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6 November 2020

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Dear Ms LAM,

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

Further to our submission on 15 July 2020 of the progress report of the Anti-epidemic Fund (the Fund) as at 26 June 2020, the progress report of the Fund as at 9 October 2020 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 9 October 2020.

### Background

2. In light of the development of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Government has been taking vigilant anti-epidemic measures to contain the public health risk. Having regard to the 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 timely and suitable relief to businesses and individuals hard hit by the pandemic or more seriously affected by anti-epidemic measures. The Government subsequently secured the FC's funding approval on 18 April 2020 and 28 September 2020 for a further \$120.5 billion and \$5.4 billion injection respectively to the AEF to implement second-round and third-round 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 Bureaux<sup>1</sup> responsible for implementing the major initiatives under the AEF.

### **Financial Position and Implementation Progress of the AEF**

4. A total financial commitment of \$155.9 billion was approved by FC for the three rounds of AEF. As of 9 October 2020, 99 measures were approved under the AEF, with the total financial commitment amounting to around \$155 billion, and over \$107 billion of subsidies were disbursed/paid, benefitting over 4.4 million persons<sup>2</sup> and over 450 000 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). The 99 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; and
- (d) 16 new 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Government has distributed about 9.6 million pieces of CuMask+™ in total.

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

5. The Government has reported the progress of the implementation of the first-round AEF in the FC paper (FCR(2020-21)2) when seeking the FC's approval for the second-round injection on 17 April 2020. The Government has also submitted a report to LegCo on 15 July 2020 on implementation progress of the AEF measures. This paper is the third report to the LegCo on the progress of the implementation of these measures. As of 9 October 2020, out of the 99 AEF measures, 27 have been completed. The progress of the 99 measures is set out at **Annex II**.

## **Conclusion**

6. The relief measures, including those under the three rounds of AEF and the 2020-21 Budget, involve over \$300 billion in total, which is about 10%-11% of Hong Kong's GDP, and is expected to have a supporting effect of slightly more than 5 percentage points of GDP on our economy. The Government will continue with the implementation of the ongoing AEF measures and utilise the unspent balance of AEF to provide suitable and targeted support and assistance to individual sector, group or area in pandemic as and when needed.

**Chief Secretary for Administration's Office  
November 2020**

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

**Table I. Measures under first-round AEF**

Item	Measures	Eligibility/Brief Description
1.	Enhancing support to the Hospital Authority (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"> <li>(a) having the production equipment in Hong Kong;</li> <li>(b) having the raw materials in Hong Kong;</li> <li>(c) having already in place or rented the production venue in Hong Kong;</li> <li>(d) having already in place, rented or hired a contractor to set up clean room facilities in Hong Kong; and</li> <li>(e) each production line being able to produce at least 500 000 masks per month.</li> </ul>
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) will be 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 worker 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 system 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 subsequently accepted an allocation offer of other PRH estates.</p> <p>The Government will disburse ex-gratia payment again in late 2020 to eligible PRH applicants who have accepted the advance housing offers of Tai Fai House, Fai Ming Estate and Blocks 1 to 3 of Chun Yeung Estate, which are still not yet available for intake.</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"> <li>(a) conducting substantial and substantive retail business at a fixed physical and individually operated store in Hong Kong; and</li> <li>(b) running a business that has commenced before 1 January 2020 and is still in operation at the time of application.</li> </ul> <p>Under the Scheme, eligible retail stores do not include the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) hawkers (including licensed hawkers);</li> </ul>

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		<p>(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</p> <p>(d) retail stores conducting non-store retailing via mail order, internet or direct marketing sales only.</p>
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"> <li>(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</li> <li>(b) the licensed food premises are in operation on the date of submission of the application; and</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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).</li> </ul> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) where an application for transfer of licence was made on or before 14 February 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the applicant is an approved transferee and the application for transfer was approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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		<p>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><b><u>Fuel Subsidy</u></b></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><b><u>One-off subsidy for various transport modes</u></b></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 licence of NFBs, SPLBs or GVs as at 22 October 2019;</p> <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 valid licence has been renewed (by the same registered owners) on or before 21 April 2020;</p>

