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2 December 2021

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Dear Miss LAM,

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

Further to our submission on 26 August 2021 of the progress report of the Anti-epidemic Fund (the Fund) as at 30 July 2021, the progress report of the Fund as at 29 October 2021 is attached at **Enclosure** for members' information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Au Yeung'.

(Nick Au Yeung)

For Chief Secretary for Administration

Progress Report of the Anti-epidemic Fund

Purpose

This paper aims to report to the Legislative Council (LegCo) the implementation progress of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) as at 29 October 2021.

Background

2. In light of the development of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Government has taken vigilant anti-epidemic measures to contain the public health risk. Having regard to the negative 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 overall capability in combating the pandemic, and to provide suitable relief to businesses and individuals hard hit by the pandemic or more seriously affected by anti-epidemic measures. The Government subsequently secured the LegCo's further funding approval in April, September and December 2020 and April 2021 to implement further AEF 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. The Steering Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, and members include all relevant Directors of Bureaux¹ responsible for implementing the major initiatives under the AEF.

¹ Membership of the Steering Committee includes 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.

Financial Position and Implementation Progress of the AEF

4. Thus far, a total financial commitment of \$168.9 billion was approved by the LegCo. As of 29 October 2021, 130 measures were approved under the AEF, with the total financial commitment amounting to over \$160 billion. Over \$150 billion of funding were deployed/dispensed, benefitting over 6.5 million persons² and over 850 000 applications from enterprises/businesses, etc. The AEF measures cover 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, registered sports coaches, and school-related service providers (such as registered interest class teachers); as well as premises ordered to close under Cap. 599F or affected by the Government's social distancing measures. The 130 approved 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;
- (c) 26 measures proposed under the enclosures of FCR(2020-21)71;
- (d) 19 measures proposed under the enclosures of FCR(2020-21)77; and
- (e) 28 measures approved by the Steering Committee as proposed by the relevant bureaux/departments having regard to the development of the pandemic, views from various industry stakeholders and their actual business situation.

Annex I sets out the brief description and eligibility criteria of the above measures.

5. The Government 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. The Government further submitted five reports to LegCo, respectively in July 2020, November 2020, February 2021, May 2021 and August 2021, reporting the

² In addition, the Government has distributed over 10 million pieces of CuMask+™ in total.

implementation progress of the AEF measures. This paper is the seventh report to the LegCo on the progress of the implementation of these measures. As of 29 October 2021, out of the 130 AEF measures, 98 have been completed. The progress of the 130 measures is set out at **Annex II**.

Conclusion

6. Since the emergence of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Government has introduced various rounds of relief measures. The relief measures, including those under the AEF and the 2020-21 Budget, involve over \$300 billion in total, which is about 11% of Hong Kong's GDP, and is expected to have a supporting effect of slightly more than 5% of GDP on our economy. In February 2021, further counter-cyclical measures involving over \$120 billion were introduced under the 2021-22 Budget to alleviate the negative impact and pressure caused by the economic downturn and the epidemic. It is estimated that the 2021-22 Budget would have a stimulus effect on our economy of around 2% of GDP.

7. The Government will continue with the implementation of the ongoing AEF measures. Meanwhile, the Steering Committee will continue to optimise the remaining balance of the AEF based on the 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.

**Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
December 2021**

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 (HA) for combating the epidemic	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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	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 industrial/ commercial building blocks (including shopping malls) during the 7-month subsidised period (February to August 2020) are eligible for a monthly allowance of \$1,000 for the months in which they have provided service. Each eligible building is subjected to a cap

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		of 100 headcounts. Depending on the types of buildings, PM companies/ owners' organisations of each eligible private residential/ composite or industrial/ commercial building blocks is eligible for a \$4,000 or \$8,000 subsidy.
5.	Technology applications to enable reusability of masks	To provide reusable masks to Hong Kong residents.
6.	Support construction sector in anti-epidemic efforts	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.
7.	Support cleansing and security staff engaged by Government and Hong Kong Housing Authority service contractors in anti-epidemic efforts	To provide eligible frontline cleansing workers, toilet attendants and security workers employed by service contractors of the Government and Housing Authority a monthly allowance of \$1,000 for seven months (March to September 2020) through the contractors.
8.	Installation of emergency alert system (EAS)	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	The users are those returning from outside Hong Kong and subject to compulsory home quarantine at a designated place. The measure supports the procurement of monitoring devices, enhancement of backend systems and acquisition of additional manpower and related services to deal with the related monitoring work arising from the compulsory home quarantine arrangement.

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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	<p>Eligible PRH applicants who had accepted the advance housing offer of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate were provided with an ex-gratia allowance of \$6,000 per household in April 2020.</p> <p>The second round of ex-gratia allowance payment of \$6,000 was disbursed in July 2020. Eligible PRH applicants were those who had accepted the advance housing offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate but excluding those who had accepted an allocation offer of other PRH estates.</p> <p>The third round of ex-gratia allowance payment of \$6,000 was disbursed in end October 2020. Eligible PRH applicants were those who had accepted the advance housing offers of Tai Fai House of Fai Ming Estate and Blocks 1 to 3 of Chun Yeung Estate but excluding those who had accepted an allocation offer of other PRH estates/ Blocks 4 & 5 of Chun Yeung Estate.</p> <p>The fourth round (the last round) of ex-gratia allowance payment of \$6,000 was disbursed in early December 2020. Eligible PRH applicants were those who had accepted the advance housing offers of Blocks 1 to 3 of Chun Yeung Estate but excluding those who had accepted an allocation offer of other PRH estates/ Blocks 4 & 5 of Chun Yeung Estate.</p>
11.	Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme	<p>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 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.

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		<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.	Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme	<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 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (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 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 (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).

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		<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> <p>(i) the applicant is an approved transferee and the application for transfer was approved after 14 February 2020; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(iii) the applicant meets the criteria in items 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) of the above.</p> <p>(b) where a provisional licence held by the applicant in respect of the same premises 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; and</p> <p>(ii) the applicant meets the criteria in items 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) of the above.</p>
13.	Subsidy for the transport sector	<p><u>Fuel Subsidy</u></p> <p>(a) To 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) To 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) To reimburse one-third of the actual fuel cost for petrol taxis and diesel PLBs between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.</p> <p><u>One-off subsidy for various transport trades</u></p> <p>To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 for each licensed non-franchised public bus (NFB) and \$10,000 for each licensed school private light bus (SPLB), hire car and goods vehicle (GV). Eligibility criteria are as follows:</p> <p>(a) The registered owners who hold a valid vehicle licence of NFBs, SPLBs or GVs as at 22 October 2019;</p>

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		<p>(b) The registered owners who held a valid vehicle licence of the NFBs, SPLBs or GVs between 1 June and 21 October 2019, and the relevant vehicle licence has been renewed (by the same registered owners) on or before 21 April 2020;</p> <p>(c) The registered owners of NFBs, SPLBs or GVs that were first registered on any day from 23 October 2019 to 21 February 2020 and hold a valid vehicle licence of their NFBs, SPLBs or GVs as at 21 February 2020; or</p> <p>(d) The registered owners of private cars with a valid hire car permit as at 21 February 2020.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Subsidising cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers to conduct nucleic acid test</u></p> <p>(a) To subsidise Hong Kong cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers on an accountable basis to conduct nucleic acid tests at local testing institutes recognised by the Government in Hong Kong. The maximum cost to be reimbursed is capped at HK\$240 per test. For nucleic acid test conducted before 21 November 2020, the maximum cost to be reimbursed is capped at HK\$350 per test.</p> <p>(b) To fund the costs of nucleic acid tests provided for Hong Kong cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers at ports in Shenzhen and Zhuhai.</p> <hr/> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial mechanised vessels</u></p> <p>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, will be granted a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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</p>

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		<p>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</p> <p>(c) A vessel of which the shipowner had already submitted to 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 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></p> <p>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) will be granted a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 provided one of the following eligibility criteria is met:</p> <p>(a) A vessel which held a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020; or</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> <hr/> <p><u>One-off survey fee subsidy for local commercial vessels</u></p> <p>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, will be granted a one-off survey fee subsidy:</p> <p>(a) A vessel which held a valid certificate of survey or certificate of inspection and a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020; or</p>

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		<p>(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</p> <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>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> Eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel 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> <p><u>Extra subsidy to owners of local pleasure vessels let for hire or reward</u> A Class IV vessel let for hire or reward which held a valid certificate of survey or certificate of inspection and a valid operating licence on 28 March 2020 will be granted a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000.</p>
14.	Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme	<p>The Scheme aims to provide subsidy to the convention and exhibition (C&E) industry. It comprises two parts.</p> <p>One part of the Scheme provides 100% venue rental for organisers of exhibitions and international conferences (i.e. over 400 participants and at least 50% of which are non-local participants) which are held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC)</p>

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		<p>and AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE) during the period starting from 3 October 2020 and ending on 31 December 2022 (both dates inclusive). In addition, private organisers of exhibitions which were held at the HKCEC and AWE in at least any five calendar years from 2015 to 2021 may apply on or before 30 November 2021 for a one-off immediate relief, the amount of which is equivalent to 20% of the average annual rental of the exhibitions, subject to a cap of \$1 million per event.</p> <p>The other part of the Scheme subsidises exhibitors of exhibitions and participants of major conferences (i.e. over 400 participants) organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council during the period of 30 November 2020 to 31 December 2022 (both dates inclusive).</p>
15.	Special allowance for eligible Working Family Allowance (WFA) and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households	<p><u>WFA households</u> 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 Legislative Council) will receive a special allowance equivalent to two months of WFA payment.</p> <p><u>SFA households</u> 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.	Additional student grant for 2019/20 school year	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, 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

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		<p>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.	Rental waivers for tenants at the Hong Kong Science Park, industrial estates and Cyberport	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. The relief is not applicable to government departments and public bodies.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <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 Hong Kong and/or Mainland. (b) Live marine fish wholesalers: The applicant must hold a valid license agreement in the

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		<p>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 have to be conducting active fresh food wholesale business between 21 January 2020 to 20 April 2020 in a physical wholesale market under AFCD, VMO, or in Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market/ Yuen Long Freshwater Fish Wholesale Market/ Yuen Long Temporary Wholesale Vegetable Market.</p> <p>The applicant and the business owner or the shareholder or partner has not benefitted from Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme and Retail Subsidy Scheme under AEF using the premises under application.</p> <p>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).</p>
19.	Support to child care centres (CCCs)	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	(a) Arts groups directly subvented by the Home Affairs Bureau (i.e. nine major performing arts groups, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, 14 venue partners under the Leisure and Cultural

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		<p>Services Department, 34 grantees of the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme, and Hong Kong Maritime Museum) will be provided with subsidy.</p> <p>(b) \$50 million was allocated to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to disburse subsidy to eligible arts groups/artists applying to the “Support Scheme for Arts & Cultural Sector”¹, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <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.</p> <p>(e) Subsidy was provided to Le French May Arts Festival.</p>
21.	Licensed Guesthouses Subsidy Scheme	Each eligible guesthouse 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).
22.	Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme	Each eligible travel agent 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.

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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23.	Support to training bodies of Employees Retraining Board (ERB)	Training bodies appointed by ERB with approved funding for organising courses during February to May 2020 were provided with a special grant set at 30% of the monthly funding allocated to individual training bodies for organising training courses.
24.	Licensed Hawkers Subsidy Scheme	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.	Employment Support Scheme (ESS)	<p>The ESS maintains 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 opportunities for workers. Eligible employers participating in ESS will be required to provide an undertaking² (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></p> <p>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 list³. The Government will provide wage subsidies to eligible employers for 6 months. The amount of subsidies 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 subsidies 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) "regular employees" under the Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes for whom MPF mandatory contributions have been made by their employers; and (b) employees aged 65 or above under the Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes.

² For an employer who has successfully applied for subsidies, if he/she fails to use all the wage subsidies received for a particular month during the subsidy period concerned 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.

³ 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.

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		<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 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) employees in government-funded organisations whose wages are fully funded by the Government; and (b) dedicated employees engaged by outsourced government services contractors/ consultants to implement or deliver these contracts. <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 (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

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		<p>the ESS subsidies as SEPs and, at the same time, the subsidies under the “Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme”).</p>
2.	Job Creation	<p>\$13.2 billion has been earmarked under AEF for the creation of 60 000 time-limited jobs in the public and private sectors for people of different skill sets and academic qualifications.</p> <p>The 60 000 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.	LAWTECH Fund	<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>Law firms or chambers 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> <p>The Department of Justice will provide around \$15.7 million (Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund) to selected non-profit making non-governmental organisations, through Public-Private Partnership, for the development of the Hong Kong Legal Cloud, a state-of-the-art online facility equipped with advanced information security technology, to provide secure, reliable and affordable data storage services for the local legal and dispute resolution sector to promote the overall long-term development of Hong Kong’s legal and dispute resolution services.</p>
4.	COVID-19 Online Dispute Resolution Scheme	<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</p>

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		<p>more prevalent, thereby strengthening Hong Kong’s LawTech capability in the long run.</p> <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.
5.	Subsidy for encouraging early deployment of 5G	<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.	Distance Business Programme (D-Biz Programme)	<p>All private enterprises (excluding publicly listed companies, statutory bodies and non-government organisations funded by the Government) with a valid Business Registration Certificate or a Social Enterprise Certificate issued by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, with 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. The funding ceiling is \$100,000 for each IT solution and the relevant training expenses for the employees. Each enterprise may receive an aggregate funding of up to \$300,000. The application period started from 18 May 2020 and ended on 31 October 2020.</p>
7.	Training subsidies for consultants in the construction sector	<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 help them provide continuous professional development to their professional staff. Each eligible firm</p>

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		will be offered a training subsidy of \$50,000.
8.	Matching Grant Scheme for Skills Upgrading	The Scheme is to provide training funds on a matching basis to eligible applicants, which are suitable organisations identified by policy bureaux, 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 was launched on 15 July 2020.
9.	Registered operators of private schools offering non-formal curriculum	All registered private schools under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) offering non-formal curriculum (PSNFCs) 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)	<p><u>Catering Outlets</u> Each catering outlet (namely, tuck shops, canteens or restaurants) at primary schools, secondary schools, University Grants Committee-funded universities, the Vocational Training Council, and self-financing post-secondary education institutions is eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$80,000, provided that the outlet has not applied for relief grant under any other scheme in the first and second rounds of the AEF (other than the Employment Support Scheme).</p> <p><u>Lunch Box Suppliers</u> All lunch box suppliers for primary and secondary schools holding a food factory licence are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$10,000 for each serving schools.</p> <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</p>

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		<p>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. 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></p> <p>An instructor engaged by a publicly-funded, Direct Subsidy Scheme or private primary/ secondary school offering a 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>
11.	One-off grant to registered sports coaches	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.
12.	Relief grants for freelance workers hired by subvented non-governmental welfare organisations to provide training and	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

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	coaching for service users	<p>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.	Subsidy for the refuse transfer station account holders for transporting municipal solid waste	<p>Each private municipal solid waste (MSW) collector in operation in the first quarter of 2020, i.e. 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 in response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 epidemic, including 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.	Subsidies for local primary producers	<p>Each local primary producer (including owners of vegetable farms, hydroponic farms, flower farms and nurseries, pond fish culture farm operators, marine fish culture farms operators 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> <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>Pond fish culture farm operators must have registered their fish farms under the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Pond Fish Farmers for food fish culture under the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on or before 17 April 2020. For those who have not registered, the applicants provide documentary proof on engaging in food fish culture from 18 January 2020 to 17 April 2020.</p> <p>Those who have already benefited from the Subsidies for Live Marine Fish Wholesale Traders</p>

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		and Fishing Vessels with Mainland Deckhands in the first round AEF will not be eligible.
15.	Special subsidy to exchange participants and Securities and Futures Commission licensees	<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.	Cash subsidy for individual licensees in the estate agency sector	<p>The following persons are 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.	Subsidy for the passenger transport sector	<p><u>Reimbursement of regular repair and maintenance costs and insurance premium</u> To 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> <p><u>Wage subsidy to green minibus and local ferry operators</u> To provide a monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for a period of six months (from June to November 2020, applied and disbursed in two tranches) to green minibus (GMB) and local ferry operators in respect of the hiring of each eligible employee aged 65 or above who have not applied for wage subsidies under the “Employment Support Scheme” (i.e. the employee who has no Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contribution by the employer in the first tranche or the employee who has no MPF account in the second tranche or did not participate in MPF-exempted Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance Scheme in the specified month), for the</p>

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		<p>purpose of supporting such operators for salary payment.</p> <p><u>Monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for 6 months for taxi and red minibus drivers</u> To provide a monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for each eligible active taxi and red minibus (RMB) driver for a period of 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>The applicant for the monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for 6 months must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) hold a valid taxi or public light bus (PLB) driver identity plate anytime during the 3-month period between 1 January 2020 and 31 March 2020; or anytime during the period between 1 April 2020 and 7 May 2020 but at the same time holding a relevant taxi or PLB driver identity plate issued on or before 5 October 2018; (b) have a valid rental agreement or declarations (if the applicant is both the driver and owner of the vehicle, he/she must also provide such declarations) by drivers and owners in respect of vehicle rental for one month during the period between 1 January and 31 March 2020 to prove that the applicant had rented and driven the taxi or RMB for at least 8 days⁴; and (c) provide a valid rental agreement or declarations (if the applicant is both the driver and owner of the vehicle, he/she must also provide such declarations) by drivers and owners in respect of vehicle rental for one month during the period between 1 April and 30 June 2020 (Phase 1) and 1 July and 30 September 2020 (Phase 2) to prove that the applicant had rented and driven the taxi or RMB for at least 12 days⁵. <p>Applicants who can only meet the eligibility requirements (a) and (b) above can apply for a lump-sum subsidy of \$7,500.</p>

⁴ The days must fall between 1 January and 31 March 2020 and within the same month. Each registered vehicle owner with valid taxi or RMB vehicle licence(s) can only sign the relevant declarations for up to four drivers during the aforementioned period.

