy for encouraging early deployment of 5G Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Office of the Communications Authority</p>	<p>The measure will subsidise 50% of the actual cost directly relevant to the deployment of 5G technology in an approved project, subject to a cap of \$500,000. Applicants have to be public or private entities/bodies having substantive business or operation in Hong Kong before 1 January 2020 and is still in operation at the time of application; and the projects should fulfill the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 5G technology must be deployed and is the primary enabler in the project; (b) there are substantive benefits (e.g. improvements in efficiency, productivity, and/or quality of service) to be brought to the business/sector concerned in Hong Kong; and (c) The project must demonstrate sufficient features and extents of innovation or cross-sectoral synergy
6.	<p>Distance Business Programme Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission</p>	<p>All private enterprises (excluding publicly listed companies, statutory bodies and non-government organisations funded by the Government) with a valid Business Registration Certificate, ongoing business commenced before 1 January 2020 and substantive business operation in the industry related to the project in the application at the time of application are eligible to apply for the programme. The funding ceiling is \$100,000 for each IT solution and the relevant training expenses for the employees. Each enterprise may receive total funding of up to \$300,000 to undertake a distance business project to be completed within six months.</p>
7.	<p>Training subsidies for consultants in the construction sector</p>	<p>Offer training subsidy to some 600 consultant firms admitted in the Government's recognised lists as well as the company members of recognised professional institutions/ associations to</p>

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	Policy Bureau: Development Bureau Implementation: Construction Industry Council	help provide continuous professional development to their professional staff. Each eligible firm will be offered a training subsidy of \$50,000.
8.	Matching Grant Scheme for Skills Upgrading Policy Bureau: All policy bureaux, coordinated by the Civil Service Bureau Implementation: Relevant statutory bodies, industry associations and related bodies	The Scheme is to provide training funds on a matching basis to eligible applicants for organising training programmes for employees in various sectors, in particular those hard-hit by the epidemic, so that they will be better equipped with enhanced skills to prepare for the economic turnaround. The Scheme is expected to be launched in July 2020.
9.	Registered operators of private schools offering non-formal curriculum Policy Bureau: Education Bureau Implementation: Education Bureau	All private schools offering non-formal curriculum (PSNFCs) registered under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) and designated centres under Financial Assistance Scheme for Designated Evening Adult Education Courses (FAEAEC) which are in operation in the three months immediately before class suspension, i.e. November and December 2019 and January 2020, and in operation as at the date of application are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$40,000.
10.	School-related service providers (including catering, interest groups, school bus services) Policy Bureau: Education Bureau Implementation: Education Bureau	<p>Catering Outlets Operators running catering outlets (namely tuck shops, canteens and restaurants) at primary schools, secondary schools, University Grants Committee-funded universities, the Vocational Training Council, and self-financing post-secondary education institutions are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$80,000 for each outlet, provided that the outlet has not applied for other relief grant under the AEF (except the Employment Support Scheme).</p> <p>Lunch Box Providers All lunch box providers of primary and secondary schools which are holding a food factory licence are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$10,000 per school they are serving.</p>

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		<p><u>School Bus Service Providers</u> Eligible school bus service providers, i.e. school bus drivers/school private light bus drivers/school bus nannies, will be provided with a one-off subsidy, i.e. a subsidy of \$10,000 for each eligible driver and \$10,000 per vehicle for eligible nannies (the subsidy of \$10,000 will be shared among nannies based on their proportion of service time if more than one nanny serves at the same vehicle). In addition, the grant to escorts providing school bus services for cross-boundary students that employ two or more escorts on board has been increased in response to the industry’s appeal and genuine operational needs of the sector.</p> <p>Eligible school bus drivers/ nannies must have been engaged by a school bus operator, for a major proportion of time during the period from September 2019 to the day before the schools’ Chinese New Year Holiday in January 2020, for the provision of student transport/pick up service on a non-franchised public bus/ school private light bus with a valid Passenger Service Licence for service endorsement(s) (A03), (A05) and/or (D01) to kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools and special schools; and having provided student transport/pick up service to kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools and special schools. In addition, eligible School Bus Drivers must hold a valid full driving licence for the relevant vehicle during the period of transport service.</p> <p><u>School instructors of learning/interest classes</u> An instructor engaged by a publicly-funded, Direct Subsidy Scheme or private primary / secondary school offering formal curriculum for the learning / interest class(es) of an ongoing nature that is / are originally scheduled during the class suspension period, including tutors of learning classes under the School-based After-school Learning and Support Programmes will be provided with a one-off relief grant of \$7,500.</p> <p>Applicants should not concurrently apply for subsidy from any other schemes under the second-round relief measures of AEF (except the subsidy for the self-employed under the Employment Support Scheme).</p>

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11.	<p>One-off grant to registered sports coaches Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Leisure and Cultural Services Department and National Sports Associations/Sports Organisations</p>	<p>Sports coaches registered under National Sports Associations or recognized sports organizations who had provided coaching services from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 can receive a one-off grant of \$7,500.</p>
12.	<p>Relief grants for freelance workers hired by subvented non-governmental welfare organisations to provide training and coaching for service users Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Social Welfare Department</p>	<p>Interest class instructors engaged or planned to be engaged by any subvented welfare service units of the organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department but the service has been/would likely be suspended during the period from February to August 2020 will be provided with a one-off relief grant of \$7,500.</p> <p>The applicants should not be beneficiaries of the measures listed in items 10 and 11 above in this table.</p>
13.	<p>Subsidy for the refuse transfer station account holders for transporting municipal solid waste Policy Bureau: Environment Bureau Implementation: Environmental Protection Department</p>	<p>Each eligible private municipal solid waste (MSW) collector in operation in the first quarter of 2020, i.e. every private refuse transfer station account holder who transported MSW to the refuse transfer stations or landfills during the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 will be provided with a special allowance of \$8,000 to support the trade to enhance the provision of personal protective equipment, to arrange additional staff to strengthen cleansing and disinfection of the refuse transport vehicles, and to alleviate the financial burden due to closure of shops and restaurants.</p>
14.	<p>Subsidies for local primary producers Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department</p>	<p>Each local primary producer (including owners of vegetable farms, hydroponic farms, flower farms and nurseries, pond fish culture farms operators of marine fish culture farms engaging in marine fish culture and holding a valid Marine Fish Culture licence, owners of fishing vessels and fish collector vessels, but excluding livestock farms) will be provided with a subsidy of \$10,000.</p>

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		<p>For owners of vegetable farms, hydroponic farms, flower farms and nurseries, their farms must be engaged in crop production from 18 January 2020 to 17 April 2020; and if the applicant is engaged in open field cultivation, the production area should not be less than 0.5 dau chung (around 337 sq. meter or 3,630 sq. feet).</p> <p>Those who have already benefited from the Subsidies for Live Marine Fish Wholesale Traders and Fishing Vessels with Mainland Deckhands in the first round AEF will not be eligible.</p>
15.	<p>Special subsidy to exchange participants and Securities and Futures Commission licensees Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in collaboration with the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute</p>	<p>Category B and C participants of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and/or participants of the Hong Kong Futures Exchange as at 31 March 2020 that are still holding valid trading status at the time of application will receive a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 per company.</p> <p>Individuals licensed with the Securities and Futures Commission as at 31 March 2020 will receive a one-off cash subsidy of \$2,000 per person.</p>
16.	<p>Cash subsidy for individual licensees in the estate agency sector Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Estate Agents Authority</p>	<p>The following persons will be eligible for a cash subsidy equal to 24-month licence fee of respective licences:</p> <p>(a) each individual licensee holding a valid licence (i.e. estate agent's licence (individual) or salesperson's licence) on 8 April 2020; and</p> <p>(b) each individual who has submitted an application for an individual licence (i.e. estate agent's licence (individual) or salesperson's licence) on or before 8 April 2020 and whose licence is approved by 31 December 2020.</p>
17.	<p>Subsidy for the passenger transport sector Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Transport Department</p>	<p><u>Reimbursement of regular repair and maintenance costs and insurance premium</u> Reimburse the actual regular repair and maintenance costs and insurance premium for the five franchised bus companies, nine franchised/licensed ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited from 1 April to 30 September 2020.</p>

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		<p><u>Wage subsidy</u> Provide a monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for six months to green minibus and local ferry operators for each eligible employee who aged 65 or above and who are not members of Mandatory Provident Fund schemes as a subsidy to the operators for salary payment.</p> <p><u>A monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for 6 months</u> Provide a monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for each eligible active taxi and red minibus (RMB) driver for 6 months. For those taxi and RMB drivers who may not fully meet the eligibility requirements of an active driver but able to fulfill certain requirements, a one-off subsidy of \$7,500 will be disbursed.</p> <p><u>One-off subsidy</u> (a) Provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 to registered owners of each licensed non-franchised public bus, school private light bus and hire car. (b) Provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 to registered owners of each taxi and RMB. (c) Provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 per vehicle to the passenger service licence holders of GMBs.</p> <p><u>Kaito operators</u> Provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 for each vessel deployed in kaito service.</p>
18.	<p>Providing relief to creative industries (a) Subsidy to cinema operators; (b) Subsidy to PMQ tenants; and (c) Subsidy to exhibitors at the next Hong Kong Book Fair</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and</p>	<p>(a) A subsidy of \$100,000 per screen to each cinema, capped at \$3 million per circuit. The applicant must be operating at least one eligible cinema which holds a valid “Public Place of Entertainment” licence as of the date of application issued under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) and its subsidiary legislation, and has screened at least one commercially released film in March 2020;</p> <p>(b) A subsidy of \$25 million to PMQ to waive/reduce the rental and fees of all its 107 tenants (103 creative industries-related tenants and four other tenants) from May 2020 to</p>