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		<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> <p><b><u>Subsidising cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers to conduct nucleic acid test</u></b></p> <p>(a) To provide a subsidy of \$350 per test with a maximum of four applications per month for Hong Kong cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers on an accountable basis for conducting nucleic acid tests in Hong Kong up to end September 2020.</p> <p>(b) Fund the costs of nucleic acid tests provided for Hong Kong cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers at ports in Shenzhen and Zhuhai.</p> <p><b><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial mechanised vessels</u></b></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 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</p>

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		<p>valid operating licence on 21 February 2020 as MD was reviewing the application.</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial non-mechanised vessels for cargo operation or marine construction works</u></b>                      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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A vessel which held a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020; or</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b><u>One-off survey fee subsidy for local commercial vessels</u></b>                      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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A vessel which held a valid certificate of survey or certificate of inspection and a valid operating licence on 21 February 2020; or</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(c) A vessel of which the shipowner had already submitted to MD all documents required for</li> </ul>

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		<p>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><b><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million for each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel</u></b>                      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><b><u>Extra subsidy to owners of local pleasure vessels let for hire or reward</u></b>                      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&amp;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 and AsiaWorld-Expo during the period starting from 3 October 2020 and ending on 2 October 2021 (both dates inclusive).</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</p>

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		Council (TDC). This part of the Scheme will last for a one-year period, the launch date of which will be determined later having regard to TDC's event arrangements in the coming few months.
15.	Special allowance for eligible Working Family Allowance (WFA) and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households	<p><b><u>WFA households</u></b> 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><b><u>SFA households</u></b> 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	<p>All students, as at the date of application, studying in secondary day-schools, primary schools and special schools (including public sector schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools, English Schools Foundation schools, private schools) as well as kindergartens, are eligible for the \$3,500 grant (of which \$1,000 will be paid for under the AEF). Students of evening schools, students of private studies, holders of student visa for entry into Hong Kong for studies and holders of Form of Recognizance issued by the Immigration Department are ineligible.</p> <p>Taking into account that there are some students who should meet the eligibility criteria stated in the above but attend other programmes owing to special circumstances, the following students are also eligible for the grant:</p> <p>(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</p>

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		<p>Department owing to special needs;</p> <p>(b) Newly arrived children attending the full-time Initiation Programme funded by the Education Bureau; and</p> <p>(c) Students taking full-time programmes for Secondary 3 school leavers offered by the Vocational Training Council.</p>
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	<p>(a) Owners of fishing vessels and fish collectors with Mainland deckhand will be provided with a subsidy of \$200,000 (for each vessel of 25 meters or above in length) or \$80,000 (for each vessel of less than 25 meters in length), the eligibility criteria is as follows:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(b) Live marine fish wholesalers: The applicant must hold a valid license agreement in the wholesale fish market under the Fish Marketing Organization (FMO) to operate in wholesale of live marine fish. Each eligible live marine fish wholesale trader in the FMO markets will be provided with a subsidy of \$200,000.</p> <p>(c) Fresh marine fish wholesalers: The applicant must have been operating fresh marine fish wholesale at a usual location in the wholesale fish market of FMO. Each eligible fresh marine fish wholesale trader in the FMO markets will be provided with a subsidy of \$40,000.</p> <p>(d) Vegetable/ freshwater fish/ hen egg/ fresh fruit wholesalers: The applicant must have to</p>

Item	Measures	Eligibility/Brief Description
		<p>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	<p>(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 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 &amp; Cultural Sector”<sup>1</sup>, including:</p>

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

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		<p>(i) Grant recipients of HKADC's 2019/20 Year Grant, Literary Arts Platform Project and Eminent Arts Group Scheme;</p> <p>(ii) Projects funded by HKADC;</p> <p>(iii) Arts projects not funded by HKADC; and</p> <p>(iv) Individual arts practitioners</p> <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.
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.