⁵ For both periods from 1 April to 30 June 2020 and from 1 July to 30 September 2020, the number of days must fall within the same month. Each registered vehicle owner with valid taxi or RMB vehicle licence(s) can only sign the relevant declarations for up to four drivers during the aforementioned period.

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		<p><u>One-off subsidy for various transport trades</u></p> <p>(a) To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 to registered owners of each licensed non-franchised public bus (NFB), school private light bus (SPLB) and hire car. Eligibility criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the registered owners who hold a valid vehicle licence of NFBs or SPLBs as at 8 April 2020; or (ii) the registered owners who did not hold a valid licence of the NFBs or SPLBs as at 8 April 2020, but renewed the relevant vehicle licence on or before 7 July 2020 (the registered owner after renewal must be the same as the original registered owner); or (iii) the registered owners of private cars with a valid hire car permit as at 8 April 2020. <p>(b) To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 per taxi or red minibus (RMB) to registered vehicle owners who hold the vehicle licence of each taxi or RMB as at 8 April 2020.</p> <p>(c) To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 per green minibus (GMB) to the Passenger Service Licence (PSL) holders who have been approved to operate relevant packages of the GMB route.</p> <hr/> <p><u>One-off subsidy for kaito operators</u></p> <p>To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 for each vessel deployed in kaito services. The applicant must hold a valid ferry service licence issued by the Transport Department and vessel operating licence issued by the Marine Department as at 24 June 2020 for providing the kaito services to be eligible to register for the subsidy.</p>
18.	<p>Providing relief to creative industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cinemas Subsidy Scheme; (b) Subsidy to PMQ tenants; and (c) Printing and Publishing Sector Subsidy Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To provide a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 per screen to each eligible cinema holding 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. The maximum amount of subsidy is capped at \$3 million per circuit; (b) To provide a one-off subsidy of \$25 million to PMQ to waive/reduce the rental and fees (100% for creative industries-related tenants and 75% for other tenants) of all the tenants

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		<p>of PMQ (around 105) from May 2020 to December 2020 and provide a one-off subsidy of \$6.24 million to PMQ to reduce 75% of the rental of all tenants from January to March 2021; and</p> <p>(c) To provide a one-off subsidy of up to \$40 million to fully subsidise the participation fees of all local and non-local exhibitors (except Government bureaux/departments) at the 2021 Hong Kong Book Fair (held on 14-20 July 2021) capped at \$100,000 per local exhibitor and \$10,000 per non-local exhibitor.</p>
19.	Tourism Industry Support Schemes	<p><u>Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme</u> Each eligible travel agent, holding on 14 February 2020 and continues to hold on the date on which the subsidy was disbursed, a valid travel agent licence issued under the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218), will be provided with a subsidy ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000 (depending on the number of its staff). Each eligible travel agents' staff (i.e. staff of the aforesaid eligible travel agents on 31 March 2020) and each eligible freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are being tourist guides and tour escorts⁶ will be provided with a subsidy of \$5,000 for six months.</p> <p><u>Hotel Sector Support Scheme</u> Each eligible hotel holding on 21 February 2020 a valid hotel licence issued under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) will be provided with a subsidy of \$300,000 or \$400,000 (depending on the number of its licensed guestrooms).</p> <p><u>Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme</u> Each eligible tour service coach driver 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</p>

⁶ 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>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> <p><u>Support for cruise industry</u> To waive the monthly fixed rent and management fees for the operator of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal until 30 November 2020⁷, and to provide refund of berth deposits to cruise lines for cancelled ship calls during the suspension of immigration service until 30 September 2021.</p> <p><u>Support for Peak Tramway</u> To provide a one-off financial subsidy of \$1.851 million to the operator of Peak Tramway, the amount of which is equivalent to 75% of annual consideration payable to the Government by the operator for Year 2020.</p>
20.	Relief measures for construction sector	<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 include 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 \$20,000⁸.</p> <p>If an employer in the construction sector has made contributions for a 'casual employee' under the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) Industry Schemes for at least 15 days in the calendar</p>

⁷ The waiver was completed on 30 November 2020 under AEF 2.0 and has subsequently been extended until 31 March 2022.

⁸ 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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		<p>month of March 2020, 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 and to spend the full amount of the subsidy on paying wages to their 'qualified employees' for a period of six months from August 2020 to January 2021.</p>
21.	<p>Subsidy to operators of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and Fly the Flyover Operation</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>A one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million per large aircraft and \$200,000 per small aircraft registered in Hong Kong will be provided for Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) holders with AOC valid as at 1 April 2020 for no less than six months. 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>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 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) market cooked food / light refreshment stalls. Each eligible catering outlets directed to close whole of its licensed premises, including karaoke establishments, night clubs and bars/pubs, is eligible for a further one-off subsidy of \$50,000.</p>

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		<p>1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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 fund Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme issued by FEHD; and(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(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(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>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) in case of a transfer of licence of one of the four specified categories was made on or before 29 February 2020:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the application was approved after 29 February 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 29 February 2020; and(ii) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this subsidy scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the licence transferred; and(iii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d).(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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the applicant is successful in obtaining a full licence before close of application for the subsidy (i.e. 5 June 2020); and(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d).

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		<p>The tenancy agreement between the applicants applying the one-off subsidy to tenants of FEHD market cooked food/ light refreshment stalls and the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene should be entered into and is valid throughout the period from 28 March 2020 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.</p> <p>Those who are eligible but have not submitted any applications for the first tranche of subsidy can apply for the second tranche of subsidy. Application period was from 25 August 2020 to 14 September 2020.</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 \$125,000 to \$1,100,000 according to the floor area of the premises as specified on the licence, primarily in support of payment of employees' salaries during a three-month period following approval of the application. To provide immediate relief to the catering sector, the subsidy will be dished out upfront in one tranche.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 fund Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme issued by FEHD; and (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 (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 (d) the food business licence (full or provisional licence) must be valid throughout the

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		<p>whole period from the date of approval of this application till the end of November 2020. If the licence expires before the end of November 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. 14 September 2020); and</p> <p>(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d).</p>
24.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme	<p>Amusement game centres (“AGCs”) under the definition stipulated in the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435) have been ordered to close for a period from end March to early May 2020 as 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:</p> <p>(a) be either one of the following:</p> <p>(i) a holder of an AGC licence that is valid for any period within the above specified period;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(iii) the applicant for an AGC exemption for e-sports operation; or</p>

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		<p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>
25.	Commercial Bathhouses Subsidy Scheme	<p>1. Licence holder of a commercial bathhouse fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the applicant holds a valid Commercial Bathhouses Licence (CBL) issued by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (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 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>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid CBL on 28 March 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 (b) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence under this subsidy scheme; and (c) the applicant meets the criteria in item 1 above.
26.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme	<p>Fitness centres meeting the following requirements will be granted a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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

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		<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 and facilities operated by holders of private recreational leases are not covered by the Scheme.</p>
27.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme	<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 subsidy 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 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 (a) above on the date of approval of the application.</p>
28.	Place of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	<p>Places of public entertainment have been ordered to close for a period from end March to early May 2020 as 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>

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29.	Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme	<p>Mahjong / Tin Kau parlours have been ordered to close for a period from early April to early May 2020 as 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 for a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 under this scheme.</p>
30.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms	<p>Each eligible Beauty Parlour and Massage Establishment 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 <p>The maximum amount of subsidy for a parent company that operates beauty parlour or massage establishment chain stores under the same business registration is \$3 million.</p> <p><u>Eligibility criteria for beauty parlours and massage establishments</u></p> <p>1. An eligible premises should provide at least one of the following services as its main business:</p> <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>

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		<p>2. The applicant operates its business independently at a fixed location in Hong Kong.</p> <p>3. The relevant premises and services of the applicant should be in operation before 10 April 2020.</p> <p>4. The relevant premises is not eligible for other premises-based subsidy schemes under second-round AEF, e.g. bathhouses, clubhouses or fitness centres.</p> <hr/> <p>Each party room will receive a one-off subsidy of \$40,000.</p> <p><u>Eligibility criteria for party rooms</u></p> <p>1. An eligible premises should meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) conducting a main business of commercial renting of physical indoor premises on short-term basis for private events/ gatherings of leisure or recreational nature; (b) the relevant premises should be a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong; (c) prior booking is necessary and no walk-in customer is to be entertained for use of the premises; and (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>2. The relevant premises should have commenced business before 28 March 2020.</p> <p>3. The following premises are not eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (b) Premises is a carrier that can be used for transport (e.g. buses, trams and sea vessels); and (c) Premises that is eligible for other premises-based subsidy scheme under the second-round AEF, e.g. clubhouses.

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31.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme	<p> Holders of a Certificate of Compliance CoC issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376) with validity falling within the period(s) when the relevant directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) are in effect are eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$100,000.</p> <p> A further subsidy of \$50,000 will be provided to holders of CoC issued under Cap. 376 for club-houses with a karaoke establishments permit issued by the Office of the Licensing Authority.</p>
32.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme	<p> Operators of sports and recreational 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 to each affected site.</p>
33.	A 20% fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (PTFSS)	<p><u>A 20% fare concession of MTR</u> The MTR Corporation Limited provided 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 31 March 2021, and a discount of \$100 to passengers who purchase “MTR City Saver” and the five types of “Monthly Pass Extra” for the period from July 2020 to June 2021. The Government borne half of the expenditure involved for the abovementioned fare concessions during the period between July 2020 and March 2021, with a cap of \$0.8 billion.</p> <p><u>Temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the PTFSS</u> The Government will temporarily relax the monthly threshold of the PTFSS from \$400 to \$200 from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021. Neither application nor prior registration of Octopus is required.</p>

Table III. Measures under third-round AEF

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1.	Quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities	<p>The Social Welfare Department has since April 2020 set up and operate three quarantine centres and arrange personal care, nursing and health service under the quarantine period for the elderly and disabled persons who become close contacts arising from the COVID-19 outbreak at residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities at Hong Kong PHAB Association Jockey Club PHAB Camp, Cheung Muk Tau Holiday Centre for the Elderly and AsiaWorld-Expo respectively, providing a total of 740 beds. With the cessation of operation of Cheung Muk Tau Holiday Centre for the Elderly with effect from 29 October 2020, the total number of beds provided for quarantine purpose is 680.</p> <p>The financial commitment earmarked has included the rental charges, set-up cost, procurement of furniture and medical equipment, catering service for residents, cleaning and laundry service, waste disposal services (including normal and medical waste), facilities management, security service, logistics arrangements, service fees for five Care Support Teams, and consumables for the residents, etc.</p>
2.	Quarantine facilities	<p>To ensure that adequate quarantine facilities are in place for quarantine of close contacts of confirmed cases, the Government engaged two to three hotels (providing a total of up to 1 000 guestrooms) since December 2020 to serve as designated quarantine hotels to accommodate close contacts who are required to undergo compulsory quarantine.⁹ The Government also provided financial support to the quarantine centre in Penny’s Bay (providing around 3 500 quarantine units) from September 2020 to March 2021.</p> <p>As the rapid test of COVID-19 was introduced at the airport on 24 December 2020, there was no operational need for Rambler Garden Hotel in Tsing Yi to continue serving as a Holding</p>

⁹ One hotel was converted to a “Designated Quarantine Hotel” (DQH) to accommodate United Kingdom returnees during the period of July and August 2021. One other hotel was converted to a DQH to accommodate foreign domestic helpers under compulsory quarantine from 27 August to 30 November 2021.

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		Center for Test Result. As such, Rambler Garden Hotel (providing up to 700 rooms) was converted to a quarantine hotel for close contacts on 27 December 2020 till 26 April 2021.
3.	Subsidy scheme for the promotion of contactless payment in public markets	<p>To promote contactless payment in public markets, a one-off subsidy will be provided to stall tenants of markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) or Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) at a flat rate of \$5,000 per stall.</p> <p>All stall tenants in FEHD/HKHA markets (including wet market stalls and cooked food stalls) will be eligible for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the tenant holds a valid tenancy agreement of a stall in a FEHD/HKHA market as at the date of application and when approval is given for disbursement of subsidy; (b) the contactless payment means opted by the tenant for his/her stall is processed through a licensed bank or a stored value facility licensee being regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, or a debit/credit card scheme; and (c) the tenant undertakes in the application not to unreasonably refuse request for contactless payment from patrons during the service contract period. FEHD/HKHA reserve the right to claw back the subsidy disbursed if a tenant is found to be not complying with the undertaking. <p>Disbursement of subsidy will be made to the tenants subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the tenant is required to submit an application and obtain an approval in principle before signing a service contract with a service provider in relation to the provision of at least one contactless payment means; and (b) the tenant has to produce a valid service contract of no less than a duration of two years signed by him/her and confirming that necessary installation has been completed to enable contactless payment at his/her stall. FEHD/HKHA will conduct inspection to check and ensure completion of the installation. <p>The Government launches the second round of the Subsidy Scheme for the Promotion of Contactless Payment in Public Markets under the AEF, and extends the scope to cover licensed</p>

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		<p>hawkers, providing a one-off subsidy of \$5,000 to tenants of public markets and licensed hawkers to promote contactless payment.</p> <p>All stall tenants in FEHD/HKHA markets (including wet market stalls and cooked food stalls) will be eligible for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the tenant holds a valid tenancy agreement of a stall in a FEHD/HKHA market as at the date of application and when approval is given for disbursement of subsidy; (b) the contactless payment means opted by the tenant for his/her stall is processed through a licensed bank or a stored value facility licensee being regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, or a debit/credit card scheme; (c) the applicant is currently providing or intends to provide at least one contactless payment means for market patrons in his/her stall; (d) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and up to the date of grant of subsidy; and (e) the applicant must not have received the one-off subsidy of HK\$5,000 for the same market stall in the previous round of Subsidy Scheme for Promotion of Contactless Payment in Public Markets. <p>The application is open to all eligible licensed hawkers. To apply for the subsidy, an applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The applicant is holder of a valid Fixed-pitch Hawker Licence or Itinerant Hawker Licence issued by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene at the time of application and the time of approval of the application; (b) The applicant is currently providing or intends to provide at least one contactless payment means for patrons in his/her stall; (c) The contactless payment means being used or intended to be used by the applicant for his/her stall is processed through a licensed bank or a stored value facility licensee being regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, or a debit/credit card scheme; and (d) The applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and up to the date of grant of subsidy.