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	Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Create Hong Kong	December 2020 (100% for creative industries-related tenants and 75% for other tenants); and (c) A subsidy of \$40 million to fully subsidise the participation fees of all local and non-local exhibitors (around 730) at the coming Hong Kong Book Fair, capped at \$100,000 per local exhibitor and \$10,000 per non-local exhibitor.
19.	Tourism Industry Support Schemes Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (in collaboration with Transport and Housing Bureau and Home Affairs Bureau as relevant) Implementation: Tourism Commission (in collaboration with Transport Department and Home Affairs Department as relevant)	<p><u>Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme</u> Travel agents holding on 14 February 2020 a valid travel agent licence issued under the Travel Agents Ordinance will be provided with a subsidy ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000 (depending on the number of its staff); and staff of the aforesaid eligible travel agents on 31 March 2020, and freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are being tourist guides and tour escorts⁴, will be provided with a subsidy of \$5,000 for six months.</p> <p><u>Hotel Sector Support Scheme</u> Hotels holding on 21 February 2020 a valid hotel licence issued under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance will be provided with a subsidy of \$300,000 or \$400,000 (depending on the number of licensed guestrooms).</p> <p><u>Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme</u> Drivers holding a valid full driving licence for public bus anytime during the period from 1 January 2019 to 8 April 2020, and having provided driving service on a non-franchised public bus that provided tour service and/or international passenger service for a non-franchised public bus service operator with a then valid Passenger Service Licence anytime during the period above, will be provided with a subsidy of \$10,000.</p>

⁴ Freelance accredited tourist guides/tour escorts whose main occupation is being a tourist guide/tour escort holding a valid Tourist Guide Pass/Tour Escort Pass issued by the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong on 31 December 2019. They should have: (a) provided tourist guide/tour escort service for the inbound/outbound tours organised by one or more travel agent(s) for at least 60 days during the period from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2019; or (b) provided tourist guide/tour escort service for the inbound/outbound tours organised by one or more travel agent(s) for at least 20 days per month for at least two months during the period from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2019.

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		<p><u>Support for cruise industry</u> The monthly fixed rent and management fees for the operator of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal will be waived for six months, and cruise lines will be provided with refund of berth deposits for cancelled ship calls during the suspension of immigration service.</p>
20.	Relief measures for construction sector Policy Bureau: Development Bureau Implementation: Construction Industry Council	<p>Eligible construction workers comprising registered construction workers as well as workers registered under the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Buildings Department, the Water Supplies Department and the Fire Services Department will be offered a one-off subsidy of \$7,500.</p> <p>Eligible construction-related enterprises comprise small-scaled enterprises which cannot benefit from the first-round of the AEF. Contractors, specialist contractors, suppliers, registered minor works contractors, registered contractors of electrical / gas / lift / escalator / fire service installation and suppliers of construction-related machineries and equipment rental will be offered a one-off subsidy of \$20,000⁵.</p> <p>If an employer in the construction sector has made contributions for a 'casual employee' under the Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes for at least 15 days in the calendar month of March this year, the employee will be regarded as a 'qualified employee'. An employer may apply for a subsidy of \$36,000 per 'qualified employee', by undertaking not to make their employees redundant for a period of six months on receipt of the subsidy and to spend the full amount of the subsidy on paying wages to their 'qualified employees'.</p>

⁵ Construction-related enterprises of smaller scale would receive a subsidy of \$10,000 each under the original proposal. The AEF Steering Committee subsequently approved to align the amount of one-off subsidy at the higher level of \$20,000 each.

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21.	<p>Subsidy to operators of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and Fly the Flyover Operation</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Commissioner for Heritage's Office and Energizing Kowloon East Office</p>	<p>10 non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) running projects under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and the NPO operating and managing the three Fly the Flyover sites for the Government will be provided with a direct subsidy of \$3 million each. The NPOs have undertaken to keep all their existing numbers of staff in place.</p>
22.	<p>Subsidy for the aviation sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Civil Aviation Department and Airport Authority Hong Kong</p>	<p>Aircraft registered in Hong Kong by the Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) holders with AOC valid as at 1 April 2020 for no less than six months will provided with a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million per large aircraft and \$200,000 per small aircraft. The aircraft should have a valid Certificate of Airworthiness as at 1 April 2020.</p> <p>In addition, aviation support services and cargo facility operators at the Hong Kong International Airport are eligible for a one-off non-accountable subsidy. A \$3 million subsidy will be provided for operators with 100 or more employees, while it will be \$1 million for operators with less.</p>
23.	<p>Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)</p>	<p>Eligible licence holders of general restaurants, light refreshment restaurants, marine restaurants and factory canteens in operation will be provided with subsidies ranging from \$250,000 to \$2,200,000 according to the floor area of the premises as specified on the licence, primarily in support of payment of employees' salaries during a six-month period following approval of the application. To provide immediate relief to the catering sector, the subsidy will be dished out upfront in two tranches. In addition, the scheme will also provide a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 to tenants of FEHD market cooked food / light refreshment stalls.</p> <p>1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria:</p> <p>(a) the applicant holds on 29 February 2020 a valid food business licence (full or provisional licence) of any one of the four categories listed in the application form for Anti-epidemic</p>

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		<p>fund Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme issued by FEHD; and</p> <p>(b) the related food business licence is valid and the food business is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; and</p> <p>(c) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of food business licence in respect of the licensed food premises is under processing in the period from the date of submission of the application to the date of approval of the application; and</p> <p>(d) the food business licence (full or provisional licence) must be valid throughout the whole period from the date of approval of this application till the end of October 2020. If the licence expires before the end of October 2020, FEHD may consider to recover from the applicant any approved subsidy released and all related expenses incurred.</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a food business licence on 29 February 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) in case of a transfer of licence of one of the four specified categories was made on or before 29 February 2020 –</p> <p>(i) the application was approved after 29 February 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 29 February 2020; and</p> <p>(ii) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this subsidy scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the licence transferred; and</p> <p>(iii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d).</p> <p>(b) in the case of a provisional licence held by the applicant in respect of the same premises which has, irrespective of the expiry date, expired –</p> <p>(i) the applicant is successful in obtaining a full licence before close of application for the subsidy (i.e. 5 June 2020); and</p> <p>(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d).</p> <p>For the one-off subsidy scheme for tenants of FEHD market cooked food / light refreshment stalls, the applicant’s tenancy agreement of the market stall entered into with the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene should be valid throughout the period from 28 March 2020</p>

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		to the time of approval of the application, and the market stall concerned has not suspended its operation during the period from 28 March 2020 to the time of approval of the application and has not been offered any rental waiver by FEHD due to improvement works to the relevant market.
24.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department	Amusement game centres (“AGCs”) under the definition stipulated in the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435) have been ordered to close for a period specified under the directions issued by the Secretary for Food and Health pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Operators meeting the following criteria should be eligible for the scheme to receive a one-off subsidy of \$100,000: (a) be either one of the following – (i) a holder of an AGC licence that is valid for any period within the above specified period; (ii) the person-in-charge of an e-sports venue which has been exempted from Cap. 435 for any period within the above specified period; (iii) the applicant for an AGC exemption for e-sports operation; or (iv) the person-in-charge of an internet computer services centres (“ICSC”) in operation registered with the Office of the Licensing Authority under Home Affairs Department; and (b) the application for such AGC licence / exemption or ICSC registration was made on or before the publication of the relevant direction on 27 March 2020.
25.	Commercial bathhouses Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	1. Licence holder of a commercial bathhouse fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000: (a) the applicant holds a valid Commercial Bathhouses Licence (CBL) issued by FEHD on 28 March 2020 and is still holding the Licence on the date of approval of the application; and (b) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of licence in respect of the

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		<p>licensed premises is under processing in the period from the date of submission of the application to the date of approval of the application.</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid CBL on 28 March 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) an application for transfer of a CBL was made on or before 28 March 2020, the application was approved after 28 March 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 28 March 2020; and</p> <p>(b) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence under this subsidy scheme; and</p> <p>(c) the applicant meets the criteria in item (1) above.</p>
26.	<p>Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau (assisted by the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China)</p>	<p>Fitness centres meeting the following requirements will be granted a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <p>(a) possessed a fixed address and individually-operated premises in Hong Kong where its principal and substantive business is to provide exercise machines or equipment on the premises for use, or to provide advice and instruction on, training for or assistance in improving physical fitness, including bodybuilding, dancing, yoga, pilates, body stretching and martial arts; and</p> <p>(b) have commenced business before 28 March 2020 and having been ordered to close pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F).</p> <p>Fitness centres in residential clubhouses or private clubs as well as facilities operated by holders of private recreational leases are not covered by the Scheme.</p>
27.	<p>Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Leisure and Cultural</p>	<p>Places of Amusement Licence Holders (viz. billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks) fulfilling the following criteria can receive a one-off grant of \$100,000:</p> <p>(a) the applicant holds a valid Places of Amusement Licence issued by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under the Places of Amusement Regulation (Cap. 132BA) on 28</p>