<b>Item</b>	<b>Measures</b>	<b>Eligibility/Brief Description</b>
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 undertaking<sup>2</sup> (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><b><u>Employers</u></b></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 list<sup>3</sup>. 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> <p>(a) "regular employees" under the Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes for whom MPF mandatory contributions have been made by their employers; and</p> <p>(b) employees aged 65 or above under the Master Trust Schemes and Industry Schemes.</p>

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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"> <li>(a) employees in government-funded organisations whose wages are fully funded by the Government; and</li> <li>(b) dedicated employees engaged by outsourced government services contractors/ consultants to implement or deliver these contracts.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Self-employed persons (SEPs)</u></b></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"> <li>(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</li> <li>(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</li> </ul>

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		<p>Commission (except proprietors of a fleet/vehicle who are also drivers; they can apply for the ESS subsidies as SEPs and, at the same time, the subsidies under the “Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme”).</p>
2.	Job Creation	<p>\$6.6 billion has been earmarked under AEF for the creation of 30 000 time-limited jobs in the public and private sectors in the coming two years for people of different skill sets and academic qualifications.</p> <p>The 30 000 time-limited jobs to be created under the Job Creation Scheme will include jobs in the public and the private sectors, with particular focus on those industries the development of which has been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
3.	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>The law firm or chamber with five or fewer practising lawyers as at 8 April 2020 and at the time of granting the subsidy will be given a reimbursement amount of up to \$50,000.</p>
4.	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 more prevalent, thereby strengthening Hong Kong’s LawTech capability in the long run.</p>

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		<p>The Scheme covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any dispute arising out of or in relation to COVID-19 directly or indirectly;</li> <li>(b) the claim amount of the case is not more than \$500,000; and</li> <li>(c) either one of the parties to the dispute is a Hong Kong resident or company.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>(a) 5G technology must be deployed and is the primary enabler in the project;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(c) the project must demonstrate sufficient features and extents of innovation or cross-sectoral synergy.</li> </ul>
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.</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 will be offered a training subsidy of \$50,000.</p>

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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 data-bbox="792 745 2145 1023"><b><u>Catering Outlets</u></b> 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 are 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 data-bbox="792 1023 2145 1187"><b><u>Lunch Box Suppliers</u></b> 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 data-bbox="792 1187 2145 1466"><b><u>School Bus Service Providers</u></b> Eligible school bus service providers, i.e. school bus drivers/school private light bus drivers/school bus nannies, will be provided with a one-off subsidy, i.e. a subsidy of \$10,000 for each eligible driver and \$10,000 per vehicle for eligible nannies (the subsidy of \$10,000 will be shared among nannies based on their proportion of service time if more than one nanny serves at the same vehicle). In addition, the grant to escorts providing school bus services for cross-boundary students that employ two or more escorts on board has been increased in response to</p>

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		<p>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><b><u>School instructors of learning/interest classes</u></b>            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 coaching for service users	Interest class instructors engaged or planned to be engaged by any subvented welfare service units of the organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department but the service has been/ would likely be suspended during the period from February to August 2020 will be provided with a one-off relief grant of \$7,500.

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		<p>The applicants should not be beneficiaries of the measures listed in items 10 and 11 above in this table.</p>
13.	<p>Subsidy for the refuse transfer station account holders for transporting municipal solid waste</p>	<p>Each private municipal solid waste (MSW) collector in operation in the first quarter of 2020, i.e. every private refuse transfer station account holder who transported MSW to the refuse transfer stations or landfills during the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 will be provided with a special allowance of \$8,000 to support the trade to enhance the provision of personal protective equipment, to arrange additional staff to strengthen cleansing and disinfection of the refuse transport vehicles, and to alleviate the financial burden due to closure of shops and restaurants.</p>
14.	<p>Subsidies for local primary producers</p>	<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 and Fishing Vessels with Mainland Deckhands in the first round AEF will not be eligible.</p>