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		<p>Disbursement of subsidy will be made to the tenants/licensed hawkers subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the tenant/licensed hawkers is required to submit an application and obtain an approval in principle before signing a service contract with a service provider in relation to the provision of at least one contactless payment means; and (b) the tenant/licensed hawkers must submit the service contract they have entered into with a service provider for no less than a period of two years. If the name of applicant was not indicated on the said service contract, the applicant must at the same time provide a copy of “Extracts of Information on the Business Register” issued by the Business Registration Office in between the period from 30 April 2021 to 31 August 2021; and confirmed that necessary installation has been completed to enable contactless payment at the stall on or before 31 August 2021. FEHD/HKHA will conduct inspection to check and ensure completion of the installation. 												
4.	Catering Business Subsidy Scheme	<p>Further financial relief will be provided to catering outlets carrying on a business to sell or supply food for consumption on their premises. Subsidy will be offered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) eligible holders of any of the following premises-based food licences in operation, including (i) general restaurant licence, (ii) light refreshment restaurant licence, (iii) marine restaurant licence, and (iv) factory canteen licence; and (b) cooked food/light refreshment stall tenants in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) markets, as well as cooked food stall tenants holding a hawker licence and operating in public housing developments. <p>Each holder of the four types of relevant food licences (in (a)) which is in operation is eligible for a subsidy according to the licensed area of its premises, as set out in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="936 1225 2007 1474"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="936 1225 1469 1265">Licensed area</th> <th data-bbox="1469 1225 2007 1265">Level of subsidy</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1265 1469 1310">Not exceeding 100m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 1265 2007 1310">\$50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1310 1469 1355">>100m² - 200m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 1310 2007 1355">\$100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1355 1469 1399">>200m² - 400m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 1355 2007 1399">\$150,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1399 1469 1444">>400m² - 700m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 1399 2007 1444">\$200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="936 1444 1469 1474">>700m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 1444 2007 1474">\$250,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Licensed area	Level of subsidy	Not exceeding 100m ²	\$50,000	>100m ² - 200m ²	\$100,000	>200m ² - 400m ²	\$150,000	>400m ² - 700m ²	\$200,000	>700m ²	\$250,000
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the applicant holds on or before 30 June 2020 a valid food business licence (full or provisional licence) of any one of the four targeted categories; (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; (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; (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 is less than one month on the date of submission of application, the related full licence has to be obtained either before the expiry of the provisional licence or close of application for the subsidy); and (e) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/ proceedings/ order at the time of the application and thereafter up to the grant of subsidy. 2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid food business licence on 30 June 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in the case of a transfer of licence of one of the four targeted categories was made on or before 30 June 2020: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the application was approved after 30 June 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee ; (ii) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this Subsidy Scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the licence transferred ; and (iii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c), 1(d) and 1(e) above. (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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the applicant is successful in obtaining a full licence before close of application for the subsidy (i.e. 12 November 2020); and

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		<p>(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c), 1(d) and 1(e) above.</p> <p>Each eligible catering outlets directed to close whole of its licensed premises, including karaoke establishments, night clubs and bars/pubs, is eligible for a further one-off subsidy of \$25,000.</p> <p>Cooked food/light refreshment stall tenants in FEHD markets, as well as cooked food stall tenants holding a hawker licence and operating in a public housing development, would each be eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$25,000.</p> <p>To be eligible for the subsidy, a market tenant has to meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the tenancy agreement of the market stall entered into with the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene is valid throughout the period from 30 June 2020 to the time of approval of the application; (b) the market stall has not suspended its operation due to improvement works carried out in the relevant market throughout the period from 30 June 2020 to the time of approval of the application and has not been offered any rental waiver by FEHD in this regard; and (c) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and up to the date of grant of subsidy. <p>To be eligible for the subsidy, a licensed hawker has to meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is holder of a valid Fixed-Pitch (Cooked Food or Light Refreshment) Hawker Licence (“Hawker Licence”) issued by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene under the Hawker Regulation (Cap. 132AI) on or before 30 June 2020 and still holds a valid Hawker Licence at the time of approval of the application; (b) the catering business at a cooked food hawker stall in a public housing development must be in operation on 30 June 2020 and is still operating at the time of approval of the application; and

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		(c) is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and up to the grant of subsidy.
5.	Tourism Industry Support Scheme	<p><u>Financial relief to licensed travel agents and their staff</u> Each licensed travel agent will be provided with a cash subsidy, directly proportional to the number of staff members they have, using a subsidy level at \$5,000 per travel agent staff member as the basis of calculation. Travel agents without any staff will also be getting a one-off subsidy of \$5,000. Each eligible travel agents’ staff will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$15,000.</p> <p>Eligible travel agents are those holding on 14 February 2020 and continues to hold until the date on which the subsidy is disbursed, a valid travel agent licence issued under the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218). Eligible travel agents’ staff are those employed by an eligible travel agent on 31 March 2020.</p> <p><u>Financial relief to freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts</u> Each eligible freelance tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are tourist guides or tour escorts will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$15,000.</p> <p>Eligible freelance tourist guides and tour escorts are those freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts and received subsidy from the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme under AEF 2.0¹⁰.</p> <p><u>Financial relief to tour service coach drivers</u> Each eligible tour service coach driver will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$6,700.</p>

¹⁰ See footnote [6].

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		<p>Eligible tour service coach drivers are those tour service coach drivers (mainly serving tourists) who received subsidy from the Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme under AEF 2.0¹¹.</p>
6.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms	<p>Each eligible beauty parlour and massage establishment 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 \$15,000 • 3 to 4 workers: Subsidy of \$30,000 • 5 or more workers: Subsidy of \$50,000 <p>The maximum amount of subsidy for a parent company that operates beauty parlour or massage establishment chain stores under the same business registration is \$1.5 million.</p> <p><u>Eligibility criteria for beauty parlours and massage establishments</u></p> <p>1. The applicant provides one or more of the following services for non-medical purposes as its main business at its business premises:</p> <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) Professional hair loss improvement; (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>Clinics/ medical centres managed/ operated by medical practitioners/ medical personnel, premises providing consultation or medical services and hair salons/ hairdressers/ barbers</p>

¹¹ Under the second-round AEF, eligible tour service coach drivers are those 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.

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		<p>are not eligible for the subsidy under the Scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The applicant operates its business independently in a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong. 3. The premises and services of the applicant should have been in operation before 15 July 2020. 4. The applicant has suspended operations pursuant to the Government order from 15 July to 27 August 2020. 5. Business(es) of the applicant is/ are not conducted in a residential unit of a public rental housing estate/ a Home Ownership Scheme/ any other subsidised housing scheme, or any other premises where commercial activities are not allowed. 6. The premises of the applicant does not form part of, and/or is not attached to, a premises operating business(es) of a different nature (e.g. hotels, guesthouses, clubhouses). 7. The premises of the applicant is not covered by other premises-based subsidy schemes under the third-round AEF (e.g. fitness centres, club-houses, sports premises, places of public entertainment, amusement game centres, places of amusement or commercial bathhouses). 8. The applicant should be able to demonstrate that it is in business at site inspection by the Secretariat of the Scheme and/ or its authorised agent(s) during application vetting. <p>Each eligible party room will receive a one-off subsidy of \$20,000.</p> <p><u>Eligibility criteria for party rooms</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant should be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Conducting a main business of commercial renting of physical indoor premises on a short-term basis, for exclusive use by a designated group of customers during a specified period of time for private events/gatherings of a leisure or recreational nature (which shall exclude those solely or mainly for classes/ trainings/ music practices or performances/ religious activities/ consumption of food and beverages); (b) Prior booking for use of the premises is necessary and no walk-in customer is to be entertained for use of the premises; and

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		<p>(c) The business should have an online presence for marketing and/ or reservation. Reservation can be made by members of the public through online common reservation platforms, social media accounts or through contact by email, instant messaging (such as WhatsApp or WeChat) or telephone.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The applicant operates its business independently in a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong. 3. The premises and services of the applicant should have been in operation before 15 July 2020. 4. The applicant has suspended operations pursuant to the Government order from 15 July to 17 September 2020. 5. Business(es) of the applicant is/ are not conducted in a residential unit of a public rental housing estate/ a Home Ownership Scheme/ any other subsidised housing scheme, or any other premises where commercial activities are not allowed. 6. The premises of the applicant does not form part of, and/ or is not attached to, a premises operating business(es) of a different nature (e.g. hotels, guesthouses, club-houses, catering establishments/ private kitchens, schools, offices, co-working spaces, training centres, studios, outdoor or indoor playgrounds, sports premises, places of public entertainment, amusement game centres or places of amusement). 7. The premises of the applicant is not a carrier that can be used for transport (e.g. buses, trams or sea vessels). 8. The premises of the applicant is not covered by other premises-based subsidy schemes under the third-round AEF (e.g. fitness centres, club-houses, sports premises, places of public entertainment, amusement game centres, places of amusement or commercial bathhouses). 9. The applicant should be able to demonstrate that it is in business at site inspection by the Secretariat of the Scheme and/ or its authorised agent(s) during application vetting.

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7.	Subsidy Scheme for the Transport and Aviation Sector	<p><u>One-off subsidies to vehicles, cross-boundary ferries and aircrafts</u></p> <p>(a) A one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$15,000 per vehicle will be provided to the registered owner of each licenced non-franchised public bus (NFB), school private light bus (SPLB), and hire car. Eligibility criteria are as follows:</p> <p>(i) The registered owners who hold a valid vehicle licence of NFBs or SPLBs, or a valid hire car permit for private cars as at 15 September 2020; or</p> <p>(ii) The registered owners who did not hold a valid vehicle licence of NFBs or SPLBs, or a valid hire car permit for private cars as at 15 September 2020, but renewed the relevant vehicle licence/permit on or before 14 March 2021 (the registered owner after renewal must be the same as the original registered owner).</p> <p>(b) A one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$500,000 will be provided to operators of each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel 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; or at the SkyPier at the Hong Kong International Airport during the period from 25 September 2019 to 24 March 2020.</p> <p>(c) A one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$500,000 per large aircraft and \$100,000 per small aircraft registered in Hong Kong will be provided for Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) holders with AOC valid as at 1 August 2020 for no less than six months. The aircraft should have a valid Certificate of Airworthiness as at 1 August 2020. The beneficiaries do not include the Cathay Pacific Airways Limited and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (together as the "Cathay Group").</p> <p><u>One-off subsidy to aviation support services operators at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)</u></p> <p>A one-off non-accountable two-tiered subsidy will be provided to each of the eligible aviation support services operators operating with a franchise, licence or operating permit issued by the Airport Authority Hong Kong at the HKIA based on their staff size. A subsidy of \$1.5 million will be provided to operators with 100 or more employees, while a subsidy of \$0.5 million will</p>

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		<p>be provided to operators with fewer than 100 employees. The beneficiaries do not include the Cathay Group.</p>
8.	<p>One-off Relief Grant to Providers of Catering Services for Schools and Post-Secondary Education Institutions and Providers of Interest Classes and School Bus Services for Schools</p>	<p><u>Catering Outlets</u> Each catering outlet (namely, tuck shops, canteens or restaurants) at primary schools, secondary schools, University Grants Committee-funded universities, the Vocational Training Council, and self-financing post-secondary education institutions is eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$40,000, provided that the outlet has not applied for a relief grant under any other scheme in the third-round AEF. For the avoidance of doubt, one applying for the subsidy under the Employment Support Scheme is still eligible.</p> <p><u>Lunch Box Suppliers</u> All lunch box suppliers for primary and secondary schools holding a food factory licence are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$5,000 for each serving school in the 2020/21 school year.</p> <p><u>School Bus Service Providers</u> Eligible school bus drivers/ school private light bus drivers/ nannies must currently provide transport/ escort 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), and provide student transport/ pick up service for a school bus operator in the 2020/21 school year 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>Eligible school bus service providers will be provided with a one-off relief grant, i.e. a subsidy of \$6,700 for each eligible driver; \$6,700 per vehicle for eligible nannies (the subsidy of \$6,700 will be shared among nannies based on their proportion of service time if more than one nanny serves at the same vehicle). Regarding cross-boundary school coach (CBSC) services, a subsidy of \$13,400 per CBSC will be provided for eligible nannies, and the maximum amount of subsidy for each nanny is \$6,700.</p>

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		<p>Applicants cannot concurrently apply for subsidy from any other scheme under the third-round AEF. A proprietor of a fleet or vehicle receiving the subsidy under the Employment Support Scheme as a self-employed person who is also a driver is still eligible to apply for this relief grant.</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 a formal curriculum for the learning/ interest class(es) of an ongoing nature that is/are affected by suspension of classes or face-to-face teaching and cessation of on-campus activities (including tutors of learning classes under the School-based After-school Learning and Support Programmes) and is in the sector at the time of application will be provided with a one-off relief grant of \$5,000.</p> <p>Applicants cannot concurrently apply for subsidy from any other scheme under the third-round AEF. Instructors who have applied for the subsidy under the Employment Support Scheme as a self-employed person are still eligible to apply for this relief grant</p> <p>All operators and service providers mentioned above must have been engaged by schools/ post-secondary education institutions during periods of class suspension and cessation of on-campus during periods of class suspension and cessation of on-campus activities and are in the respective trades at the time of the application.</p>
9.	Support for Child Care Centres (CCCs)	<p>All CCCs, including aided and non-aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs registered with Social Welfare Department (SWD) or Education Bureau (EDB), were eligible for the special monthly grant for 4 months (September to December 2020). For CCCs which have received the first round of the CCC special grant, the grant of this round will be half the amount they previously received. CCCs which have not applied for the CCC special grant before, or have only commenced operation after 15 January 2020, may also apply in this round. The amount of grant per CCC will be based on the size of its enrolment (i.e. number of children)</p>

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		as at 5 October 2020, and is set at a full-day rate at \$2,000 and a half-day rate at \$1,000 for each enrolled child per month or the approved monthly fee, whichever is less.				
10.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme	<p>Fitness centres meeting the following requirements will be granted a one-off subsidy of \$50,000:</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 15 July 2020 and have closed pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F).</p> <p>Fitness centres which are ineligible for the scheme include those:</p> <p>(a) located in residential clubhouses or private clubs;</p> <p>(b) operated by holders of private recreational leases; or</p> <p>(c) that have received grant from other subsidy schemes under third-round AEF.</p>				
11.	One-off Grant to Kindergarten and Private Schools	<p>A one-off grant is provided to all kindergartens (KGs) and private primary and secondary day schools with the rate as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="907 1106 2033 1391"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="907 1106 1720 1161">Categories of KGs/schools</th> <th data-bbox="1720 1106 2033 1161">Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="907 1161 1720 1391"> <p>(i) KGs</p> <p>Long whole day¹²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 or less students • More than 33 students </td> <td data-bbox="1720 1161 2033 1391"> <p>\$60,000</p> <p>\$80,000</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Categories of KGs/schools	Rate	<p>(i) KGs</p> <p>Long whole day¹²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 or less students • More than 33 students 	<p>\$60,000</p> <p>\$80,000</p>
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¹² Individual long whole-day KGs have a small number of half-day students. In such cases, two half-day students are counted as one student.