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	Services Department	<p>March 2020 ; and</p> <p>(b) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of licence in respect of the licensed premises is under processing in the period from the date of submission of the application to the date of approval of the application; and</p> <p>(c) the applicant holds the related valid licence in (i) above on the date of approval of the application.</p>
28.	<p>Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	<p>Places of public entertainment have been ordered to close for a period specified under the directions issued by the Secretary for Food and Health pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Holders of PPEL (except those covered by the Cinemas Subsidy Scheme) or temporary PPEL (“TPPEL”) that is valid for any period within the above specified period and whose application for the licence is submitted on or before the publication of the relevant direction on 27 March 2020 are eligible under this scheme. One-off subsidies of \$100,000 and \$20,000 respectively will be provided to each of the eligible PPEL and TPPEL holders.</p>
29.	<p>Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	<p>Mahjong / Tin Kau parlours have been ordered to close for a period specified under the directions issued by the Secretary for Food and Health pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Holders of Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence that is valid for any period within the above specified period and whose application for the licence is submitted on or before the publication of the relevant direction on 1 April 2020 are eligible under this scheme. Eligible holders of Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000.</p>
30.	<p>Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Chief Secretary for Administration’s Office</p> <p>Implementation: Chief Secretary for</p>	<p>Each eligible Beauty Palour, Massage Establishment and Hair Salon will receive a one-off subsidy depending on its number of workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 to 2 workers: Subsidy of \$30,000 • 3 to 4 workers: Subsidy of \$60,000 • 5 or more workers: Subsidy of \$100,000

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	Administration's Office	<p>The maximum amount of subsidy for a parent company that operates beauty parlour, massage establishment or hair salon chain stores under the same business registration is \$3 million.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria for subsidy to Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Hair Salons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An eligible premises should provide at least one of the following services as its main business: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Skin and facial care services; (b) Weight control and slimming services; (c) Nail treatment; (d) Tattooing and/or piercing; (e) Hair loss improvement and/or hairdressing; (f) Body massage and/or spa treatment; (g) Foot reflexology; and/or (h) Other beauty, care, prettifying and/or massage service on any part of the body. <p>The above services are provided for non-medical purpose. Medical procedures performed by clinics operated by doctors or Chinese medicine practitioners are not eligible for the subsidy under the Scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The applicant operates its business independently at a fixed location in Hong Kong. 3. The relevant premises and services of the applicant should be in operation before 10 April 2020. 4. The relevant premises is not eligible for other premises-based subsidy schemes under the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, e.g. bathhouses, clubhouses or fitness centres. <hr/> <p>Each party room will receive a one-off subsidy of \$40,000, the eligibility criteria is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An eligible premises should meet the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) conducting a main business of commercial renting of physical indoor premises on short-

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		<p>term basis for private events/ gatherings of leisure or recreational nature;</p> <p>(b) the relevant premises should be a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong;</p> <p>(c) prior booking is necessary and no walk-in customer is to be entertained for use of the premises; and</p> <p>(d) the business should have an online presence for marketing and/or reservation. Reservation can be made by members of the public through common reservation platforms, social media accounts or through contact by email, instant messaging (such as WhatsApp or WeChat) or telephone.</p> <p>2. The relevant premises should have commenced business before 28 March 2020.</p> <p>3. The following premises are not eligible: -</p> <p>(a) Relevant premises that forms part of, or is attached to, premises operating business(es) of a different nature, e.g. hotels, guesthouses, clubhouses, catering establishments, places of public entertainment, schools, training centres, gymnasiums, business/secretarial services centres and co-working space;</p> <p>(b) Premises is a carrier that can be used for transport (e.g. buses, trams and sea vessels); and</p> <p>(c) Premises that is eligible for other premises-based subsidy scheme under the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, e.g. clubhouses.</p>
31.	<p>Club-house Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	<p>Holders of a Certificate of Compliance issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance with validity falling within the period(s) when the relevant directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirement and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) are in effect are eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$100,000.</p>
32.	<p>Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau</p>	<p>Operators of sports and recreational (S&R) facilities (with a valid land grant instrument of the site, including land lease, tenancy agreement or land licence) who have suspended their facilities on Government's sites in response to the Government's appeal for social distancing on 23 March 2020 will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 of each affected site.</p>

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33.	<p>A 20% fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (PTFSS)</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: MTR Corporation Limited (MTR fare concession) and Transport Department (PTFSS)</p>	<p><u>A 20% fare concession of MTR</u></p> <p>The MTR Corporation Limited shall provide a one-off special fare concession of “20% Rebate for Every Octopus Trip” to its Octopus passengers for the period from 1 July 2020 to 1 January 2021, and a discount of \$100 to passengers who purchase “MTR City Saver” and the five types of “Monthly Pass Extra” during the 6-month concession period. The Government will bear half of the expenditure involved, with a cap of \$0.8 billion.</p> <p><u>Temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of PTFSS</u></p> <p>The Government will temporarily relax the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme from \$400 to \$200 from July to December 2020 and will also provide a subsidy amounting to one-third of the monthly public transport expenses in excess of \$200, subject to a maximum of \$400 per month. Neither application nor prior registration of Octopus is required.</p>

Table III. New measures endorsed by the AEF Steering Committee

Item	Measures	Eligibility/Brief Description
1.	<p>Application of Anti-virus Coating for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Social Welfare Department</p>	<p>The Social Welfare Department issued letters on 4 May 2020 to invite a total of 1 079 subvented, contract, self-financing and private Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs) and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) with a valid licence as at 30 April 2020 to apply for the subsidy. Following a streamlined confirmation procedure, the RCHEs and RCHDs may procure the anti-virus coating spray service on their own for one-off or multiple applications of coating to provide disinfection protection for an aggregate of no less than 180 days. The spray of anti-virus coating is required to start by 31 August and complete by 30 November 2020.</p>
2.	<p>Enhancing Support for Testing Service on COVID-19 Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau/Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission and Department of Health</p>	<p>The Department of Health (DH) will collaborate with the medical schools of The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, where the two medical schools will be equipped with testing equipment and relevant personnel to provide public testing service on COVID-19 for 12 months. The Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of DH will also set up new testing equipment to gradually enhance its overall testing capacity. It is expected that up to 2 400 additional tests will be carried out per day in the public sector.</p>
3.	<p>Training Subsidies for Employers of Engineering Graduates Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Vocational Training Council</p>	<p>The Vocational Training Council has been providing training subsidies to employers who employ engineering graduates. The employers shall provide vocational training as approved by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers under Scheme “A” Graduate Training in order to receive a monthly subsidy of \$5,610 for up to 18 months per graduate. As a one-off measure for 2020-21, the Government has increased the subsidised training places from the regular annual number of around 270 to a maximum of 1 000.</p>
4.	<p>Anti-epidemic Subsidy Scheme for the Laundry Trade Policy Bureau: Environment Bureau</p>	<p>Laundry shop or workshop with valid business registration certificates for operating laundry and dry cleaning services or related collection and dispatch services at outlet shops, with services in operation on or before 12 May 2020, and still in operation on the date of submitting</p>

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	Implementation: Environmental Protection Department	<p>applications for the Scheme will receive a one-off subsidy ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000, depending on its size of operation.</p> <p>To take care of the livelihood of aged employees in the laundry trade, the Government requires an undertaking from the applicants of the Scheme not to reduce the total number of employees aged 65 or above for three months upon receipt of the subsidies. Otherwise, the Government may claw back any subsidy already disbursed.</p>
5.	<p>Subsidy Scheme for Employment Agencies (EAs) Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Labour Department (LD)</p>	<p>Under the Scheme, a one-off lump sum subsidy is granted to EAs with a valid licence issued by LD. A subsidy of \$50,000 is granted for each main licence of EAs which provide foreign domestic helper (FDH) placement service. For EAs which do not provide FDH placement service, a subsidy of \$30,000 is granted for each main licence. An additional subsidy of \$10,000 is granted for each duplicate licence for branch office of both kinds of EAs.</p> <p>An EA eligible for applying for subsidy under the Scheme must hold a valid licence (main licence and duplicate licence(s), if any) issued by the LD under section 52 of the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) as at 31 May 2020, or must have submitted an application for licence renewal to LD in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Employment Agency Regulations (Cap. 57A) as at 31 May 2020.</p> <p>If the validity period of the current licence of the EA is less than two months as at the date of submission of an application for subsidy, the EA should first submit an application for licence renewal to LD before submitting an application for subsidy. The EA must hold a valid EA licence before the application is approved.</p>
6.	<p>Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation's 100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p>	<p>The Scheme commenced on 8 June 2020, which will run for six months until 8 December 2020. Under the Scheme, the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation would automatically double the credit limits of existing policyholders or uplift the limits to the amount applied for, whichever is the smaller, subject to a cap of \$100 million. New credit limit applications will also be topped up in a similar manner.</p>