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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 will be eligible for a cash subsidy equal to 24-month licence fee of respective licences:</p> <p>(a) each individual licensee holding a valid licence (i.e. estate agent’s licence (individual) or salesperson’s licence) on 8 April 2020; and</p> <p>(b) each individual who has submitted an application for an individual licence (i.e. estate agent’s licence (individual) or salesperson’s licence) on or before 8 April 2020 and whose licence is approved by 31 December 2020.</p>
17.	Subsidy for the passenger transport sector	<p><b><u>Reimbursement of regular repair and maintenance costs and insurance premium</u></b>            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><b><u>Wage subsidy to green minibus and local ferry operators</u></b>            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 purpose of supporting such operators for salary payment.</p>

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		<p><b><u>Monthly subsidy of \$6,000 for 6 months for taxi and red minibus drivers</u></b>            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"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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 days<sup>4</sup>; and</li> <li>(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 days<sup>5</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants who can only meet the eligibility requirements (a) and (b) above can apply for a lump-sum subsidy of \$7,500.</p> <p><b><u>One-off subsidy for various transport modes</u></b>            (a) To provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$30,000 to registered owners of each</p>

<sup>4</sup> 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 such declarations for up to four drivers during this period.

<sup>5</sup> 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 such declarations for up to four drivers during this period.

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		<p>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"> <li>(i) the registered owners have to hold a valid vehicle licence of NFBs or SPLBs as at 8 April 2020; or</li> <li>(ii) the registered owners who did not hold a valid licence of the NFBs or SPLBs as at 8 April 2020 are also eligible provided that the vehicle licence has been renewed (by the same registered owners) on or before 7 July 2020; or</li> <li>(iii) the registered owners of private cars with a valid hire car permit as at 8 April 2020.</li> </ul> <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><b><u>One-off subsidy for kaito operators</u></b>            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.	Providing relief to creative industries (a) Cinemas Subsidy Scheme; (b) Subsidy to PMQ tenants; and (c) Printing and Publishing Sector Subsidy Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) To provide a one-off subsidy of \$25 million to PMQ to waive/ reduce the rental (100% for creative industries-related tenants and 75% for other tenants) and fees of all the 107 tenants of PMQ (103 creative industries-related tenants and 4 other tenants) from May 2020 to December 2020; and</li> </ul>

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		(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 coming Hong Kong Book Fair (which has been rescheduled to be held from 16-22 December 2020) capped at \$100,000 per local exhibitor and \$10,000 per non-local exhibitor.
19.	Tourism Industry Support Schemes	<p><b><u>Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme</u></b>            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 escorts<sup>6</sup> will be provided with a subsidy of \$5,000 for six months.</p> <p><b><u>Hotel Sector Support Scheme</u></b>            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><b><u>Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme</u></b>            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 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><b><u>Support for cruise industry</u></b></p>

<sup>6</sup> 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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		To waive the monthly fixed rent and management fees for the operator of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal for ten months, and to provide refund of berth deposits to cruise lines for cancelled ship calls during the suspension of immigration service.
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 \$20,000<sup>7</sup>.</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 month of March this year, the employee will be regarded as a 'qualified employee'. An employer may apply for a subsidy of \$36,000 per 'qualified employee', by undertaking not to make their employees redundant for a period of six months on receipt of the subsidy and to spend the full amount of the subsidy on paying wages to their 'qualified employees'.</p>
21.	Subsidy to operators of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and Fly the Flyover Operation	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.

<sup>7</sup> 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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22.	Subsidy for the aviation sector	<p>Aircraft registered in Hong Kong by the Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) holders with AOC valid as at 1 April 2020 for no less than six months will be provided with a one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million per large aircraft and \$200,000 per small aircraft. The aircraft should have a valid Certificate of Airworthiness as at 1 April 2020.</p> <p>In addition, aviation support services and cargo facility operators at the Hong Kong International Airport are eligible for a one-off non-accountable subsidy. A \$3 million subsidy will be provided for operators with 100 or more employees, while it will be \$1 million for operators with less.</p>
23.	Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme	<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> <p>1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(d) the food business licence (full or provisional licence) must be valid throughout the whole</li> </ul>