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		Kindergartens joining the kindergarten education scheme (Scheme-KGs) with whole day session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 or less students • More than 33 students Scheme-KGs (half day) only Non-Scheme KGs	\$50,000 \$70,000 \$30,000 \$40,000
		(ii) Private primary and secondary day schools¹³ \$40,000	
12.	One-off Grant to Private Schools Offering Non-formal Curriculum	All private schools offering non-formal curriculum (PSNFCs) and designated centres under Financial Assistance Scheme for Designated Evening Adult Education Courses (FAEAEC) registered under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) on or before the resumption of face-to-face classes by phases on 23 September 2020, which are in operation on the issue date of the relevant circular memorandum on 5 October 2020, are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$20,000.	
13.	One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches	Sports coaches registered under National Sports Associations or recognized sports organizations who had provided coaching services since 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2020 can receive a one-off grant of \$5,000.	
14.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme	Existing holders of Certificates of Compliance issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376) with validity falling within the period since 11 July 2020, when the relevant directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) are in effect is eligible for a subsidy of \$50,000.	

¹³ Private primary and secondary day schools include international schools, Private Independent Schools and other private primary and secondary day schools offering formal curriculum.

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		An additional subsidy of \$25,000 will be provided to those who also operate karaoke establishments, nightclubs or bars/pubs in their club-house premises.
15.	Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme	Operators of sports premises providing indoor or outdoor sporting activities (whether on land or not) which have been suspended with the introduction of requirements and restrictions imposed by the directions issued under Cap. 599F with effect from 29 July 2020 is eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$30,000.
16.	Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Subvented Non-governmental Welfare Organisations	<p>Interest class instructors who are beneficiaries of a similar scheme of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under the second-round AEF (i.e. the measure of item 12 listed in Table II above) and have lost further income as a result of the continued suspension of service under the persistent epidemic situation, and interest class instructors engaged or planned to be engaged by any SWD-subvented welfare service units during the period from September to December 2020, with service having been/likely being suspended during the period and hence leading to income loss will be provided with a one-off relief grant of \$5,000.</p> <p>The applicants should not be beneficiaries of the measures listed in items 8 and 13 above in this table.</p>
17.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme - Subsidy to individual arts practitioners and freelancers	To provide a one-off subsidy of \$5,000 to individual arts practitioners and freelancers who benefitted from the “Support Scheme for Arts and Cultural Sector” implemented by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council under the first-round AEF and practitioners in the Cantonese opera sector who benefitted from the “Cantonese Opera Sector Support Scheme” implemented by the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong also under the first-round AEF.
18.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	Places of public entertainment have been ordered to close for a period from mid-July to mid-September 2020 as 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) (who is holding the same or such renewed licence at the time of subsidy

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		<p>application) or temporary PPEL (“TPPEL”) that is valid for any period from mid-July to mid-September 2020 and whose application for the licence is submitted on or before the publication of the relevant direction on 13 July 2020 are eligible under this scheme. A one-off subsidy of \$50,000 and \$10,000 respectively will be provided to each of the eligible PPEL and TPPEL holders.</p>
19.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme	<p>Amusement game centres (“AGCs”) under the definition stipulated in the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435) have been ordered to close for a period from mid-July to mid-September 2020 as 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 are eligible for the scheme to receive a one-off subsidy of \$50,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be either one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (b) the application for such AGC licence was made on or before the publication of the relevant direction on 13 July 2020, or the application for such e-sports exemption or ICSC registration was made before the announcement of the third-round AEF on 15 September 2020; and (c) the AGC/ e-sports venue/ ICSC concerned is still in operation and the subject AGC licence (or such renewed licence)/ exemption from Cap. 435/ e-sports exemption application/ ICSC registration of an eligible operator should remain valid at the time of submitting an application under this subsidy scheme.

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20.	Cinemas Subsidy Scheme	To provide a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 per screen to each existing cinema holding 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 July 2020. The maximum amount of subsidy is capped at \$1.5 million per circuit.
21.	Provision of subsidy to companies in the performing industry which organise pop concerts	To provide an additional assistance in the form of a grant of \$100,000 to each of the companies in the performing industry which organised pop concerts in any two years between 2017 and 2019 in designated venues.
22.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme - Rental support for tenants of Arts Spaces and Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre	To further extend the rental concession at 75% for tenants of Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre and arts spaces run by Hong Kong Arts Development Council for six months to March 2021.
23.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme	Operators of sports and recreational 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 14 July 2020 will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 to each affected site.
24.	Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme	Mahjong / Tin Kau parlours have been ordered to close for a period from mid-July to mid-September 2020 as 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 (who is holding the same or such renewed licence at the time of subsidy application) 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 13 July 2020 are eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$50,000.

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25.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme	<p>Places of Amusement Licence Holders (viz. billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks) fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$50,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 9 October 2020; (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 (c) the applicant holds the related valid licence in (a) above and the place of amusement is still in operation on the date of approval of the application.
26.	Further Subsidy to Commercial Bathhouses	<p>Licence holder of a commercial bathhouse fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$50,000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the applicant holds a valid Commercial Bathhouse Licence issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on 15 July 2020 and on the date of approval of the application; (b) the commercial bathhouse business is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; (c) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of licence in respect of the licensed Commercial Bathhouse is under processing between the date of submission of the application and the date of approval of the application; (d) the licensed premises have been closed for the entire period as specified in the direction issued under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) by which a bathhouse was ordered to be closed; and (e) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/ proceedings/ order at the time of the application and thereafter up to the grant of subsidy.

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		<p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid Commercial Bathhouse Licence on 15 July 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) an application for transfer of a licence was made on or before 15 July 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 15 July 2020;(b) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this Subsidy Scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence; and(c) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(d) and (1)(e) above.

Table IV: Measures under fourth-round AEF

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1.	Catering Business Subsidy Scheme	<p>Further financial relief will be provided to catering outlets carrying on a business to sell or supply food for consumption on their premises. Subsidy will be offered to:</p> <p>(a) eligible holders of any of the following premises-based food licences in operation, including (i) general restaurant licence, (ii) light refreshment restaurant licence, (iii) marine restaurant licence, and (iv) factory canteen licence; and</p> <p>(b) cooked food/light refreshment stall tenants in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) markets, as well as cooked food stall tenants holding a hawker licence and operating in public housing developments.</p> <p>Each holder of the four types of relevant food licences (in (a)) which is in operation is eligible for a subsidy according to the licensed area of its premises, as set out in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="931 839 2007 1088"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="931 839 1464 880">Licensed area</th> <th data-bbox="1464 839 2007 880">Level of subsidy</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 880 1464 922">Not exceeding 100m²</td> <td data-bbox="1464 880 2007 922">\$100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 922 1464 963">>100m² - 200m²</td> <td data-bbox="1464 922 2007 963">\$200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 963 1464 1005">>200m² - 400m²</td> <td data-bbox="1464 963 2007 1005">\$300,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 1005 1464 1046">>400m² - 700m²</td> <td data-bbox="1464 1005 2007 1046">\$400,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 1046 1464 1088">>700m²</td> <td data-bbox="1464 1046 2007 1088">\$500,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria:</p> <p>(a) the applicant holds on or before 8 December 2020 a valid food business licence (full or provisional licence) of any one of the four targeted categories;</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;</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;</p>	Licensed area	Level of subsidy	Not exceeding 100m ²	\$100,000	>100m ² - 200m ²	\$200,000	>200m ² - 400m ²	\$300,000	>400m ² - 700m ²	\$400,000	>700m ²	\$500,000
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		<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 is less than one month on the date of submission of application, 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>(e) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/ proceedings/ order at the time of the application and thereafter up to the grant of subsidy; and</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid food business licence on 8 December 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) in the case of a transfer of licence of one of the four targeted food business categories was made on or before 8 December 2020 -</p> <p>(i) the application was approved after 8 December 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee;</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), 1(d) and 1(e) above.</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 (i.e. 28 January 2021) for the subsidy; and</p> <p>(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in item (1)(b), (1)(c), 1(d) and 1(e) above.</p> <p>Each eligible catering outlets directed to close whole of its licensed premises, including karaoke establishments, night clubs and bars/pubs, is eligible for a further one-off subsidy of \$50,000.</p> <p>Cooked food/light refreshment stall tenants in FEHD markets, as well as cooked food stall tenants holding a hawker licence and operating in a public housing development, would each be eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$50,000.</p>

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		<p>To be eligible for the subsidy, a market tenant has to meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the tenancy agreement of the market stall entered into with the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene is valid throughout the period from 8 December 2020 to the time of approval of the application; (b) the market stall has not suspended its operation due to improvement works to the relevant market throughout the period from 8 December 2020 to the time of approval of the application and has not been offered any rental waiver by FEHD in this regard; and (c) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and up to the date of grant of subsidy. <p>To be eligible for the subsidy, a licensed hawker has to meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is holder of a valid Fixed-Pitch (Cooked Food or Light Refreshment) Hawker Licence (“Hawker Licence”) issued by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene under the Hawker Regulation (Cap. 132AI) on or before 8 December 2020 and still holds a valid Hawker Licence at the time of approval of the application; (b) catering business at a cooked food hawker stall in a public housing development was operating on 8 December 2020 and is still operating at the time of approval of the application; and (c) is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and up to the grant of subsidy. <p><u>Food Court Subsidy Scheme</u> A one-off subsidy will be provided to each eligible licence holder of food factory operating in a food court inside a shopping mall that satisfies the definition in item 1(b) below according to the approved floor area of the licensed premises as set out in the table below.</p>

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		<p>(f) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and thereafter up to the grant of subsidy.</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid food factory licence on 8 December 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) in the case of a transfer of the food factory licence made on or before 8 December 2020 –</p> <p>(i) the application was approved after 8 December 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee; 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), 1(d), 1(e) and 1(f) above.</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. 31 March 2021); AND</p> <p>(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e) and 1(f) above.</p>
2.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms	<p>Each eligible beauty parlour and massage establishment 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 <p>The maximum amount of subsidy for a parent company that operates beauty parlour or massage establishment chain stores under the same business registration is \$3 million.</p>

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		<p><u>Eligibility criteria for beauty parlours and massage establishments</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant provides one or more of the following services for non-medical purposes as its main business at its business premises: <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) Professional hair loss improvement; (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>Clinics/ medical centres managed/ operated by medical practitioners/ medical personnel and premises providing consultation or medical services are NOT eligible for the subsidy under the Scheme.</p> 2. The applicant operates its business independently in a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong. 3. The premises and services of the applicant should have been in operation before 10 December 2020. 4. The premises of the applicant has suspended operations pursuant to the Government order from 10 December 2020 to 17 February 2021 (An applicant whose premises has only suspended part of its operations/ services during the aforesaid period or whose premises has violated the closure order will be considered ineligible under the Scheme). 5. Business(es) of the applicant is/ are not conducted in a residential unit of a public rental housing estate/ a Home Ownership Scheme/ any other subsidised housing scheme, or any other premises where commercial activities are not allowed. 6. The premises of the applicant does NOT form part of, and/or is not attached to, a premises operating business(es) of a different nature (e.g. catering establishments, hotels, guesthouses, clubhouses). 7. The premises of the applicant is not covered by other premises-based subsidy schemes under the AEF (e.g. catering outlets, fitness centres, club-houses, sports premises, places of

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		<p>public entertainment, amusement game centres, places of amusement or commercial bathhouses).</p> <p>8. The applicant should be able to demonstrate that it is in business at site inspection by the Secretariat of the Scheme and/ or its authorised agent(s) during application vetting.</p> <hr/> <p>Each eligible party room/pleasure vessel will receive a one-off subsidy of \$40,000.</p> <p><u>Eligibility criteria for party rooms</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant should be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Conducting a main business of commercial renting of physical indoor premises on a short-term basis, for exclusive use by a designated group of customers during a specified period of time for private events/gatherings of a leisure or recreational nature (which shall exclude those solely or mainly for gatherings for classes/ trainings/ music or dance practices, activities or performances/ religious activities/ consumption of food and beverages); (b) Prior booking for use of the premises is necessary and no walk-in customer is to be entertained for use of the premises; and (c) The business should have an online presence for marketing and/ or reservation. Reservation can be made by members of the public through online common reservation platforms, social media accounts or through contact by email, instant messaging (such as WhatsApp or WeChat) or telephone. 2. The applicant operates its business independently in a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong. 3. The premises and services of the applicant should have been in operation before 22 November 2020. 4. The premises of the applicant has suspended operations pursuant to the Government order from 22 November 2020 to 28 April 2021 (An applicant whose premises has violated the closure order will be considered ineligible under the Scheme). 5. Business(es) of the applicant is/ are not conducted in a residential unit of a public rental housing estate/ a Home Ownership Scheme/ any other subsidised housing scheme, or any

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3.	One-off relief grant to providers of catering services for schools as well as post-secondary education institutions, interest classes and school bus services for schools	<p><u>Catering Outlets</u> Each catering outlet (namely, tuck shops, canteens or restaurants) at primary schools, secondary schools, University Grants Committee-funded universities, the Vocational Training Council, and self-financing post-secondary education institutions is eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$80,000, provided that the outlet has not applied for a relief grant under any other scheme under this round of AEF.</p>

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		<p><u>Lunch Box Suppliers</u> All lunch box suppliers for primary and secondary schools holding a food factory licence are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$10,000 for each serving school.</p> <p><u>School Bus Service Providers</u> Eligible school bus drivers/ school private light bus drivers/ nannies must currently provide transport/ escort 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), and provide student transport/ pick up service for a school bus operator in the 2020/21 school year 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>Eligible school bus service providers will be provided with a one-off relief grant, i.e. a subsidy of \$10,000 for each eligible driver; \$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). Regarding cross-boundary school coach (CBSC) services, a subsidy of \$20,000 per CBSC will be provided for eligible nannies, and the maximum amount of subsidy for each nanny is \$10,000.</p> <p>Applicants cannot concurrently apply for subsidy from any other scheme under the current round of AEF.</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 a formal curriculum for the learning/ interest class(es) of an ongoing nature that is/are affected by suspension face-to-face classes or half-day schooling and cessation of on-campus activities (including tutors of learning classes under the School-based After-school Learning and Support Programmes) and is in the sector at the time of application will be provided with a one-off relief grant of \$7,500.</p>

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		<p>Applicants cannot concurrently apply for subsidy from any other scheme under the current round of AEF.</p> <p>All operators and service providers mentioned above must have been engaged by schools/ post-secondary education institutions during periods of suspension of face-to face classes / half-day schooling and cessation of on-campus activities and are in the respective trades at the time of the application.</p>
4.	Support for Child Care Centres	<p>All CCCs, including aided and non-aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs registered with Social Welfare Department (SWD) or Education Bureau (EDB) were eligible for the special monthly grant for 4 months (January to April 2021). The grant of this round will be set at the same amount provided to each CCC under the first round, i.e. at a full-day rate at \$4,000 and a half-day rate at \$2,000 for each enrolled child per month or the approved monthly fee, whichever is less. CCCs which have not applied for the CCC special grant before, or have only commenced operation after September 2020, may also apply in this round, with the amount of granted calculated based on the size of enrolment as at 2 November 2020.</p>
5.	Fitness Centre and Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme	<p><u>Fitness Centres</u> Fitness centres meeting the following requirements will be granted a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 (b) have commenced business before 10 December 2020 and have closed pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F).