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	Implementation: Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation	
7.	Subsidy Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	<p>A one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$50,000 will be provided to each eligible vehicle maintenance workshop (“VMW”) which could meet the specified criteria.</p> <p>Eligible VMWs can submit applications regardless of their registration status under the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department. VMWs applying for the subsidy must fulfil the following major criteria including having operated a vehicle maintenance business in a fixed place (with vehicle working bay(s)) on or before 1 February 2020, and maintaining a business operation on the day of application. Applicants will have to provide records of operation during the period from 1 February 2020 to 31 May 2020, e.g. information about the employed vehicle mechanics, vehicle maintenance service records, electricity bills or water bills of VMWs, etc. VMWs that have received subsidy from the Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme under AEF will not be subsidised under the current subsidy scheme.</p>
8.	One-off Subsidy Scheme for the Dishware Washing Trade Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	<p>Dishware washing operator in operation fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$80,000 or \$150,000 according to its average monthly water consumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) hold a valid Business Registration Certificate issued under Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) in respect of the premises under application or documentation for the Section 88 documentation (for organisations exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112); and (b) commercial automated dishwashing machine(s) has/have been installed on the dishware washing premises on or before 31 March 2020; and (c) carry on a dishware washing business and provide dishware washing services to at least two food business customers; and (d) provide at least one water bill issued by the Water Supplies Department in the second half of 2019; and

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		<p>(e) the dishware washing business is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; and</p> <p>(f) has not received any subsidy under the Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme, the Relief Grants for Providers of Catering Services for Schools and Post-secondary Education Institutions and Providers of Interest Group and School Bus Services for Schools, the Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme or the Club-house Subsidy Scheme.</p>
9.	<p>Special Subsidy to Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange (CGSE) members and practitioners registered with CGSE Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau</p>	<p>CGSE members with a valid trading licence as at 1 July 2020 that are still in trading status as a CGSE member at time of application will receive a one-off subsidy of \$20,000 per company. Both active and qualification retained Executive Managers, Dealers and Account Executives who are registered with CGSE as at 1 July 2020 will receive a one-off cash subsidy of \$1,200 per person.</p>

**Anti-epidemic Fund
Progress of Implementation
(Position as at 26 June 2020)**

Table 1. Progress under the first-round Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)

Item	Measure	Commitment approved by the AEF Steering Committee (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation progress
(I) Enhancing anti-epidemic capability				
1.	Enhancing support to the Hospital Authority (HA) for combating the epidemic Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Hospital Authority	4,700	HA's staff and patients of public hospitals	<p>The Government allocated \$4.7 billion from the AEF to provide additional resources for the HA in tackling the epidemic, in particular for ensuring sufficient support and protection for frontline healthcare staff.</p> <p>The HA would flexibly deploy the additional resources on various fronts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) personnel-related expenditure for frontline staff involved in anti-epidemic efforts; (b) procuring additional personal protective equipment (PPE) and other necessary accessories for healthcare staff; (c) offering special rental allowance (SRA) to staff who need to rent hotel rooms or other premises for temporary stay and temporary accommodation arrangements; (d) enhancing support for laboratory testing and procuring drug and medical equipment; and (e) hospital support services and supplies, etc.

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				<p>The HA announced on 24 February 2020 the introduction of the Special Emergency Response Allowance (SERA) to provide recognition to frontline staff engaging in high risk duties, with retrospective effect from the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals since 25 January 2020.</p> <p>As of 31 May 2020 (latest available figures)¹, around \$1,246 million (27% the \$4.7 billion allocation) has been utilised by the HA on different areas of its anti-epidemic work, including around \$523 million for personnel related expenditure including SERA and SRA; around \$611 million for purchasing PPE and drugs, and spending on laboratory supplies and medical equipment; and around \$112 million for other expenses such as hospital supplies.</p>
2.	Support local mask production Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Hong Kong Productivity Council	1,500	To subsidise the setting up of a maximum of 20 local production lines with an undertaking of the Government to buy up to 40 million masks per month for 12 months	<p>All the quota of 20 production lines under the Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme have been allocated.</p> <p>As of 26 June 2020, capital subsidy of around \$12.15 million has been disbursed to the grantees. The production lines have gradually started to supply masks to the Government.</p>

¹ As information on personnel-related expenditure and other anti-epidemic expenses for June 2020 would only be available by the end of July, the latest available information as of 31 May 2020 is provided.

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3.	Global procurement of personal protective equipment Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Government Logistics Department	1,000	All	Procurement is in progress. As at 26 June 2020, around \$624 million (62% of the sum committed) has been paid.
4.	Support property management sector in anti-epidemic efforts Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the Property Management Services Authority	1,000	Frontline property management workers serving in around 36 500 private residential, composite, industrial and commercial buildings	<p>Upon the endorsement of the AEF Steering Committee, the Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector has been enhanced as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the original scope covering private residential/composite buildings has been extended to cover industrial/ commercial buildings; (b) the subsidised period has been extended from four months to seven months (i.e. from February to August 2020); (c) the maximum number of beneficiaries per eligible building block has been extended from 6 to 100; and (d) the application period has been extended to 15 July 2020. <p>As of 26 June 2020, over 11 400 applications have been received, of which over 10 200 applications</p>

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				have been approved, involving subsidies of around \$344 million (34% of the sum committed).
5.	Technology applications to enable reusability of masks Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission	800	All Hong Kong ID card holders	Online registration of CuMask+™ ended on 6 June 2020 and open collection commenced on 15 June 2020. Registrations involving over 3.93 million Hong Kong citizens have been received. As of 26 June 2020, we have distributed over 5.54 million CuMask+™. So far, the expenses amounted to approximately \$250 million, of which \$100 million have been supported by internal resources.
6.	Support construction sector ² in anti-epidemic efforts Policy Bureau: Development Bureau Implementation: Construction Industry Council	914 (710+204)	Around 7 400 construction establishments and 486 000 workers	Application period for the first-round measures covering around 240 000 registered construction workers with attendance records and 7 000 construction establishments will end on 31 August 2020. The extended measures cover the remaining 246 000 registered construction workers without attendance records and 400 SME consultants. The Development Bureau and the Construction Industry Council invited application from the additional consultants and workers on 27 April 2020 and 18 May 2020 respectively. The

² The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$710 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$204 million commitment to extend the coverage of the subsidy scheme to small and medium-sized (SME) consultants and registered construction workers not covered under the original estimate.

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				<p>application period for the extended measures will also close on 31 August 2020.</p> <p>As of 26 June 2020, around 453 000 workers and 6 000 establishments submitted applications for the first round and extended measures, and subsidies were disbursed to about 413 000 workers and 5 400 establishments (including the SME consultants), amounting to around \$787 million (86% of the sum committed).</p> <p>Applicants will receive the subsidies within 2-3 weeks upon completion of the applications; fund disbursement is expected to complete in September 2020.</p>
7.	<p>Support cleansing and security staff engaged by Government and Hong Kong Housing Authority service contractors in anti-epidemic efforts³</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Individual</p>	<p>622 (250+100+272)</p>	<p>67 000 frontline workers</p>	<p>The allowance originally covered workers who performed duties in March to June 2020 (i.e. four months). As the epidemic situation may fluctuate, the Government announced on 16 June 2020 that the measure would be extended by three months, i.e. covering workers who perform duties in July to September 2020.</p> <p>Frontline workers are not required to submit application for the allowance. The allowance is</p>

³ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$250 million. The AEF Steering Committee separately approved a further \$100 million commitment for the subsidy scheme in view of the increase in the estimated number of cleansing and security workers engaged by service contractors, and another \$272 million commitment for extension of the measure by three months.

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	departments and the Hong Kong Housing Authority in collaboration with their contractors			disbursed monthly through contractors. The payments for workers who performed duties in March, April and May have been released. The payment for June will be released shortly. Around \$198 million (32% of the sum committed) has been paid for the payments in March, April and May.
8.	Installation of emergency alert system (EAS) Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Office of the Communications Authority	150	24 million mobile telephone users	Contracts were entered with local mobile network operators in March 2020 for establishing the EAS. The EAS is expected to be launched in September 2020 having regard to progress of software update by major phone manufacturers.
9.	Home quarantine support ⁴ Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer/Innovation and Technology Commission (Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech Research	107 (50+57)	Persons who are required to observe the home quarantine requirement	As of 26 June 2020, the total funds committed was \$77.3 million (72% of the total approved committed). Around 218 000 wristbands have been purchased and 64 post-retirement service contract staff employed to support home quarantine arrangements. Over 183 000 confinees undergoing compulsory home quarantine have been issued with these monitoring wristbands, including about 143 000 e-wristbands and about 40 000 wristbands with QR code.

⁴ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$50 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$57 million commitment to cater for the increased case-load due to the extension of home quarantine arrangement.