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		<p>Fitness centres which are ineligible for the scheme include those:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) located in residential clubhouses or private clubs, (b) operated by holders of private recreational leases, or (c) that have received grant from other subsidy schemes under this round of AEF. <p><u>Sports Premises</u> Operators of sports premises providing indoor or outdoor sporting activities (whether on land or not) which have suspended operation with the introduction of requirements and restrictions imposed by the directions issued under Cap. 599F with effect from 10 December 2020 is eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$100,000.</p>				
6.	One-off grant to kindergartens and private schools	<p>A one-off grant is provided to all kindergartens (KGs) and private primary and secondary day schools with the rate as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="904 826 2029 1382"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="904 826 1720 882">Categories of KGs/schools</th> <th data-bbox="1720 826 2029 882">Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="904 882 1720 1382"> <p>(i) KGs</p> <p>Long whole day¹⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 or less students • More than 33 students <p>KGs joining the kindergarten education scheme (Scheme-KGs) with whole day session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 or less students • More than 33 students <p>Scheme-KGs (half day) only</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1720 882 2029 1382"> <p>\$120,000</p> <p>\$160,000</p> <p>\$100,000</p> <p>\$140,000</p> <p>\$60,000</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Categories of KGs/schools	Rate	<p>(i) KGs</p> <p>Long whole day¹⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 or less students • More than 33 students <p>KGs joining the kindergarten education scheme (Scheme-KGs) with whole day session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 or less students • More than 33 students <p>Scheme-KGs (half day) only</p>	<p>\$120,000</p> <p>\$160,000</p> <p>\$100,000</p> <p>\$140,000</p> <p>\$60,000</p>
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		Non-Scheme KGs	\$80,000
		(ii) Private primary and secondary day schools¹⁵	\$80,000
7.	One-off grant to private schools offering non-formal curriculum	All private schools offering non-formal curriculum (PSNFCs) and designated centres under Financial Assistance Scheme for Designated Evening Adult Education Courses (FAEAEC) registered under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) that are in operation on 30 December 2020 are eligible for a one-off relief grant of \$40,000.	
8.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme	<p>Existing holders of Certificates of Compliance (CoC) issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376) with validity falling within the period since 26 November 2020, when the relevant directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) are in effect is eligible for a subsidy of \$100,000.</p> <p>An additional subsidy of \$50,000 will be provided to holders of CoC who also operate karaoke establishments, nightclubs or bars/pubs in their club-house premises.</p>	
9.	One-off grant to registered sports coaches	Sports coaches registered under National Sports Associations or recognized sports organizations who had provided coaching services since 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2020 can receive a one-off grant of \$7,500.	
10.	Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Subvented Non-governmental Welfare Organisations	Interest class instructors who are beneficiaries of the similar schemes of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under the second-and/or third-round AEF (i.e. the measure of item 12 listed in Table II and item 16 listed in Table III above respectively), have lost further income as a result of the continued suspension of service under the persistent epidemic situation, and engaged or	

¹⁵ Including international schools, Private Independent Schools and other private primary and secondary day schools offering formal curriculum.

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		<p>planned to be engaged by any SWD-subvented welfare service units during the period from January to April 2021 with service having been/likely to be suspended during the period and hence leading to income loss 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 3 and 9 above in this table.</p>
11.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme – Subsidy to individual arts practitioners and freelancers	To provide a one-off subsidy of \$7,500 to individual arts practitioners and freelancers who benefitted from the “Support Scheme for Arts and Cultural Sector” implemented by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council under the first-round AEF and practitioners in the Cantonese opera sector who benefitted from the “Cantonese Opera Sector Support Scheme” implemented by the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong also under the first-round AEF.
12.	Ex-gratia payment to part-time instructors/staff/personnel affected by cancellation of sports & recreation and culture programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)	<p>To tie in with the Government’s implementation of the social distancing measures, most of leisure and cultural venues have been ordered to close down and all the programmes organised or subvented by LCSD have to be cancelled. With the cancellation of the planned programmes, part-time instructors/staff/personnel who have already been engaged by LCSD or National Sports Associations (NSAs) were seriously affected, the Government considered that there is a need to provide ex-gratia payment equivalent to the full salary of the concerned personnel for services that would be delivered for the cancelled sports & recreation and culture programmes to be held or commenced from 28 November 2020 to 31 January 2021 so as to relieve their difficulty under the pandemic. The following staff are entitled to receive the ex-gratia payment</p> <p>-</p> <p>(a) Part-time instructors/coaches/sports related personnel who are engaged by LCSD, or NSAs under the Sports Subvention Scheme, to conduct programmes from 28 November 2020 to 31 January 2021 that are cancelled due to the closure of sports venues;</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) Speakers and storytellers who are engaged by LCSD libraries to conduct programmes from 2 December 2020 to 31 January 2021 that are cancelled due to the closure of public libraries; and (c) Part-time ushers and part-time ticketing assistants engaged by LCSD to provide services to programmes from 2 December 2020 to 31 January 2021 that are cancelled due to the closure of performance venues.
13.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	<p>Places of public entertainment have been ordered to close for a period from early December 2020 to mid-February 2021 as 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) (who is holding the same or such renewed licence at the time of subsidy application) 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 30 November 2020 are eligible under this scheme. A one-off subsidy of \$100,000 and \$20,000 respectively will be provided to each of the eligible PPEL and TPPEL holders.</p>
14.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme	<p>Amusement game centres (“AGCs”) under the definition stipulated in the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435) have been ordered to close for a period from early December 2020 to mid-February 2021 as 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 are eligible for the scheme to receive a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be either one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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;

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		<p>(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;</p> <p>(b) the application for such AGC licence was made on or before the publication of the relevant direction on 30 November 2020, or the application for such e-sports exemption or ICSC registration was made before the announcement of the fourth-round AEF on 17 December 2020; and</p> <p>(c) the AGC/ e-sports venue/ ICSC concerned is still in operation and the subject AGC licence (or such renewed licence)/ exemption from Cap. 435/ e-sports exemption application/ ICSC registration of an eligible operator should remain valid at the time of submitting an application under this subsidy scheme.</p>
15.	Cinemas Subsidy Scheme	<p>A one-off subsidy of \$100,000 per screen will be provided to each existing cinema holding 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 November 2020. The maximum amount of subsidy is capped at \$3 million per circuit.</p>
16.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme	<p>Operators of sports and recreational 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 with the introduction of requirements and restrictions imposed by the directions issued under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) with effect from 10 December 2020 will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 to each affected site.</p>
17.	Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme	<p>Mahjong/Tin Kau parlours have been ordered to close for a period from early December 2020 to mid-February 2021 as 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 (who</p>

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		is holding the same or such renewed licence at the time of subsidy application) 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 30 November 2020 are eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$100,000.
18.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme	<p>Places of Amusement Licence Holders (viz. billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks) fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Holders of a valid Places of Amusement Licence issued by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under the Places of Amusement Regulation (Cap. 132BA); (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 (c) the applicant holds the related valid licence in (a) above and the place of amusement is still in operation on the date of approval of the application.
19.	Further subsidy to commercial bathhouses	<p>Licence holder of a commercial bathhouse fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the applicant holds a valid Commercial Bathhouse Licence issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on 26 November 2020 and on the date of approval of the application; (b) the commercial bathhouse business is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; (c) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of licence in respect of the licensed Commercial Bathhouse is under processing between the date of submission of the application and the date of approval of the application; (d) the licensed premises have been closed for the entire period as specified in the direction issued under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions)

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		<p>(Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) by which a bathhouse was ordered to be closed; and</p> <p>(e) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/ proceedings/ order at the time of the application and thereafter up to the grant of subsidy.</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid Commercial Bathhouse Licence on 26 November 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) an application for transfer of a licence was made on or before 26 November 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 26 November 2020;</p> <p>(b) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this Subsidy Scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence; and</p> <p>(c) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(d) and (1)(e) above.</p>

Table V. Measures approved by the AEF Steering Committee

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1.	Application of Anti-virus Coating for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities	The Social Welfare Department (SWD) issued letters on 4 May 2020 to invite all 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. In view of the latest development of COVID-19, SWD issued invitation letters again on 24 July 2020 to invite new RCHEs / RCHDs licensed during the period from 1 May to 23 July 2020 and eligible homes which did not file any application during the first round to apply for the subsidy. 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. The application was closed on 3 August 2020.
2.	Enhancing Support for Testing Service on COVID-19	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. Up to 2 400 additional tests are carried out per day in the public sector.
3.	Training Subsidies for Employers of Engineering Graduates	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.
4.	Anti-epidemic Subsidy Scheme for the Laundry Trade	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

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		<p>operation on or before 12 May 2020, and still in operation on the date of submitting 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.	Subsidy Scheme for Employment Agencies	<p>Under the Scheme, a one-off lump sum subsidy is granted to EAs with a valid licence issued by the Labour Department (“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 employment agency (“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.	100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme	<p>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</p>

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		also be topped up in a similar manner. The Scheme runs from 8 June 2020 to 31 December 2021.
7.	Subsidy to vehicle maintenance workshop	<p>Eligible vehicle maintenance workshops (“VMWs”) can submit applications for the one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$50,000 regardless of their registration status under the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (“EMSD”).</p> <p>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 the first-round AEF will not be subsidised under the current subsidy scheme.</p>
8.	One-off Subsidy Scheme for the Dishware Washing Trade	<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 organisations exempted from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112); (b) commercial automated dishwashing machine(s) has/have been installed on the dishware washing premises on or before 31 March 2020; (c) carry on a dishware washing business and provide dishware washing services to at least two food business customers; (d) provide at least one water bill issued by the Water Supplies Department in the second half of 2019; (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

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		(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.
9.	Special Subsidy to Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange (CGSE) members and practitioners registered with CGSE	CGSE members with a valid trading licence as at 1 July 2020 and still have trading status as a CGSE member at the time of application will receive a subsidy of \$20,000 per member. Both active and qualification retained Executive Managers, Dealers and Account Executives who are registered with CGSE as at 1 July 2020 will receive a cash subsidy of \$1,200 per person.
10.	Further subsidy to cooked food tenants operating in public housing developments with hawker licences	A one-off subsidy of \$45,000 will be provided to cooked food stall tenants operating in public housing developments. To be eligible for the subsidy, a person has to meet the following criteria: (a) operating on 31 March 2020 and at the time of approval of the application a catering business at a cooked food stall in a public housing development; and (b) holding on 31 March 2020 and at the time of approval of the application a valid Fixed-Pitch (Cooked Food / Light Refreshment) Hawker Licence issued by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene.
11.	Installation of Gas Water Heaters at non-Quarantine units of Chun Yeung Estate	Installation of gas water heaters to the 1,625 non-quarantine unit flats in Chun Yeung Estate as a one-off special arrangement.
12.	Procurement of Private COVID-19 Testing Services	The Government’s current virus testing strategy is to continue and expand compulsory testing on a mandatory basis, targeted testing on an obligatory basis and testing on a voluntary basis so as to achieve the objective of “early identification, early isolation and early treatment”. As such, specified persons of high risk are required to undergo compulsory testing on a mandatory basis, targeted groups are arranged to undergo testing on an obligatory basis, and the Government also encourages members of the public to undergo voluntary testing to achieve voluntary testing on a large scale.

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		<p>Regarding compulsory testing on a mandatory basis, the Government has implemented the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) since 15 November 2020 to effectuate compulsory testing on a mandatory basis.</p> <p>For targeted testing on an obligatory basis, the Government also arranges testing for targeted groups based on risk assessment. Testing is currently arranged on a continuous basis for targeted groups including staff and personnel working in markets, licensed hawkers and staff of cold stores.</p> <p>Staff of high-risk and high-exposure groups had been required to undergo more frequent regular virus testing as a way to counter the latest development of the COVID-19 epidemic and mutant strains, and also as a more stringent anti-epidemic measure to complement the proactive “zero infection” strategy.</p> <p>The testing frequency for airport staff of targeted groups had been scaled up from every seven days previously to every three days since 20 October 2021. Other relevant enhanced testing arrangement was expected to be implemented progressively within the coming month for groups such as the working staff of designated quarantine hotels, quarantine facilities and relevant designated transport, staff of cold stores, staff of designated container terminal and shipping services, and working staff of community testing centres.</p> <p>On voluntary testing, the Government continues to provide convenient testing service to individuals who perceive themselves as having a higher risk of exposure or experience mild discomfort through various channels, including free testing for the public through 188 specimen collection packs distribution points (namely designated general outpatient clinics of the Hospital Authority, 121 post offices, and vending machines at 20 MTR stations) and 75 collection points. The above three channels have distributed around 10 000 specimen collection packs per day in October 2021, while the 19 Community Testing Centres now have a total daily capacity of around 38 000 tests.</p>

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13.	Funding for Provision of about 2 000 Quarantine Units at Penny's Bay	Construction of 2 000 units (under Phase 3A, 3B and 4) was completed in November/December 2020 at Penny's Bay to ensure that adequate quarantine capacity is available to sustain our public health regime.
14.	Relocation and expansion of test and hold facilities of Department of Health	To strengthen the prevention of importation of COVID-19 and ramp up the capacity of the "test and hold" facilities for inbound travellers arriving in Hong Kong by air, the Temporary Specimen Collection Centre (TSCC) has been relocated from AsiaWorld Expo to the Midfield Concourse of the Hong Kong International Airport. Before the introduction of rapid Polymerase Chain Reaction test at TSCC in December 2020, a holding hotel with higher capacity had been engaged as Holding Centre for Test Result for holding arriving travellers who need to wait overnight for their COVID-19 test result.
15.	Universal Community Testing Programme	To provide all Hong Kong residents without symptoms a one-off COVID-19 test for free from 1 to 14 September 2020 to identify as early as possible asymptomatic COVID-19 patients in the community and achieve the target of early identification, early isolation and early treatment to cut the community transmission chain.
16.	Pyrotechnics and Special Effects Operators Subsidy Scheme	To provide a one-off subsidy of \$7,500 to each eligible special effects operator (SEO) and assistant (SEA) holding at least one valid licence within 2020 (between January 1 and September 30) issued under the Entertainment Special Effects Ordinance (Cap. 560) and its subsidiary legislation, and who have not benefited from the Employment Support Scheme or any other sector-specific subsidy schemes under the AEF. Same practitioners holding different types of SEO/SEA licences should only be eligible to receive a maximum subsidy amount of \$7,500.

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17.	Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme	<p><u>Financial relief to licensed travel agents and their staff</u> Each eligible licensed travel agent will be provided with a one-off cash subsidy based on the number of staff members¹⁶ they have on 31 October 2020. The subsidy level for travel agents with 10 staff members or less will be at a flat rate of \$100,000 each; the subsidy level for travel agents with 11 staff members or more will be directly proportional to the number of staff members they have, using a subsidy level of \$10,000 per staff member as the basis of calculation. Each eligible travel agents' staff will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$15,000.</p> <p>Eligible travel agents are those holding on 14 February 2020 and continues to hold until the date on which the subsidy is disbursed, a valid travel agent licence issued under the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218). Eligible travel agents' staff are those employed by an eligible travel agent on 31 March 2020.</p> <p><u>Financial relief to freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts</u> Each eligible freelance tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are tourist guides or tour escorts will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$15,000.</p> <p>Eligible freelance tourist guides and tour escorts are those freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts and have received subsidy from the Tourism Industry Support Scheme under the third-round AEF.</p> <p><u>Financial relief to tour service coach drivers</u> Each eligible tour service coach driver will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$6,700.</p>

¹⁶ For travel agents which have successfully applied for subsidy under the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme under the second-round AEF or the Tourism Industry Support Scheme under the third-round AEF, the headcount to be used for calculating the cash subsidy under the Scheme cannot exceed that already approved under second-/third-round AEF. For travel agents which have not applied for subsidy under the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme under the second-round AEF or the Tourism Industry Support Scheme under the third-round AEF, the headcount to be used for calculating the cash subsidy under the Scheme cannot exceed the number of staff members on 31 March 2020 vetted by the approving authority.

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		<p>Eligible tour service coach drivers are those tour service coach drivers (mainly serving tourists) who have received subsidy from the Tourism Industry Support Scheme under the third-round AEF.</p>
18.	Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme	<p>The Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme, which has been fully implemented on 22 December 2020, mandates that all returnees who have stayed in places outside Mainland China and Macau to undergo the compulsory quarantine at designated quarantine hotels, with a view to further reducing their contact with the local community.</p> <p>The Government will guarantee a 50% occupancy for designated quarantine hotels and will provide a subsidy if it falls short. The hotels need to put in place stringent measures to restrict members of the public from accessing to the hotel premises other than areas that have been properly segregated, and disallow visitation to quarantine guests etc., with a view to minimising the risk of infection in the community.</p> <p>Since the implementation of the Scheme, the Government has been deploying dedicated staff to inspect the designated quarantine hotels to ensure the Government's requirements are complied with.</p>
19.	Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme	<p>The Scheme provides 2 000 places, of which about 700 are innovation and technology posts, for graduates who have obtained their bachelor's degrees or above in 2019 to 2021. Participating enterprises are required to employ the graduates in Hong Kong at a monthly salary of not less than HK\$18,000 and station them in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area to work there.</p> <p>To encourage enterprises to join the Scheme and compensate them for the additional expenses on employing and training the graduates, participating enterprises will be reimbursed a monthly allowance of HK\$10,000 by the Government for each qualified graduate employed for a maximum period of 18 months.</p>

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20.	Financial Assistance to the Printing and Publishing Sector	To provide a one-off financial assistance of \$15,000 to each eligible local exhibitor which have registered to participate in the July and/or December editions of the Book Fair 2020 to help them explore the diversification of sales channels in addition to the Book Fair.
21.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme	<p>Existing holders of Certificates of Compliance (CoC) issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376) with validity falling within the period since 26 November 2020, when the relevant directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) are in effect is eligible for a subsidy of \$100,000.</p> <p>An additional subsidy of \$50,000 will be provided to holders of CoC who also operate karaoke establishments, nightclubs or bars/pubs in their club-house premise</p>
22.	Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme	Mahjong/Tin Kau parlours have been ordered to close for a prolonged period as 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 (who is holding the same or such renewed licence at the time of subsidy application) that is valid for any period within the closure period from 18 February 2021 (i.e. the date of reopening of other scheduled premises) to 28 April 2021, and whose application for the licence is submitted on or before the publication of the first direction for closure of Mahjong/Tin Kau parlours on 30 November 2020 are eligible for a one-off subsidy of \$100,000.
23.	Further Subsidy for Party Rooms and Pleasure Vessels	The further subsidy is intended for party rooms and local vessels let for hire or reward (pleasure vessels) holding a valid Certificate of Survey or Certificate of Inspection and a valid operating licence on 29 April 2021 that have been granted a subsidy under the Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms under the fourth-round AEF, and have continuously suspended operations from 22 November 2020 to 28 April 2021 pursuant to the closure order under Cap. 599F. Each eligible premises or vessel will be given a one-off subsidy of \$40,000. Applicants with change in business details (e.g. premises that have been

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		relocated or changed hands and new businesses established after 22 November 2020) are ineligible for the further subsidy.
24.	Further Subsidy to Commercial Bathhouses	<p>Further financial relief will be provided to commercial bathhouses closed from 26 November 2020 to 28 April 2021. Licence holder of a commercial bathhouse fulfilling the following criteria will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the applicant holds a valid Commercial Bathhouse Licence issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on 26 November 2020 and on the date of approval of the application; (b) the commercial bathhouse business is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; (c) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of licence in respect of the commercial bathhouse is under processing between the date of submission of the application and the date of approval of the application; (d) the commercial bathhouse has closed for the entire period as specified in the direction issued under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F); and (e) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and thereafter up to the grant of subsidy. 2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid Commercial Bathhouse Licence on 26 November 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an application for transfer of a licence was made on or before 26 November 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 26 November 2020; (b) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this Subsidy Scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence; and (c) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items 1(b), 1(c), 1(d) and 1(e) above.

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25.	Catering Business Subsidy Scheme (applicable to liquor licensed premises (with Bar Endorsement), karaoke establishments and nightclubs with restaurant licence)	<p>A one-off single subsidy will be provided to eligible licence/permit holders of the premises in operation including Liquor Licensed Premises (with Bar Endorsement), Karaoke Establishments (KE), Nightclubs with Restaurant Licence according to the approved floor area of the licensed/permitted premises, as set out in the table below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="931 459 2004 711"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="931 459 1469 499">Licensed area of the Premises¹⁷</th> <th data-bbox="1469 459 2004 499">Level of subsidy</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 499 1469 544">Not exceeding 100m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 499 2004 544">\$100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 544 1469 588">>100m² - 200m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 544 2004 588">\$200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 588 1469 633">>200m² - 400m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 588 2004 633">\$300,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 633 1469 678">>400m² - 700m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 633 2004 678">\$400,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="931 678 1469 711">>700m²</td> <td data-bbox="1469 678 2004 711">\$500,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Applicant shall be either one of the licensees or permittees who is nominated by the other licensees or permittees of Liquor Licensed Premises (with Bar Endorsement), KE, Nightclub with Restaurant Licence of the same premises as the payee of this further one-off single subsidy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for liquor licensed premises with bar endorsement: the applicant holds a valid liquor licence (with bar endorsement) issued by the Liquor Licensing Board and the connected restaurant licence (general restaurant/light refreshment restaurant/marine restaurant) issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on or before 26 November 2020; or (ii) for KE : the applicant holds a valid KE permit and the connected restaurant licence (general restaurant/light refreshment restaurant/marine restaurant) issued by the FEHD on or before 2 December 2020; or (iii) for nightclub: the applicants holds a valid restaurant licence issued by the FEHD 	Licensed area of the Premises ¹⁷	Level of subsidy	Not exceeding 100m ²	\$100,000	>100m ² - 200m ²	\$200,000	>200m ² - 400m ²	\$300,000	>400m ² - 700m ²	\$400,000	>700m ²	\$500,000
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¹⁷ The same premises where the bars/pubs, nightclubs and/or KEs operate concurrently

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		<p>on or before 26 November 2020; AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) the whole premises have been closed for the entire period specified in the directions issued under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F); AND (c) for an application involving more than one licence/permit in the premise, the applicant is nominated by all licence/permit holders to apply for and receive the subsidy; AND (d) the related licence/permit (Liquor Licensed Premises (with Bar Endorsement), KE, Nightclub with Restaurant Licence including general restaurant/light refreshment restaurant/marine restaurant) is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; AND (e) no application for transfer, voluntary surrender or cancellation of licence/permit, as the case may be, in respect of the licensed premise is under processing in the period from the date of submission to the date of approval of the application; AND (f) on the date of approval of the application, the applicant is still holding a valid licence/permit (Liquor Licensed Premises (with Bar Endorsement), KE, Nightclub with Restaurant Licence including general restaurant/light refreshment restaurant/marine restaurant), as the case may be; AND (g) the applicant is not subject to any bankruptcy or winding up procedure/proceedings/order at the time of the application and thereafter up to the grant of subsidy. <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid restaurant licence/liquor licence (with bar endorsement) on 26 November 2020, or a valid KE permit on 2 December 2020, may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) In case of transfer of licence/permit – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The application for transfer was made on or before 25 November 2020 or 1 December 2020, as the case may be; AND (ii) The application was approved after 25 November 2020 or 1 December 2020, as the case may be, and the applicant is the approved transferee; AND (iii) no subsidy has been granted by the FEHD under the Subsidy Scheme to the

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		<p>original licence/permit holder in respect of the licence/permit transferred; AND</p> <p>(iv) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f) and 1(g) above.</p> <p>(b) in the case of a provisional licence/permit 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/permit before close of application for the subsidy (i.e. 27 May 2021); AND</p> <p>(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f) and 1(g) above.</p> <p>An applicant may submit only one application form in respect of the same licensed premises, rather than multiple subsidies in respect of the bar/pubs, nightclubs and/or KE business operated on the same premises.</p>
26.	Territory-wide Sewage Surveillance for COVID-19	<p>The Government has allocated \$149 million from the AEF to the Environmental Protection Department and Drainage Services Department for implementing the Territory-wide Sewage Surveillance for COVID-19 Virus Programme for a period of 12 months (from April 2021 to March 2022). The main purpose of the Programme is to provide early warning on outbreak of COVID-19; monitor the epidemic situations in districts with confirmed cases and their surrounding buildings, and tracking the epidemic development in the community. Approximately 5.3 million population is being covered by the sewage sample obtained to carry out COVID-19 testing every week.</p>
27.	Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme (Special Further Subsidies) and Additional Support for the Cross-	<p><u>Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme (Special Further Subsidies)</u></p> <p><i>Financial relief to licensed travel agents and their staff</i></p>

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	boundary Passenger Trade	<p>Each eligible licensed travel agent will be provided with a one-off cash subsidy based on the number of staff members¹⁸ they have on 31 October 2020. The subsidy level for travel agents with 10 staff members or less will be at a flat rate of \$50,000 each; the subsidy level for travel agents with 11 staff members or more will be directly proportional to the number of staff members they have, using a subsidy level of \$5,000 per staff member as the basis of calculation. Each eligible travel agents' staff will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$7,500.</p> <p>Eligible travel agents are those holding on 14 February 2020 and continues to hold until the date on which the subsidy is disbursed, a valid travel agent licence issued under the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218). Eligible travel agents' staff are those employed by an eligible travel agent on 31 March 2020.</p> <p><i>Financial relief to freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts</i> Each eligible freelance tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are tourist guides or tour escorts will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$7,500.</p> <p>Eligible freelance tourist guides and tour escorts are those who are accredited and whose main occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts and have received subsidy in the last round of the Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme.</p> <p><i>Financial relief to tour service coach drivers</i> Each eligible tour service coach driver will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$3,350.</p> <p>Eligible tour service coach drivers are those tour service coach drivers (mainly serving tourists) who have received subsidy in the last round of the Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme.</p>

¹⁸ Travel agents which have successfully applied for and received subsidy in the last round of the Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme (the Scheme) need not submit application. The headcount to be used for calculating the special further subsidy will be the number approved in the last round of the Scheme. For travel agents which have not received subsidy in the last round of the Scheme, the headcount to be used for calculating the special further subsidy have to be vetted by the approving authority, and in any case not more than the number of staff members on 31 March 2020.

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		<p data-bbox="815 268 1715 300"><u>Additional Support for the Cross-boundary Passenger Trade</u></p> <p data-bbox="815 347 2123 379"><i>One-off non-accountable subsidy for cross-boundary coaches and cross-boundary hire cars</i></p> <p data-bbox="815 387 2123 499">To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 for each licensed cross-boundary coach¹⁹ (including port shuttle bus) ("CBC") and cross-boundary hire car²⁰ ("CBHC"). Eligibility criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="875 507 2123 579">(i) the registered owners who hold a valid vehicle licence of CBCs or CBHCs as at 5 August 2021; <li data-bbox="875 587 2123 738">(ii) the registered owners who did not hold a valid vehicle licence of CBCs, or a valid hire car permit for CBHCs as at 5 August 2021 are also eligible provided that the vehicle licence / hire car permit has successfully been renewed (by the same registered owners) on or before 4 August 2022; or <li data-bbox="875 746 2123 1058">(iii) the owners who did not hold a valid vehicle licence of CBCs as at 5 August 2021, but had obtained the approval-in-principle letter issued by the Transport Department on or before 5 August 2021 to replace a scrapped CBC with a non-franchised bus ("NFB"), are also eligible provided that the same owner has successfully obtained the valid vehicle licence and the "International Passenger Service (Cross Boundary Service)" endorsement issued by the Transport Department for the replacement NFB on or before 4 August 2022; and that the replacement CBC had not received the one-off subsidy to the cross-boundary passenger transport trade under the Anti-epidemic Fund. <p data-bbox="815 1106 1827 1137"><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy for cross-boundary ferries ("CBF")</u></p> <p data-bbox="815 1145 2018 1177">To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$500,000 to each eligible CBF vessel.</p> <p data-bbox="815 1225 2123 1337">CBF vessel which was provided with subsidy under the third round of Anti-epidemic Fund 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</p>

¹⁹ Only for the registered owner of the non-franchised public bus holding "International Passenger Service (Cross Boundary Service)" Endorsement issued by the Transport Department.

²⁰ Only for the registered owner of the private car holding "Private Service (Limousine) (Cross Boundary Service)" hire car permit issued by the Transport Department.

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		February 2020 and still held a valid Certificate of Registry/Certificate of Ship's Nationality as at 5 August 2021 would be eligible.
28.	Designated Quarantine Facilities (DQFs) for Foreign Domestic Helpers (FDHs)	Starting from 1 November 2021, Rambler Garden Hotel will be opened as a DQF, providing a total of 500 rooms for quarantine of FDHs coming to work in Hong Kong,

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Progress of Implementation
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Table 1. Progress of ongoing measures under the first-round Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)

Item	Measure	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation progress
1.	Support local mask production Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Implementation: Hong Kong Productivity Council	860	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	All the quota of 20 production lines under the Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme have been allocated. The one-year procurement period has ended in end-June 2021. Disbursement of capital subsidy and payment for masks are in progress. As of 29 October 2021, capital subsidy of around \$22 million has been disbursed to the grantees, and around 469 million masks have been delivered to the Government ¹ .
2.	Global procurement of personal protective equipment Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau Implementation: Government Logistics	1,000	All	Procurement of personal protective equipment is in progress. As at 29 October 2021, around \$932 million has been paid.

¹ The estimated average price of a mask procured by the Government under the Scheme is \$1.33. This figure is subject to change, depending on the supporting documents and calculations provided by the production lines.

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3.	<p>Subsidy for the transport sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Transport Department (TD) and Marine Department</p>	2,768.66	<p>59 000 taxi drivers, 2 000 red minibus drivers, 165 green minibus operators; 13 000 cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers; franchised bus companies, local ferries and tram operators; registered owners of about 7 400 non-franchised public buses, 2 200 school private light buses, 1 300 hire cars, 120 000 goods vehicles and 8 800 local commercial vessels; operators/owners of 84 cross-boundary ferries; 850 pleasure vessels let for hire or reward</p>	<p>Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As of 29 October 2021, around \$2.54 billion has been paid to the transport trades.</p> <p><u>Fuel subsidy to reimburse one-third of actual fuel/electricity cost for franchised bus companies, ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited, and a subsidy of \$1 discount per litre of LPG or one-third of fuel cost for diesel and petrol for public light buses and taxis</u></p> <p>The disbursement of the fuel/electricity subsidy to the five franchised bus companies, 14 local ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited has completed. A total of \$392.2 million was disbursed.</p> <p>The fuel subsidy to public light buses and taxis was provided for a period of 12 months from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. As of 29 October 2021, around \$429.6 million has been reimbursed.</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 to registered owners of each non-franchised public bus, and \$10,000 to registered owners of each school private light buses, hire cars and goods vehicles</u></p> <p>Around \$1.33 billion of one-off non-accountable subsidy has been disbursed to the registered</p>

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				<p>owners of 7 072 non-franchised public buses, 2 184 school private light buses, 1 240 hire cars and 115 342 goods vehicles. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>Subsidy for nucleic acid tests</u> For the subsidy to cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers for conducting mandatory nucleic acid tests, \$188.7 million has been disbursed. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial mechanised vessels and one-off survey fee subsidy for local commercial vessels</u> A total of \$75.35 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy have been paid to owners of 7 535 vessels and around \$15.5 million of one-off survey fee subsidy have been paid to owners of 5 824 vessels. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial non-mechanised vessels for cargo operation or marine construction works</u> A total of \$7.33 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy have been paid to owners of 733 vessels. This part of the measure has completed.</p>

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				<p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million for each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel</u> A total of \$84 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy have been paid to all eligible operators/owners of 84 cross-boundary ferries. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 for pleasure vessels let for hire or reward</u> A total of \$14.38 million have been paid to owners of 719 vessels. This part of the measure has completed.</p>
4.	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	1,020 ²	Convention/exhibition organisers and participants	The part of the scheme regarding exhibitions and international conventions held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and Asia World-Expo commenced on 3 October 2020, while that regarding exhibitions and major conventions organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council commenced on 30 November 2020. Both parts of the Scheme will last until 31 December 2022. As at 29 October 2021, subsidies of about \$178.05 million have been approved, involving 78 exhibitions.