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	and Technology Centre)			
10.	Ex-gratia payment to eligible public rental housing (PRH) applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate ⁵ Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Housing Authority	83 (30+53)	4 700 prospective tenants (700 for Fai Ming Estate and 4 000 for Chun Yeung Estate)	Ex-gratia payments (\$6,000 for each household) were disbursed to all eligible households by 17 April 2020, involving \$27.75 million (93% of the original sum committed). The Government will provide further assistance to eligible PRH applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate (but excluding those former prospective tenants of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate who have accepted an allocation offer of other PRH estates and have signed the tenancy agreement and collected the flat keys on or before June 30) by granting a further ex-gratia payment of \$6,000 to them. The ex-gratia payment will be disbursed starting from mid-July.
(II) Providing relief to enterprises and individuals				
11.	Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	5,600	70 000 retailers	The scheme had received around 93 000 applications during the application period (from 23 March to 12 April 2020). Notification of application results to all applicants has been completed. Handling of appeal cases is in

⁵ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$30 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$53 million commitment to grant further ex-gratia payment to eligible PRH applicants.

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	Implementation: Hong Kong Trade Development Council			progress. As of 26 June 2020, over \$5.2 billion (93% of the sum committed) has been disbursed to over 65 000 successful applicants.
12.	Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme ⁶ Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	3,780 (3,730+50)	28 000 licensees	The application period ended on 4 May 2020. Around 28 540 eligible applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 28 527 applications were approved and over \$3.745 billion (99% of the sum committed) paid. The scheme is expected to be completed in September 2020.
13.	Subsidy for the transport sector ⁷ Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Transport Department and Marine Department	3,348.2 (3,230+118.2)	59 000 taxi drivers, 2 000 red minibus drivers, 165 green minibus operators; 13 000 cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers; franchised buses, local ferries and tram operators; registered owners of about 7 400 non-franchised buses, 2 200 school private light buses, 1 300 hire cars, 120 000 goods vehicles; 8 800 local commercial	Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As of 26 June 2020, around \$1.62 billion (48% of the sum committed) has been paid to the transport trades. Fuel subsidy to public light buses and taxis: The one-year fuel subsidy to public light buses and taxis will commence on 1 July 2020. One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial mechanised vessels and one-off survey fee subsidy for local commercial vessels:

⁶ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$3,730 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$50 million commitment to extend the scope to cover those with provisional licence or applying for transfer of licence.

⁷ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$3,230 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$118.2 million commitment to extend the scope to provide subsidy to local commercial non-mechanised vessels for cargo operation or marine constructions works and bear the cost of mandatory nucleic acid test imposed on cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers by the Shenzhen Municipal Government and the Zhuhai Municipal Government.

Item	Measure	Commitment approved by the AEF Steering Committee (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation progress
			vessels; and operators of cross-boundary ferry services	<p>Letters were issued to all eligible owners in mid-March 2020. As at 26 June 2020, about \$74 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy and about \$15 million of one-off survey fee subsidy have been paid to owners of 8 300 vessels.</p> <p>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial non-mechanised vessels for cargo operation or marine construction works: Letters were issued to all eligible vessel owners in mid-May 2020 to confirm the payee and vessel information. As at 26 June 2020, a total of \$6 million has been paid to owners of 600 vessels.</p> <p>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million for each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel: A total of \$84 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy has been paid to all eligible operators/owners. Scheme completed on 7 May 2020.</p>
14.	Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong	1,020	Convention/exhibition organisers and participants	The scheme will last for one year, counting from the opportune time for holding events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council or events held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and Asia World-Expo.

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	Convention and Exhibition Centre and AsiaWorld-Expo			
15.	Special allowance for eligible Working Family Allowance (WFA) and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	990	All eligible WFA households and SFA households	The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency has started disbursing the special allowance in batches from 9 June 2020, and to complete the disbursement to majority of the eligible households (about 184 000 households, amounting to about \$874 million) by end-June 2020.
16.	Additional student grant for 2019/20 school year Policy Bureau: Education Bureau Implementation: Education Bureau	900	900 000 students	Application will close on 30 June 2020. As of 26 June 2020, about 872 000 applications have been received, among which about 732 000 applications have been approved and around \$732 million (81% of the sum committed) has been paid. For the remaining 140 000 applications received, apart from the small number of cases that are being processed or considered ineligible, they are with incorrect or incomplete information and require further follow-up via schools.

Item	Measure	Commitment approved by the AEF Steering Committee (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation progress
17.	Rental waivers for tenants at the Hong Kong Science Park, industrial estates and Cyberport Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited	380	863 tenants of Science Park, and industrial estates, as well as 740 tenants of Cyberport	Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and Cyberport announced on 21 February 2020 to give six-month rental waiver to their tenants. The rental waiver took effect from 1 April 2020.
18.	Subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders, fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands and fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers ⁸ Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	322 (270+52)	1 800 traders and owners 1 300 fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers	Application for the subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders and fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands ended in April and May 2020 respectively. As of 26 June 2020, around \$234.4 million has been paid. Application for the subsidies to fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers operating in public or private wholesale food markets ended on 1 June 2020. As of 26 June 2020, 1 052 applications have been approved and \$42.08 million has been/will be paid.

⁸ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$270 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$52 million commitment to extend the scope to provide subsidy to fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers operating in public or private wholesale food markets.

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19.	Support to child care centres (CCCs) ⁹ Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Social Welfare Department	246.2 (220+26.2)	257 aided CCCs 294 non-aided CCCs	The support scheme was completed upon the final disbursement on 20 May 2020. The total sum paid was around \$245.8 million (99.8% of the sum committed).
20.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau and others	150	Arts and culture groups and freelancers in the arts and culture sector	Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As at 26 June 2020, around \$110 million (73% of the sum committed) has been paid to 483 arts groups/projects and more than 2 600 freelancers.
21.	Licensed Guesthouses Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Tourism Commission in collaboration with the Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department	150	1 800 licensed guesthouses	Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As at 26 June 2020, around \$124 million (83% of the sum committed) has been paid.

⁹ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2019-20)46 was \$220 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$26.2 million commitment in view of the larger than expected enrolment number of child care centres.

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22.	Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Tourism Commission	140	1 736 licensed travel agents	Disbursement of subsidy was completed in May 2020, involving around \$138 million (98% of the sum committed) in total.
23.	Support to training bodies of Employees Retraining Board (ERB) Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Employees Retraining Board	90	80 training bodies	Disbursement of special grant through ERB was completed upon the final disbursement on 25 May 2020. The total sum paid is around \$88 million (98% of the sum committed).
24.	Licensed Hawkers Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	30	5 500 licensees	The Scheme was completed on 16 June 2020. 5 811 applications were received, with 5 287 eligible applications approved and around \$26.44 million (88% of the sum committed) paid.

Table 2. Progress under the second-round Anti-epidemic Fund

Item	Measure	Commitment approved by the AEF Steering Committee (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation Progress
(I) Job retention, job creation, job advancement				
1.	Employment Support Scheme (ESS) ¹⁰ Policy Bureau: Chief Executive's Office supported by Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Policy Innovation and Coordination Office	81,151.3 (81,000+151.3)	Around 270 000 employers who have been making MPF contributions and have set up MPF-exempted Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (ORSO) schemes, employing 1.77 million employees, as well as around 215 000 self-employed persons who have set up an MPF account on or before 31 March 2020 and with the accounts remaining opened as of the date	The first tranche of application of ESS was closed on 14 June 2020. We received 168 799 applications from employers and 259 860 applications from self-employed persons (SEPs). As at 26 June 2020, we have approved over 89 400 applications, accounting for 53% of the applications received from employers, involving a total wage subsidy of \$19.1 billion and benefitting 836 000 employees. The Secretariat has approved the \$7 500 one-off subsidy to about 74 000 SEPs, involving a total of \$556 million. We will continue to process the remaining 70 000 applications from employers and 43 000 applications from SEPs, with a view to completing the processing of all qualified applications in mid-July 2020. Details for tranche 2 are being reviewed and will be announced in due course.
2.	Job Creation Policy Bureau: All policy bureaux, coordinated by Civil Service Bureau Implementation: All	6,000	30 000 time-limited job will be created	The planning of around 20 000 jobs (including around 13 500 jobs in the Government and around 6 500 jobs in the non-governmental sector) has reached an advanced stage. As of 26 June 2020, around 700 jobs have been filled while the

¹⁰ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2020-21)2 was \$81,000 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$151.3 million commitment to cater for the administrative fee needed to implement the scheme.