² The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau allocated \$50 million in January 2020 to subsidise local small and medium enterprises to participate in exhibitions held by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. The subsidy was later subsumed under the Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme. Hence, the total expenditure of the Scheme amounts to \$1,070 million.

Table 2. Progress of ongoing measures under the second-round Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)

Item	Measure	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation Progress
1.	<p>Employment Support Scheme (ESS)</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Chief Executive's Office supported by Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Policy Innovation and Coordination Office</p>	91,351.3	<p>All employers who have been making MPF contributions for their employees or have set up MPF-exempted Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (ORSO) schemes, as well as all 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 are eligible for applying for ESS (except those otherwise excluded)</p>	<p>Under the first tranche of ESS, we received 168 799 applications from employers and 259 860 applications from self-employed persons (SEPs). We approved about 151 800 applications from employers, involving a total wage subsidy of \$45.2 billion and benefitting about 1.95 million employees. For SEPs, we approved the \$7,500 one-off subsidy to some 111 700 eligible applicants, involving about \$840 million of subsidy.</p> <p>For the second tranche, we received a total of 188 062 applications, including 161 676 applications from employers and 26 386 applications from SEPs. Among the employers' applications received, 147 419 employer applicants (about 91%) had successfully applied for the first tranche. Wage subsidies were approved for about 152 100 employers under the second tranche (with subsidies totaling \$45 billion and a total committed headcount of paid employees of about 1.95 million). Some 10 800 SEPs also received approval for their \$7,500 one-off subsidy, involving a total subsidy of \$80 million.</p> <p>Some employers did not fully comply with the obligations under the Terms and Conditions of ESS. As at 29 October 2021, demand notes have</p>

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				<p>been issued to about 26 000 such employers for the claw back of subsidy and penalty. Over \$959 million has been recovered so far, representing about 89% of the total sum of the demand notes issued.</p>
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>	13,200	More than 60 000 time-limited job will be created	<p>Under the Job Creation Scheme, in addition to bearing the salary of the jobs created in various government bureaux and departments, the Government subsidises part of the cost of the jobs created in the non-government sector. Some of the jobs are created specifically for recent graduates, for example the two rounds of subsidy scheme launched by the Development Bureau to subsidise employers to employ fresh graduates in 2020 and 2021 from the fields of engineering, architecture, surveying, town planning and landscape architecture. These jobs include specifically the training elements which are conducive to the long-term career development of young people and provide them with the opportunity to acquire the relevant working experience from the time-limited jobs with a view to attaining the professional qualifications in the relevant industries.</p> <p>As at end October 2021, around 60 000 jobs (about half of the jobs are created in the Government while the remaining half is created in the non-governmental sector) have been created under two phases of the Job Creation Scheme.</p>

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				<p>Among them, around 40 000 jobs have been filled while the recruitment of the remaining 20 000 jobs has already commenced or will commence shortly. A total expenditure of around \$3,224 million has been incurred.</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>	40	<p>(i) Around 700 SME law firms and barristers' chambers with 5 or less practising lawyers</p> <p>(ii) The local legal and dispute resolution sector</p>	<p>The Fund is administered by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association under a Memorandum of Understanding with DoJ. The application period closed on 6 September 2020, with a total of 528 applications from small and medium-size law firms and barristers' chambers received, of which over 99% were approved eventually. Around \$24.3 million has been disbursed. The measure has completed.</p> <p>DoJ will provide around \$15.7 million (Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund) for the development of the Hong Kong Legal Cloud by selected local non-profit making non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through Public-Private Partnership. The actual subscription fees as incurred by eligible subscribers to the Hong Kong Legal Cloud will be disbursed from the Hong Kong Legal Cloud Fund to the listed service provider(s) for up to three years to finance its costs for set up, initial operation and promotion of the Hong Kong Legal Cloud.</p> <p>DoJ co-organised a Hong Kong Legal Cloud Webinar with the Law Society of Hong Kong on 1</p>

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				<p>April 2021.</p> <p>DoJ has invited local non-profit-making NGOs to make submissions by 1 June 2021 for the development and provision of services of the Hong Kong Legal Cloud, and received three submissions which are now being considered, with a view to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the service provider(s) by November 2021.</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>	70	<p>General public and businesses with disputes arising out of or in relation to COVID-19; and mediators, arbitrators and their pupils, etc.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Scheme was launched on 29 June 2020. Following the launch, eBRAM Centre has commenced a series of publicity work to introduce the Scheme to stakeholders and the public. Around 160 arbitrators and mediators have been enlisted under the Scheme and online training for them has been completed. \$70 million has been deployed.</p>
5.	<p>Subsidy for encouraging early deployment of 5G</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic</p>	110	<p>Around 200 projects of 5G application in public and private sectors</p>	<p>The application period will end on 31 July 2022. As at 29 October 2021, 115 applications were approved, with about \$32 million of subsidy disbursed.</p>

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	Development Bureau Implementation: Office of the Communications Authority			
6.	Distance Business Programme Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission	1,900	Private enterprises with a valid Business Registration Certificate and social enterprises with a Social Enterprises Certificate issued by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service	During the application period from 18 May to 31 October 2020, the Programme received a total of 38 572 applications from 32 143 enterprises. 34 995 applications were approved and all applicant enterprises have been notified of the application results. As at 29 October 2021, excluding cases where applicants did not accept the results or provide relevant documents upon approval of their applications, there were 25 746 approved applications involving a total funding of \$1.68 billion (on average \$65,000 per approved application).
7.	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	22.55	About 19 000 participants from various sectors	The Scheme was launched on 15 July 2020. Eligible applicants, which are suitable organisations identified by policy bureaux, had been invited to submit applications for the matching grant. A total of 50 applications were received by the policy bureaux concerned. Among them, 47 applications, involving total matching grant of about \$22.55 million, were approved, while 3 applications were rejected. The relevant policy bureaux are working with the successful applicants to implement the approved training programmes.

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8.	<p>Subsidies for local primary producers</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department</p>	71.72	Around 7 600 local primary producers	<p>The application period for the subsidies to primary producers ended on 1 June 2020. As of 29 October 2021, over 7 100 applications were approved (including owners of vegetable farms, hydroponic farms, flower farms and nurseries, marine fish culture farms, pond fish culture farms, fishing vessels and fish collector vessels) and over \$71 million of subsidy has been/will be paid to eligible applicants. The measure has largely completed.</p>
9.	<p>Subsidy for the passenger transport sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Transport Department (TD)</p>	3,136.65	<p>5 franchised bus companies, 9 local ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited; registered owners of about 7 400 non-franchised public buses, 2 200 school private light buses, 1 300 hire cars, 18 163 taxis and 1 010 red minibuses; 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>	<p>Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As of 29 October 2021, around \$3.06 billion has been paid to the passenger transport trades.</p> <p><u>Reimbursement of repair and maintenance cost and insurance premium to franchised bus companies, local ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited (April to September 2020)</u></p> <p>As at 29 October 2021, about \$304.3 million of subsidy has been disbursed. The remaining few applications submitted are being processed.</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy for green minibus passenger service licence holders (\$30,000), kaito operators (\$20,000), registered owners of non-franchised public buses (\$30,000), school private light buses (\$30,000), hire cars (\$30,000), taxis (\$30,000) and red minibuses (\$30,000)</u></p>

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				<p>Around \$986.8 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy has been disbursed to the registered owners of 6 978 non-franchised public buses, 2 192 school private light buses, 1 238 hire cars, 19 130 taxis and red minibuses, 164 green minibus passenger service licence holders and 55 kaito operators. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>Wage subsidy to green minibus and local ferry operators for employees aged 65 or above (\$6,000 for 6 months)</u> A total of around \$102.5 million of wage subsidy has been disbursed to the operators, covering 3 157 and 2 577 employees for the first and second tranche applications respectively. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>Subsidy for eligible active taxi and red minibus drivers (\$6,000 for 6 months or a lump sum of \$7,500)</u> Around \$1.67 billion of subsidy has been disbursed to 48 500 taxi and red minibus drivers. This part of the measure has completed.</p>
10.	Providing relief to creative industries (a) Cinemas Subsidy Scheme; (b) Subsidy to PMQ	92.5	(a) 7 cinema circuits (operating 50 cinemas in total) and 9 standalone cinemas;	All eligible circuits and cinemas had lodged applications and their applications were approved. The total amount of subsidy paid was \$20 million. Disbursement of subsidy has completed. The scheme has completed.

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	<p>tenants; and (c) Printing and Publishing Sector Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Create Hong Kong</p>		<p>(b) All the tenants of PMQ (around 105); and</p> <p>(c) All exhibitors at the 2021 Hong Kong Book Fair held on 14-20 July 2021</p>	<p>A total subsidy of \$32.5 million covering May 2020 to March 2021 was disbursed to tenants through PMQ.</p> <p>The measure has completed.</p> <p>The 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 exhibitor). The subsidy will be disbursed to the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) upon the Government's acceptance of the auditor's report submitted by HKTDC.</p>
11.	<p>Tourism Industry Support Schemes</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (in collaboration with Transport and Housing Bureau and Home Affairs Bureau as relevant)</p> <p>Implementation: Tourism Commission (in collaboration with Transport Department (TD) and Home Affairs</p>	759.301	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; operator of Peak Tramway	<p>The Hotel Sector Support Scheme and the Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme have completed.</p> <p>The Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme has largely completed, save the processing of applications from a small number of travel agents and their employees which are withheld pending criminal investigation by the Police for suspected conspiracy to defraud.</p> <p>As at 29 October 2021, about 23 000 applications under the above three schemes were approved and around \$734.5 million of subsidy were disbursed under the schemes.</p>

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	Department as relevant)			<p>For the cruise industry, the Government waived the monthly fixed rent and management fees for the operator of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal for six months, from 1 June to 30 November 2020³.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Government started providing 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 30 September 2021. As at 29 October 2021, 78 applications were received, and 51 of them were approved, involving around \$6.8 million. The remaining applications are being processed.</p> <p>The Government also provided a one-off financial subsidy of \$1.851 million to the operator of Peak Tramway, the amount of which is equivalent to 75% of annual consideration payable to the Government by the operator for Year 2020. Disbursement of the subsidy has completed in July 2021.</p>
12.	Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme (CSS) Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau	4,650	About 17 000 catering outlets and their employees	<p><u>Licensed food premises</u> For the first tranche payment, around 9 160 applications were received, amongst which 9 051 applications were approved and \$2,246 million of subsidy were disbursed. For the second tranche payment, 8 986 applications were received, with</p>

³ The waiver was completed on 30 November 2020 under the second-round AEF and has subsequently been extended until 31 March 2022.

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	Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department			<p>8 897 applications approved and \$2,175.9 million of subsidy disbursed.</p> <p>In addition, an enhanced CSS was rolled out on 25 August 2020 for eligible catering business which did not join the original CSS to apply for only the second tranche of subsidy. The application period ended on 14 September 2020, with 234 applications received. 197 applications were approved and \$37.8 million of subsidy were disbursed. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>Further one-off subsidy to Karaoke Establishments, nightclubs and bars or pubs which are concurrently holding a food licence</u></p> <p>850 applications were received, with 700 applications approved and \$40.75 million of subsidy disbursed. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>Cooked food/light refreshment stalls at public markets</u></p> <p>The application period ended on 27 May 2020, with 877 applications received. 872 eligible applications were approved and around \$44 million of subsidy were disbursed. This part of the measure has completed.</p>

Table 3. Progress of ongoing measures under the third-round Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)

Item	Measure	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation progress
1.	Quarantine facilities Policy bureau: Food and Health Bureau Implementation Department of Health	610	2 - 3 hotels providing a total of around 1 000 guestrooms to serve as close-contact quarantine facilities and the 3 500 quarantine units in Penny's Bay	The Department of Health (DH) activated three hotels (providing a total of 1 038 rooms) as close-contact quarantine hotels since December 2020, including Silka Tsuen Wan Hotel, Dorsett Kwun Tong Hotel and Silka Seaview Hotel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Silka Tsuen Wan Hotel is operating on AEF funding until 3 December 2021. It has been temporarily converted to a Designated Quarantine Hotel to accommodate foreign domestic helpers under compulsory quarantine from 27 August to 30 November 2021. - Dorsett Kwun Tong Hotel is operating on AEF funding until 31 December 2021. It has been temporarily converted to a Designated Quarantine Hotel to accommodate United Kingdom returnees during the period of July and August 2021. It has resumed as a close-contact quarantine hotel from 1 September. - Silka Seaview Hotel ceased to be a close-contact quarantine hotel in February 2021.

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				<p>Rambler Garden Hotel had once been converted from a Holding Centre for inbound travellers pending test result to a quarantine hotel from 27 December 2020 to 26 April 2021.</p> <p>All units in Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre have been in full operation since December 2020. It operated on AEF funding until 31 March 2021. Since then, its operating cost has been charged under other financial provision.</p> <p>As at 29 October 2021, the actual spending was around \$378 million.</p>
2.	<p>Subsidy scheme for the promotion of contactless payment in public markets</p> <p>Policy bureau: Food and Health Bureau, Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Housing Authority</p>	94.5	<p>Tenants of about 12 000 stalls in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) markets, some 1 500 stalls in Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) markets (including wet market stalls and cooked food stalls), and about 5 700 licensed hawkers</p>	<p>The application period of the first round of the subsidy scheme ended on 21 December 2020. FEHD and HKHA received over 3 500 and 400 cases respectively and approved 2 726 and 369 applications, with \$13.63 million and \$1.85 million of subsidy disbursed. The first round of the subsidy scheme has completed.</p> <p>The Government launched the second round of the subsidy scheme under the AEF, and extended the scope to cover licensed hawkers. As at 29 October 2021, FEHD and HKHA received 2 968 applications and 183 applications respectively. 1 900 and 126 applications were approved respectively, with</p>

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				\$9.5 million and \$0.63 million of subsidy disbursed.
3.	<p>Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau (assisted by the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China)</p>	83.5	Around 1 660 fitness centres	The application period closed on 18 November 2020. A total of 1 642 applications were received, of which 1 549 applications were approved. A total of \$77.45 million of subsidy was disbursed. Vetting of applications has completed. Appeals are being handled.