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	policy bureaux and relevant departments and public bodies			<p>recruitment of around 7 000 jobs has already commenced or will be launched shortly.</p> <p>To facilitate and expedite the recruitment of around 700 time-limited Executive Service Assistant (ESA) (equivalent to Executive Officer II) and Support Service Assistant (SSA) (equivalent to Assistant Clerical Officer) to be employed by various bureaux and departments, the Civil Service Bureau is co-ordinating the recruitment exercises for ESAs and SSAs which have been launched on 16 June 2020 and will be launched in August 2020 respectively.</p> <p>Bureaux and departments concerned are engaging their stakeholders to formulate the plan of job creation in the non-governmental sector. Among others, around 3 000 jobs will be created under the following three schemes the recruitment exercises of which have already commenced or will be launched shortly –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Bureau has launched a subsidy scheme for private companies to employ graduates and assistant professionals from the engineering, architecture, surveying, town planning and landscape architecture streams. The application period has commenced on 19 June 2020. The scheme will create 1 750 subsidised places.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Bureau has launched a subsidy scheme for private companies to employ graduates of environment-related disciplines. The scheme is open for application from 26 June 2020. The scheme will provide around 200 subsidised places. • Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau will launch the “Fintech Anti-epidemic Scheme for Talent Development” (“FAST”) on 2 July 2020 to subsidise companies conducting substantive Fintech related business in Hong Kong to employ additional staff. The scheme targets to create 1,000 new Fintech positions.
3.	<p>LAWTECH Fund Policy Bureau: Department of Justice (DoJ) Implementation: The Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association (for law firms/chambers) and DoJ</p>	40	Around 700 SME law firms and barristers’ chambers with 5 or less practicing lawyers and related persons.	<p>The Fund is administered by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Justice (DoJ).</p> <p>Application is open from 28 April 2020 and the deadline for application has lately been extended for one month to 26 July 2020. As of 26 June 2020, 267 applications were received.</p> <p>The two bodies have set up a Joint Committee to process and assess the applications received, as well as to arrange the disbursement of the funding.</p>

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				DoJ is also exploring with the Judiciary measures in support of the latter's wider use of technology in the Court proceedings.
4.	COVID-19 Online Dispute Resolution Scheme Policy Bureau: Department of Justice Implementation: : eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited (eBRAM Centre)	70	General public and businesses with disputes arising out of or in relation to COVID-19; and mediators, arbitrators and their pupils, etc.	The Department of Justice and eBRAM Centre, the service provider under the Scheme, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding which governs various matters of the Scheme on 18 May 2020. Lists of around 150 arbitrators and mediators have been prepared and a new website providing more information about the Scheme was launched by eBRAM Centre in early June 2020. The Scheme is launched on 29 June 2020.
5.	Subsidy for encouraging early deployment of 5G Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Office of the Communications Authority	60	Around 100 projects of 5G application in public and private sectors	The application period is from 5 May to 30 November 2020. As of 26 June 2020, 109 applications were received and six were approved.
6.	Distance Business Programme ¹¹	1500 (500+1,000)	All private enterprises with a valid Business	Funding application period started on 18 May 2020. As of 26 June 2020, more than 14 700

¹¹ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2020-21)2 was \$500 million. In view of the overwhelming response, the AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$1,000

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	Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission		Registration Certificate	funding applications have been received. Among the 1 194 applications which have been processed, 1 094 were approved for funding of over \$44 million. The Programme Secretariat is expediting the processing of the remaining applications received. Also, the Innovation and Technology Commission and the Programme Secretariat will further introduce the execution details of the Programme to the industry.
7.	Training subsidies for consultants in the construction sector Policy Bureau: Development Bureau Implementation: Construction Industry Council	30	Some 600 consulting firms	Disbursement of subsidy via the Construction Industry Council commenced on 11 May 2020. As of 26 June 2020, 476 applications have been received with 379 of them endorsed. \$18.5 million (61.7% of the sum committed) have been disbursed. Application period is from 27 April to 31 August 2020 and disbursement is expected to complete by end-September 2020.
8.	Matching Grant Scheme for Skills Upgrading Policy Bureau: All policy bureaux, coordinated by the Civil Service Bureau Implementation: Relevant statutory bodies, industry associations and related	100	Employees in various sectors	The Scheme is to provide training funds on a matching basis to eligible applicants for organising training programmes for employees in various sectors, in particular those hard-hit by the epidemic, so that they will be better equipped with enhanced skills to prepare for the economic turnaround. The Scheme is expected to be launched in July 2020.

million commitment to increase the total funding size to \$1,500 million.

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	bodies			
(II) Provision of one-off relief for specific sectors				
9.	Registered operators of private schools offering non-formal curriculum Policy Bureau: Education Bureau Implementation: Education Bureau	120	About 3 000 Private schools offering non-formal curriculum	The application period closed on 22 May 2020. As of 26 June 2020, among 2 593 applications received, 2 062 applications have been approved. Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by end of July 2020.
10.	School-related service providers (including catering, interest groups, school bus services) ¹² Policy Bureau: Education Bureau Implementation: Education Bureau	421.2 (419+2.2)	Around 900 operators of catering outlets in schools and post-secondary education institutions; Lunchbox providers of around 1 000 schools; around 6 000 school bus drivers, 2 200 school private light bus drivers and 5 400 escorts; and around 27 000 instructors, coaches, trainers and operators of interests classes engaged by schools	<u>Catering outlets (primary and secondary schools)</u> The application period closed on 22 May 2020. As of 26 June 2020, among the 893 applications received, 585 applications have been approved. Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by end of July 2020. <u>Catering outlets (post-secondary education institutions)</u> The application period closed on 7 May 2020. As of 26 June 2020, of the 152 applications received, all applications have been approved. The disbursement of subsidies to all eligible

¹² The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2020-21)2 was \$419 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$2.2 million commitment to extend the scope to increase the grant to escorts providing school bus services for cross-boundary students that employ two or more escorts on board in response to the industry's appeal and genuine operational needs of the sector.

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				<p>applicants has been completed.</p> <p><u>Lunchbox suppliers</u> The application period closed on 22 May 2020. As of 26 June 2020, among the 793 applications received, 755 applications have been approved. Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by end of July 2020.</p> <p><u>School bus service providers</u> The application period closed on 5 June 2020. As of 26 June 2020, among the 9 242 applications received, 3 441 applications have been approved, Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by end of July 2020.</p> <p><u>School instructors of learning/interest classes</u> The application period closed on 8 June 2020. As of 26 June 2020, among the 23 981 applications received, 23 793 applications have been approved. Payment to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by end of July 2020.</p>
11.	One-off grant to registered sports coaches Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Leisure and Cultural Services	116	Around 17 000 registered sports coaches	The application period closed on 15 June 2020. About 12 700 applications have been received. As of 26 June 2020, about 6 100 applications have been approved involving around \$45.75 million (39% of the sum committed). Payment of the grant to eligible applicants is expected to be

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	Department and National Sports Associations/Sports Organisations			completed by end-July 2020.
12.	Relief grants for freelance workers hired by subvented non-governmental welfare organisations to provide training and coaching for service users Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Social Welfare Department	61.5	Around 8 200 interest class instructors hired by organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department	The application period closed on 15 June 2020. As at 26 June 2020, among 3 099 applications received, 1 837 applications have been approved, while 1 182 applications are under vetting. Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be made within one month upon approval.
13.	Subsidy for the refuse transfer station account holders for transporting municipal solid waste Policy Bureau: Environment Bureau Implementation: Environmental Protection Department	7	800 eligible refuse transfer station account holders	In order to expedite the subsidy disbursement arrangements, the application procedures have been waived. Disbursement of subsidy have been made to 809 eligible private MSW collectors in early May 2020. The scheme has completed with total payment of \$6.472 million (92% of the committed sum) made.
14.	Subsidies for local primary producers Policy Bureau: Food and	76	Around 7 600 local primary producers	Application for the subsidies to primary producers ended on 1 June. As of 26 June 2020, 6 268 applications have been approved and \$62.68

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	Health Bureau Implementation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department			million (82% of the sum committed) has been/will be paid.
15.	Special subsidy to exchange participants and Securities and Futures Commission licensees Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in collaboration with the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute	140	Some 790 Category B and Category C exchange participants; and some 44 000 Securities and Futures Commission licensed individuals	The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau has appointed the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute to disburse the subsidies. Application period began on 25 May 2020 and will end on 30 September 2020. As of 26 June 2020, some 702 applications from exchange participants and 28 060 applications from SFC licensed individuals have been received, among which 577 and 25 127 applications have been vetted and approved respectively (representing 73% and 58% of the eligible beneficiaries respectively) and around \$78.5 million of subsidy has been disbursed.
16.	Cash subsidy for individual licensees in the estate agency sector Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Estate Agents Authority	135	Around 40 000 individual licensees	Licensees need not submit application for the cash subsidy. The Estate Agents Authority has started disbursing the cash subsidy to eligible individual licensees by bank cashier's order by batches since late May 2020 according to the numerical sequence of licence numbers. As of 26 June 2020, around 19 650 bank cashier's orders, involving \$60.66 million have been issued. The disbursement exercise is expected to

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				complete by late August 2020.
17.	Subsidy for the passenger transport sector ¹³ Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Transport Department	3,526.15 (3,409.15+115.2+1.8)	5 franchised bus companies, 9 local ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited; Registered owners of about 7 400 non-franchised buses, 2 200 school private light buses, 1 300 hire cars, 18 163 taxis and 1 010 red minibus; 165 green minibus passenger service licence holders; 59 000 taxi drivers and 2 500 red minibus drivers; 3 000 green minibus and 200 local ferry employees aged 65 or above; 72 kaito routes	<p>Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As of 26 June 2020, around \$676.9 million (19.2% of the sum committed) has been paid to the transport trades.</p> <p>Reimbursement of repair and maintenance cost and insurance premium to franchised bus, local ferry and tram operators: Letters were issued to the operators in early June 2020 informing them the reimbursement arrangement. The operators are preparing the applications.</p> <p>One-off subsidy for green minibus (GMB) passenger service licence (PSL) holders (\$30,000 per GMB) Application started on 28 April 2020. As of 26 June 2020, \$96 million was disbursed to 156 GMB PSL holders (95% of 165 GMB PSL holders) involving 3 197 PLBs.</p> <p>One-off subsidy for owners of non-franchised buses, school private light buses and hire cars (\$30,000 per vehicle):</p>

¹³ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2020-21)2 was \$3,409.15 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$115.2 million commitment to extend the scope of the subsidy to cover employees of green minibus and local ferry operators who are aged 65 or above; and a further \$1.8 million commitment to extend the scope of the subsidy to cover kaito operators.

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				<p>Letters were issued to the eligible registered owners on the detailed arrangement on 26 May 2020. As of 26 June 2020, 1 687 applications were received and around \$168 million of the subsidy has been disbursed.</p> <p>One-off subsidy for owners of taxis and red minibuses (\$30,000 per vehicle): The Transport Department (TD) completed issuing letters on 5 June 2020 to inform the eligible registered owners the detailed application arrangements. As of 26 June 2020, 8 437 applications were received and around \$412.9 million of subsidy has been disbursed.</p> <p>Wage subsidy to GMB and local ferry operators for employees aged 65 or above: Applications for the first tranche (covering June to August 2020) started on 29 May 2020. As at 26 June 2020, TD received 117 applications from GMB operators and nine applications from local ferry operators. Vetting of the applications is in progress and it is anticipated that the subsidy will be disbursed starting from end-June 2020.</p> <p>Subsidy for eligible active taxi and red minibus drivers: Application started on 17 June 2020. As at 26 June 2020, TD received 3 544 applications (3 374</p>

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				<p>and 170 applications from taxi drivers and RMB drivers respectively) and it is expected that the subsidy will start to be disbursed in end-June 2020.</p> <p>Subsidy for kaito operators: TD will provide an additional one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 to kaito operators for each vessel deployed in kaito services, and will issue letters to kaito operators to inform them of the application arrangements in July 2020.</p>
18.	<p>Providing relief to creative industries</p> <p>(a) Subsidy to cinema operators;</p> <p>(b) Subsidy to PMQ tenants; and</p> <p>(c) Subsidy to exhibitors at the next Hong Kong Book Fair</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Create Hong Kong</p>	89	<p>(a) Seven cinema circuits (operating 50 cinemas in total) and nine standalone cinemas;</p> <p>(b) All the 107 tenants of PMQ; and</p> <p>(c) All exhibitors (expected to be around 730) at the next Hong Kong Book Fair</p>	<p>All eligible circuits and cinemas had lodged applications and their applications were approved. Total amount of subsidy paid is \$20 million. Disbursement of subsidy was completed by 15 May 2020.</p> <p>Total amount of subsidy is \$25 million to be disbursed to tenants through PMQ in four equal tranches. The first tranche has been disbursed in May 2020. The second tranche will be disbursed in July 2020.</p> <p>Total amount of subsidy is up to \$40 million depending on the actual participation fees to be incurred by the exhibitors (capped at \$100,000 per local exhibitor and \$10,000 per non-local</p>

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19.	<p>Tourism Industry Support Schemes Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (in collaboration with Transport and Housing Bureau and Home Affairs Bureau as relevant) Implementation: Tourism Commission (in collaboration with Transport Department and Home Affairs Department as relevant)</p>	1,070	Some 1 730 licensed travel agents; some 26 000 travel agents' staff and freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts; about 300 licensed hotels; about 9 300 tour service coach drivers; Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and cruise lines with ship calls cancelled	<p>The application periods of the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme, the Hotel Sector Support Scheme and the Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme have closed. As at 26 June 2020, around 6 640 applications have been approved for disbursement of subsidies totalling around \$207 million under the schemes. The Government will continue to process applications as soon as possible to provide eligible applicants with timely financial support.</p> <p>For the cruise industry, the Government waives the monthly fixed rent and management fees for the operator of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal for six months with effect from 1 June 2020. Furthermore, the Government provides refund of berth deposits to cruise lines for cancelled ship calls during the suspension of immigration service within the application period from 18 April 2020 to 31 May 2021. As at 26 June 2020, no application has been received.</p>
20.	Relief measures for construction sector ¹⁴	6,195 (4,335+270+1,590)	Around 530 000 construction workers and	Some 210 000 workers who had been granted the subsidy under the first-round measures started to

¹⁴ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2020-21)2 was \$4,335 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a \$270 million commitment to offer a single, higher level of support (\$20,000) to different construction-related enterprises regardless of their scale and nature of business. The AEF Steering Committee further approved an allocation of

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	Policy Bureau: Development Bureau Implementation: Construction Industry Council		30 000 construction-related enterprises, and around 3 500 employers of the construction sector	<p>receive the second-round subsidy of \$7,500 each from 12 May 2020, without the need to submit any new applications; disbursement of the subsidy was completed on 19 May 2020. As regards the remaining eligible workers, application period is from 18 May 2020 to 31 August 2020.</p> <p>As of 26 June 2020, except for the foresaid 210 000 workers who had received the second-round subsidy directly, application from another 282 000 eligible workers have been received.</p> <p>As of 26 June 2020, a total of around 440 000 workers received the subsidy, amounting to over \$3,300 million.</p> <p>For the enterprises, application period started from 22 May 2020 to 31 August 2020. As of 26 June 2020, around 12 900 enterprises submitted applications, and subsidies were disbursed to over 11 400 enterprises, amounting to about \$229 million.</p> <p>Applicants will receive the subsidies within 4 weeks upon completion of the applications; fund disbursement of the relevant measures is expected to complete in September 2020.</p>

\$1,590 million to expand the relief measures to support employers of the construction sector with employment of casual employees on a long-term basis not covered by the Employment Support Scheme.

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				As regards the measure of providing subsidies to employers, the Development Bureau will announce the details of application in end June 2020. Application is expected to open in early July 2020 for disbursement of subsidy in August 2020.
21.	Subsidy to operators of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and Fly the Flyover Operation Policy Bureau: Development Bureau Implementation: Commissioner for Heritage's Office and Energizing Kowloon East Office	36	10 non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) running projects under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and the NPO operating and managing the three Fly the Flyover sites for the Government	All applications were approved and the whole sum of committed subsidies (\$36 million) was paid. The subsidy scheme has completed.
22.	Subsidy for the aviation sector Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Civil Aviation Department and Airport Authority Hong Kong	367	(a) Some 270 aircraft registered in Hong Kong; and (b) Some 40 aviation support services and	Eight applications were received and approved, and \$267 million (100% of the sum committed) was disbursed to the target beneficiaries involving 271 aircraft registered in Hong Kong. The subsidy scheme has completed. 34 applications were approved and \$76 million (76% of the sum committed) disbursed. The

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			cargo facilities operators at the Hong Kong International Airport	subsidy scheme has completed.
23.	Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme ¹⁵ Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	9,520 (9,500+20)	About 17 000 catering outlets and their employees	<p><u>Licensed food premises</u> The application period ended on 5 June 2020. Around 9 100 applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 8 518 applications were approved and \$2.104 billion paid. The scheme is expected to be completed in December 2020.</p> <p><u>Cooked food/light refreshment stalls at public markets</u> The application period ended on 27 May 2020. 877 applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 872 applications were approved and around \$44 million paid. The scheme is expected to be completed in July 2020.</p>
24.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs	24	Around 240 amusement game centre operators	The application period of the scheme closed on 27 May 2020. 238 applications were received. Of which, all 207 applications were approved and \$20.7 million of subsidies were disbursed (86.3% of the sum committed). The scheme has completed.

¹⁵ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2020-21)2 was \$9,500 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$20 million commitment for engaging service providers to conduct compliance checks and related services.

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	Department			
25.	Commercial bathhouses Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	5	Around 50 commercial bathhouses	The application period closed on 27 May 2020. 48 applications were received. All applications were approved and \$4.8 million (96% of the sum committed) paid. The scheme has concluded.
26.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau (assisted by the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China)	171	Around 1 660 fitness centres	The application period closed on 3 June 2020. 1 920 applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 899 applications were approved with \$89.9 million (52.6% of the sum committed) disbursed. It is expected that vetting of applications under the Scheme could be completed by July 2020.
27.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Leisure and Cultural Services Department	6	59 licensed billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	The application period of the scheme ended on 30 May 2020. 59 applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 58 applications were approved and a total of \$5.8 million (96.7% of the sum committed) had been disbursed to 58 licence holders. One application was rejected due to non-compliance with the requirement of the Scheme.