Table 4. Progress of ongoing measures under the fourth-round Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)

Item	Measure	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation Progress
1.	<p>Catering Business Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	3,350	About 18 000 catering outlets, including some 17 000 licensed catering outlets and about 1 000 cooked food/light refreshment stall operators	<p><u>Licensed food premises</u> The application period ended on 28 January 2021. As at 29 October 2021, 16 324 applications were received for the first tranche payment, of which 16 162 applications were approved and \$1,527.8 million of subsidy were disbursed. For the second tranche payment, 16 036 applications were received, with 15 990 applications approved and \$1,514.2 million of subsidy disbursed.</p> <p><u>Further one-off subsidy to Karaoke Establishments, nightclubs and bars or pubs which are concurrently holding a food licence</u> 791 applications were received, with 690 applications approved and \$42.6 million of subsidy disbursed. This part of the measure has completed.</p> <p><u>Cooked food/light refreshment stall tenants in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department markets and tenants holding Fixed Pitch (Cooked Food or Light Refreshment) licences operating in public housing developments</u> The application period ended on 28 January 2021, with 949 applications received. All applications were approved and around \$47.45 million of subsidy were disbursed. This part of the measure has completed.</p>

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				<p><u>Food Courts Subsidy Scheme</u> The application period ended on 31 March 2021. 495 applications were received, with 264 applications approved and \$10.57 million of subsidy disbursed. This part of the measure has completed.</p>
2.	<p>Fitness Centre and Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)</p> <p>Implementation: HAB (assisted by the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China and the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China)</p>	205	Around 1 660 fitness centres and 200 sports premises	<p><u>Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme</u> The application period ended on 8 February 2021, with 1 875 applications were received, of which 1 774 application were approved. A total of \$177.4 million of subsidy was disbursed. Vetting of applications has completed. Appeals are being handled.</p> <p><u>Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme</u> The application period ended on 17 February 2021, with 142 applications were received, of which 123 applications were approved. A total of \$12.3 million of subsidy was disbursed. Vetting of applications has completed. Appeals are being handled.</p>

Table 5. Progress of ongoing measures approved by the AEF Steering Committee

Item	Measure	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation Progress
1.	<p>Training Subsidies for Employers of Engineering Graduates</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Vocational Training Council</p>	77.72	Employers of additional 728 engineering graduates under the Engineering Graduate Training Scheme in the 2020-21 cohort	<p>The Vocational Training Council has completed the processing of applications received and allocated all of the 1 000 subsidy quotas (including the 728 additional quotas under the measure) to employers. The first batch of trainees concerned commenced training in July 2020, and subsidy has been given to eligible employers for up to 18 months from October 2020 onwards. As at 29 October 2021, \$33.3 million has been disbursed to VTC.</p> <p>It is expected that the measure will be completed by Q3 2022.</p>
2.	<p>100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation</p>	300	Exporters	<p>The Scheme provides 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).</p> <p>The Scheme commenced on 8 June 2020 and was extended to run until 31 December 2021. Under the Scheme, ECIC 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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				<p>As of end October 2021, 11 342 credit limits were uplifted, of which 3 528 were new credit limits. Of the \$31.9 billion of credit limits benefiting from the Scheme, the top-up portion accounted for 45% (\$14.5 billion). The cumulative amount of shipments covered under the top-up portion amounted to \$14.418 billion, with outstanding shipments totaling \$1,063 million.</p>
3.	<p>Procurement of Private COVID-19 Testing Services</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Development Bureau, Education Bureau, Environment Bureau, Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, Food and Health Bureau, Home Affairs Bureau, Labour and Welfare Bureau, Security Bureau, Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: relevant bureaux and departments</p>	1,460	The estimated number of beneficiaries is around 6.1 million	<p>To achieve the objective of “early identification, early isolation and early treatment”, the Government has continued to implement testing services under a 3-pronged approach:</p> <p>(a) Compulsory testing on a mandatory basis: The Government has implemented the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) since 15 November 2020 to effectuate compulsory testing on a mandatory basis. Targeted groups (which include staff members of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and nursing homes, day service units attached to the premises of RCHEs and RCHDs, household members of close contacts of confirmed cases, citizens in buildings resided by COVID-19 cases with mutant strain and inbound persons) are subject to compulsory testing so as to cut the latent</p>

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				<p>transmission chain in the community. Foreign Domestic Helpers have also undergone two rounds of compulsory testing in May 2021.</p> <p>(b) Targeted testing on an obligatory basis: On risk assessment basis, testing is arranged on a continuous basis for targeted groups including staff and personnel working in markets, licensed hawkers and staff of cold stores.</p> <p>Staff of high-risk and high-exposure groups had been required to undergo more frequent regular virus testing as a way to counter the latest development of the COVID-19 epidemic and mutant strains, and also as a more stringent anti-epidemic measure to complement the proactive “zero infection” strategy.</p> <p>The testing frequency for airport staff of targeted groups had been scaled up from every seven days previously to every three days since 20 October 2021. Other relevant enhanced testing arrangement was expected to be implemented progressively within the coming month for groups such as the working staff of designated quarantine hotels, quarantine facilities and relevant designated transport, staff of cold stores, staff of designated container terminal and shipping services, and working staff of community testing centres (CTC).</p>

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				<p>(c) Voluntary testing: To support enhanced contact tracing, domestic contact of close contacts can also receive free tests. Also, persons with “LeaveHomeSafe” COVID-19 exposure notification, or SMS notification from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health, individuals who perceived themselves as having a higher risk of exposure or experienced mild discomfort can receive testing through various channels.</p> <p>Free testing for the public are provided through 188 specimen collection packs distribution points (namely 47 general outpatient clinics of the Hospital Authority, 121 post offices, and vending machines at 20 MTR stations) and 75 collection points. The above three channels have distributed around 10 000 specimen collection packs per day in October 2021. To further assist those working at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) to undergo COVID-19 testing, the Government had set up a new CTC at HKIA on 14 October 2021. The 19 CTCs now have a total daily capacity of around 38 000 tests.</p> <p>Since the fourth wave of epidemic starting from mid-November 2020 to 29 October 2021, the Government has conducted around 22.5 million tests, of which 6 891 samples were tested preliminarily positive (0.03%), successfully</p>

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				<p>cutting silent transmission chains in the community.</p> <p>As at 29 October 2021, a total cost of around \$1,460 million has been tentatively incurred.</p>
4.	<p>Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Department of Health</p>	332.1	Participating hotels with an average occupancy rate below 50%	<p>To further prevent importation of COVID-19 cases and reduce contact between travellers from overseas and the local community, the Government fully implemented the Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme on 22 December 2020.</p> <p>Four cycles of the Scheme has completed, covering the period of end December 2020 to end August 2021. The subsidy paid to hotels with average occupancy rate below 50% and the total claims for reimbursement of special cleansing and disinfection services were about \$73 million and \$1.5 million respectively. The current cycle (i.e. the fifth cycle) runs from 1 September to 30 November 2021, with 37 participating hotels offering around 10 000 rooms at different price ranges.</p> <p>We have also announced the sixth cycle on 19 October 2021, which will run from 1 December 2021 to 28 February 2022. A total of 40 hotels will provide about 11 500 rooms at different price ranges in the cycle.</p>

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5.	<p>Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau, Innovation and Technology Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Labour Department, Innovation and Technology Bureau</p>	376	Some 2 000 graduates who have obtained, or will obtain, their bachelor's degrees or above in 2019 to 2021	The Scheme was launched on 8 January 2021 and recruitment has been completed. Around 3 500 job vacancies were received, attracting an estimated 20 000 job applications from graduates. As at 29 October 2021, participating enterprises have submitted preliminary applications for allowance for around 1 080 graduates who had commenced employment. \$4.71 million of allowance has been disbursed to enterprises.
6.	<p>Financial Assistance to the Printing and Publishing Sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Create Hong Kong</p>	10	Around 610 eligible local exhibitors which have registered to participate in the July and/or December editions of the Book Fair 2020	By the deadline of 6 July 2021, a total of 575 eligible exhibitors have provided the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) with relevant information for processing. As at 29 October 2021, HKTDC has disbursed subsidy to 567 exhibitors, amounting to a total of \$8.505 million. Subsidy will be disbursed to the remaining exhibitors subject to verification of their relevant information.
7.	<p>Club-house Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p>	80	Around 580 holders of the Certificate of Compliance issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance	<p>The application period ended on 26 May 2021.</p> <p>As at 29 October 2021, 535 applications were received. Among them, 534 applications were approved and \$65.55 million of subsidy were disbursed. The scheme has largely completed.</p>

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	Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department			
8.	<p>Catering Business Subsidy Scheme (applicable to liquor licensed premises (with Bar Endorsement), karaoke establishments and nightclubs with restaurant licence)</p> <p>Policy bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	250	About 1 100 licensed food premises (including liquor licensed premises (with Bar Endorsement), karaoke establishments and nightclubs with restaurant licence)	The application period ended on 27 May 2021. As at 29 October 2021, 733 applications were received, with 604 applications approved and \$112.2 million of subsidy disbursed.
9.	<p>Territory-wide Sewage Surveillance for COVID-19</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Environment Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Environmental Protection Department, Drainage</p>	149	Approximately 5.3 million population is being covered by the sewage sample obtained to carry out COVID-19 testing	The previous six-month project which started on 1 April 2021 was extended for another six months from 1 October 2021, with sewage samples from 112 stationary sites obtained on a weekly basis to carry out COVID-19 testing. If positive COVID-19 result were obtained from the samples, the implementation agent would further sample the upstream of the sewage network to help identify possible infection cases. The implementation agent have also been testing sewage from

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	Services Department			residential buildings and nearby areas where unlinked cases were reported upon requests by the Food and Health Bureau with a view to identifying asymptomatic viral carriers. Up to 29 October 2021, a total of 7 004 samples have been tested.
10.	<p>Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme (Special Further Subsidies) and Additional Support for the Cross-boundary Passenger Trade</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Tourism Commission, Transport Department (TD), Marine Department (MD)</p>	376.5	Some 1 600 travel agents; 18 400 travel agents' staff and freelance accredited practitioners whose main occupation are tourist guides or tour escorts; some 3 400 tour service coach drivers; registered owners of about 1 500 cross-boundary coaches and about 600 cross-boundary hire cars; operators/owners of about 80 cross-boundary ferries	<p><u>Tourism Industry Additional Scheme (Special Further Subsidies)</u></p> <p>The Scheme has largely completed. As at 29 October 2021, a total of around \$253.08 million of subsidy were disbursed to some 1 530 travel agents and some 20 630 eligible practitioners.</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 to registered owners of each licensed cross-boundary coach and cross-boundary hire car</u></p> <p>TD issued letters to the eligible registered owners of cross-boundary coaches and cross-boundary hire cars in late September 2021 to inform them of the details of subsidy disbursement arrangement.</p> <p>As at 29 October 2021, application from the registered owners of 1 084 cross-boundary coaches and 436 cross-boundary hire cars have been received. Vetting is in progress.</p> <p><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$500,000 for each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel</u></p> <p>MD has paid a total of \$38.5 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy to all eligible</p>

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				operators/owners of 77 cross-boundary ferries. This part of the measure has completed.
11.	<p>Designated Quarantine Facilities (DQFs) for Foreign Domestic Helpers (FDHs)</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Labour Department</p>	6.6	FDHs coming to work in Hong Kong	Rambler Garden Hotel in Tsing Yi started to serve as a DQF since 1 November 2021, providing 500 guestrooms for quarantine of FDHs coming to work in Hong Kong.

Table 6. Completed measures

	Measure
First-round AEF	
1.	Enhancing support to the Hospital Authority for combating the epidemic
2.	Support property management sector in anti-epidemic efforts
3.	Technology applications to enable reusability of masks
4.	Support construction sector in anti-epidemic efforts
5.	Support cleansing and security staff engaged by Government and Hong Kong Housing Authority service contractors in anti-epidemic efforts
6.	Installation of emergency alert system
7.	Home quarantine support
8.	Ex-gratia payment to eligible public rental housing applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate
9.	Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme
10.	Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme
11.	Special allowance for eligible Working Family Allowance and Student Financial Assistance households
12.	Additional student grant for 2019/20 school year
13.	Rental waivers for tenants at the Hong Kong Science Park, industrial estates and Cyberport
14.	Subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders, fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands and fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers
15.	Support to child care centres
16.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme
17.	Licensed Guesthouses Subsidy Scheme
18.	Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme
19.	Support to training bodies of Employees Retraining Board
20.	Licensed Hawkers Subsidy Scheme
Second-round AEF	
21.	Training subsidies for consultants in the construction sector

22.	Registered operators of private schools offering non-formal curriculum
23.	School-related service providers (including catering, interest groups, school bus services)
24.	One-off grant to registered sports coaches
25.	Relief grants for freelance workers hired by subvented non-governmental welfare organisations to provide training and coaching for service users
26.	Subsidy for the refuse transfer station account holders for transporting municipal solid waste
27.	Special subsidy to exchange participants and Securities and Futures Commission licensees
28.	Cash subsidy for individual licensees in the estate agency sector
29.	Relief measures for construction sector
30.	Subsidy to operators of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and Fly the Flyover Operation
31.	Subsidy for the aviation sector
32.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme
33.	Commercial Bathhouses Subsidy Scheme
34.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme
35.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme
36.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme
37.	Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme
38.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms
39.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme
40.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme
41.	A 20% fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme
Third-round AEF	
42.	Quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities
43.	Catering Business Subsidy Scheme
44.	Tourism Industry Support Scheme
45.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms
46.	Subsidy Scheme for the Transport and Aviation Sector

47.	One-off Relief Grant to Providers of Catering Services for Schools and Post-Secondary Education Institutions and Providers of Interest Classes and School Bus Services for Schools
48.	Support for Child Care Centres
49.	One-off Grant to Kindergartens and Private Schools
50.	One-off Grant to Private Schools Offering Non-formal Curriculum
51.	One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches
52.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme
53.	Sport Premises Subsidy Scheme
54.	Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Subvented Non-governmental Welfare Organisations
55.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme - Subsidy to individual arts practitioners and freelancers
56.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme
57.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme
58.	Cinemas Subsidy Scheme
59.	Provision of subsidy to companies in the performing industry which organise pop concerts
60.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme – Rental support for tenants of Arts Spaces and Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre
61.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme
62.	Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme
63.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme
64.	Further Subsidy to Commercial Bathhouses
Fourth-round AEF	
65.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms
66.	One-off relief grant to providers of catering services for schools as well as post-secondary education institutions, interest classes, and school bus services for school
67.	Support for Child Care Centres
68.	One-off grant to kindergartens and private schools
69.	One-off grant to private schools offering non-formal curriculum
70.	Club-house Subsidy Scheme
71.	One-off grant to registered sports coaches

72.	Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Subvented Non-governmental Welfare Organisations
73.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme – Subsidy to individual arts practitioners and freelancers
74.	Ex-gratia payment to part-time instructors/staff/personnel affected by cancellation of sports & recreation and culture programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
75.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme
76.	Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme
77.	Cinemas Subsidy Scheme
78.	Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme
79.	Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme
80.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme
81.	Further subsidy to commercial bathhouses
Measures approved by the AEF Steering Committee	
82.	Application of Anti-virus Coating for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities
83.	Enhancing Support for Testing Service on COVID-19
84.	Anti-epidemic Subsidy Scheme for the Laundry Trade
85.	Subsidy Scheme for Employment Agencies
86.	Subsidy to vehicle maintenance workshops
87.	One-off Subsidy Scheme for the Dishware Washing Trade
88.	Special Subsidy to Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange (CGSE) members and practitioners registered with CGSE
89.	Further subsidy to cooked food tenants operating in public housing developments with hawker licences
90.	Installation of Gas Water Heaters at non-Quarantine units of Chun Yeung Estate
91.	Funding for Provision of about 2 000 Quarantine Units at Penny's Bay ⁴
92.	Relocation and expansion of test and hold facilities of Department of Health
93.	Universal Community Testing Programme
94.	Pyrotechnics and Special Effects Operators Subsidy Scheme

⁴ The account of the measure will be finalised in end-2021 upon the end of the one-year defect liability period.

95.	Tourism Industry Additional Support Scheme
96.	Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme
97.	Further Subsidy for Party Rooms and Pleasure Vessels
98.	Further subsidy to commercial bathhouses

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