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28.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	24	Around 180 PPEL holders and 300 temporary PPEL (TPPEL) holders	The application period of the scheme closed on 27 May 2020. 175 PPEL applications and 398 TPPEL applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 170 PPEL applications and 346 TPPEL applications were approved respectively and a total of \$23.92 million of subsidies were disbursed (99.7% of the sum committed) to the eligible licence holders. It is expected that vetting of applications under the scheme could be completed by mid-July 2020.
29.	Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department	6.6	66 holders of Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence	The application period of the scheme closed on 27 May 2020. 65 applications were received. All applications were approved and \$6.5 million of subsidies were disbursed (98% of the sum committed) to the eligible licence holders. The scheme has completed.
30.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms ¹⁶ Policy Bureau: Chief Secretary for	1,100 (860+240)	Around 11 000 beauty parlours, 1 400 massage establishments and 500 party rooms	The application period closed on 17 May 2020. 14 356 applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, over 9 000 applications have been approved and around \$369 million of subsidies were disbursed (33% of the sum committed). It is expected that the vetting work can be largely

¹⁶ The original estimated financial implication stated in FCR(2020-21)2 was \$860 million. The AEF Steering Committee approved a further \$240 million commitment to extend the scope of the scheme to include hairdressing services.

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	Administration's Office Implementation: Chief Secretary for Administration's Office			completed within July 2020.
31.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department	58	Around 580 holders of the Certificate of Compliance issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance	The application period closed on 18 May 2020. 564 applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 551 applications have been approved and \$55.1 million has been disbursed (95% of the sum committed). The disbursement of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to be completed in June 2020.
32.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau	8	Operators of sports and recreational facilities on sites granted by the Government	Application period closed on 20 May 2020. 82 applications were received. As of 26 June 2020, 56 applications have been approved with \$5.6 million (70% of the sum committed) disbursed. It is expected that vetting of applications under the Scheme could be completed by July 2020.
(III) Easing the cash flow and burden of businesses and individuals				
33.	A 20% fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (PTFSS)	800	MTR Corporation Limited and its railway passengers; and passengers with monthly public transport expenses in excess of \$200	MTRCL has announced the one-off special relief measures on 8 April 2020 to provide "20% Rebate for Every Octopus Trip" to Octopus users from 1 July 2020 to 1 January 2021. During the six-month period, passengers will also enjoy a flat reduction of \$100 for each purchase of "MTR City

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	<p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: MTR Corporation Limited (MTR fare concession) and Transport Department (PTFSS)</p>			<p>Saver” and five types of “Monthly Pass Extras”.</p> <p>It is estimated that the fare concessions worth about \$1.6 billion, depending on the actual patronage during the period. The Government will bear half of the total actual revenue foregone with a cap of \$0.8 billion. Government’s reimbursement to MTRCL will be made after the discount period.</p> <p>The monthly threshold of PTFSS will be temporarily relaxed from \$400 to \$200 for a time-limited period of six months (from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020). During the six-month period, the Government will provide a subsidy amounting to one-third of the actual public transport expenses in excess of \$200, subject to a maximum of \$400 per month per Octopus.</p> <p>The Octopus Cards Limited upgraded the computer system settings for subsidy calculation on 17 June 2020. The temporary measure will be implemented on 1 July 2020 as scheduled, and commuters can collect the enhanced subsidy from 16 August 2020 onwards.</p>

Table 3. Progress of new measures approved by the AEF Steering Committee

Item	Measure	Commitment approved by the AEF Steering Committee (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation Progress
1.	Application of Anti-virus Coating for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities ¹⁷ Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Social Welfare Department	80	753 residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and 326 residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)	The spray of anti-virus coating is required to start by 31 August and complete by 30 November 2020. The application was closed on 15 May 2020. A total of 1 034 applications were received (from 714 RCHEs and 320 RCHDs), which represent about 96% of the invited homes.
2.	Enhancing Support for Testing Service on COVID-19 ¹⁸ Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau/Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission and	229	2 400 additional tests are expected to be carried out per day in the public sector.	Negotiation with the medical schools of The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong is on going. The Department of Health will also increase its overall testing capacity. Target to progressively provide additional public testing capacity for 12 months starting from August 2020.

¹⁷ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to fund and support all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the application of anti-virus coating on their premises. All subvented, contract, self-financing and private RCHEs and RCHDs with a valid licence as at April 30, 2020, are eligible to apply for the subsidy. The ceiling of the subsidy amount for each RCHE or RCHD is calculated on the basis of the floor area of the home.

¹⁸ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to cover the operation of five new sets of testing equipment to support (i) the Public Health Laboratory Centre of the Department of Health to operate at the laboratory space at the Hong Kong Children's Hospital and (ii) one laboratory at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and one laboratory at the University of Hong Kong.

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	Department of Health			
3.	Training Subsidies for Employers of Engineering Graduates ¹⁹ Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Vocational Training Council	78	Employers of additional 728 engineering graduates under the Engineering Graduate Training Scheme in the 2020-21 cohort	The Vocational Training Council is processing the applications received with an aim to release the application results in July 2020. Eligible employers will receive subsidy for up to 18 months. The measure is expected to be completed by Q3 2022.
4.	Anti-epidemic Subsidy Scheme for the Laundry Trade ²⁰ Policy Bureau: Environment Bureau Implementation: Environmental Protection Department	90	1 400 laundry shops or workshops	The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy to each eligible laundry shop or workshop depending on the size of operation, ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000. The application period had ended on 12 June 2020. We received over 1 400 applications, and had disbursed the first batch of subsidy on 18 June 2020.
5.	Subsidy Scheme for Employment Agencies ²¹	117.28	About 3 000 licensed employment agencies,	The application period began on 22 June 2020 and will end on 21 July 2020. As at 26 June 2020, 904

¹⁹ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to provide subsidies to prospective employers of engineering graduates with a view to sustaining the provision of vocational training opportunities.

²⁰ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to provide financial support to operators in the laundry trade affected by the significant drop in business since the outbreak of COVID-19 so as to ease their financial burden and support the employment of their workers, many of whom are unskilled, old and people with disabilities.

²¹ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to provide a one-off subsidy to employment agencies, primarily for those providing foreign domestic helper placement service, so as to help them tide over the difficulties during the COVID-19 epidemic.

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	Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau Implementation: Labour Department		including about 1 250 employment agencies that provide foreign domestic helper (FDH) placement service	applications have been received. Under the Scheme, a one-off lump sum subsidy is granted to Employment Agencies (EAs) with a valid licence issued by the Labour Department. A subsidy of \$50,000 is granted for each main licence of EAs which provide FDH placement service. For EAs which do not provide FDH placement service, a subsidy of \$30,000 is granted for each main licence. An additional subsidy of \$10,000 is granted for each duplicate licence for branch office of both kinds of EAs.
6.	Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation's 100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme ²² Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation	300	Exporters	The Scheme commenced on 8 June 2020, which will run for six months until 8 December 2020. Under the Scheme, the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation would automatically double the credit limits of existing policyholders or uplift the limits to the amount applied for, whichever is the smaller, subject to a cap of \$100 million. New credit limit applications will also be topped up in a similar manner. As of 26 June 2020, 4,886 credit limits were uplifted, of which 136 were new credit limits. Of the \$10,573 million of credit limits benefiting from

²² The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to provide extra support to the export trade sector by enhancing the export credit insurance coverage available to exporters through the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC). Under the Scheme, the credit limits of individual buyers held by each of ECIC's policyholder would be doubled or lifted up to the amount applied for, whichever is the smaller, subject to a cap of \$100 million. The Government would bear the claims arising from the additional coverage under the Scheme.

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				the Scheme, the top-up portion accounted for 43% (\$4,592 million).
7.	Subsidy to vehicle maintenance workshops ²³ Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau Implementation: Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	140	Around 2 800 vehicle maintenance workshops	A one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$50,000 will be provided to each eligible vehicle maintenance workshop which could meet the specified criteria. Electrical and Mechanical Services Department announced the initiative on 22 June 2020 and plans to start accepting applications for the subsidy in mid-July 2020.
8.	One-off Subsidy Scheme for the Dishware Washing Trade ²⁴ Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	8	Around 60 dishware washing operators	The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$80,000 or \$150,000 to each eligible dishware washing operator who carries on a dishware washing business according to its average monthly water consumption. The application period is from 24 June to 15 July 2020. As of 26 June 2020, 10 applications were received.
9.	Special Subsidy to Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange (CGSE) members and practitioners registered	3.7	Some 103 CGSE members with valid trading licence and some 920 practitioners registered with CGSE	Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau is working on the administrative arrangements of the special subsidy scheme. It is expected that the scheme will be launched around mid-July 2020.

²³ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy to eligible vehicle maintenance workshops so as to help them tide over their financial hardship brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

²⁴ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to provide financial support to operators in the dishware washing trade affected by the significant drop in business since the outbreak of COVID-19 so as to help them tide over this difficult period.

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	with CGSE ²⁵ Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau			

Total commitment approved (Table 1, 2 and 3) (\$million)	142,102.13		
Fund total (include contingency)	150,500		

²⁵ The AEF Steering Committee endorsed the proposal to provide cash subsidies to CGSE members and practitioners registered with CGSE in the gold-trading industry whose businesses were seriously affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.