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		<p>period from the date of approval of this application till the end of October 2020. If the licence expires before the end of October 2020, FEHD may consider to recover from the applicant any approved subsidy released and all related expenses incurred.</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a food business licence on 29 February 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) in case of a transfer of licence of one of the four specified categories was made on or before 29 February 2020:</p> <p>(i) the application was approved after 29 February 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 29 February 2020; and</p> <p>(ii) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this subsidy scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the licence transferred; and</p> <p>(iii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d).</p> <p>(b) in the case of a provisional licence held by the applicant in respect of the same premises which has, irrespective of the expiry date, expired:</p> <p>(i) the applicant is successful in obtaining a full licence before close of application for the subsidy (i.e. 5 June 2020); and</p> <p>(ii) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(d).</p> <p>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>

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		<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"> <li>1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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 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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a food business licence on 29 February 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in case of a transfer of licence of one of the four specified categories was made on or before 29 February 2020:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the application was approved after 29 February 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 29 February 2020; and</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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		<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 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> <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> <p>(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</p>

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		<p>Licence on the date of approval of the application; 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.</p> <p>2. As an exceptional arrangement, an applicant not holding a valid CBL on 28 March 2020 may apply for the subsidy, provided that:</p> <p>(a) an application for transfer of a CBL was made on or before 28 March 2020, the application was approved after 28 March 2020, and the applicant is the approved transferee after 28 March 2020; and</p> <p>(b) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence under this subsidy scheme; and</p> <p>(c) the applicant meets the criteria in item (1) above.</p>
26.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme	<p>Fitness centres meeting the following requirements will be granted a one-off subsidy of \$100,000:</p> <p>(a) possessed a fixed address and individually-operated premises in Hong Kong where its principal and substantive business is to provide exercise machines or equipment on the premises for use, or to provide advice and instruction on, training for or assistance in improving physical fitness, including bodybuilding, dancing, yoga, pilates, body stretching and martial arts; and</p> <p>(b) have commenced business before 28 March 2020 and having been ordered to close pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F).</p> <p>Fitness centres in residential clubhouses or private clubs 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>

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		<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 (i) above on the date of approval of the application.</p>
28.	Place of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	Places of public entertainment have been ordered to close for a period from end March to early May 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.
29.	Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme	Mahjong / Tin Kau parlours have been ordered to close for a period from early April to early May 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.
30.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms	<p>Each eligible Beauty Palour and Massage Establishment will receive a one-off subsidy depending on its number of workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 to 2 workers: Subsidy of \$30,000</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 to 4 workers: Subsidy of \$60,000</li> <li>• 5 or more workers: Subsidy of \$100,000</li> </ul> <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><b><u>Eligibility criteria for beauty parlours and massage establishments</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An eligible premises should provide at least one of the following services as its main business:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Skin and facial care services;</li> <li>(b) Weight control and slimming services;</li> <li>(c) Nail treatment;</li> <li>(d) Tattooing and/or piercing;</li> <li>(e) Hair loss improvement and/or hairdressing;</li> <li>(f) Body massage and/or spa treatment;</li> <li>(g) Foot reflexology; and/or</li> <li>(h) Other beauty, care, prettifying and/or massage service on any part of the body.</li> </ol> <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> </li> <li>2. The applicant operates its business independently at a fixed location in Hong Kong.</li> <li>3. The relevant premises and services of the applicant should be in operation before 10 April 2020.</li> <li>4. The relevant premises is not eligible for other premises-based subsidy schemes under second-round AEF , e.g. bathhouses, clubhouses or fitness centres.</li> </ol> <p>Each party room will receive a one-off subsidy of \$40,000.</p> <p><b><u>Eligibility criteria for party rooms</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An eligible premises should meet the following criteria:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) conducting a main business of commercial renting of physical indoor premises on short-</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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		<p>term basis for private events/ gatherings of leisure or recreational nature;</p> <p>(b) the relevant premises should be a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong;</p> <p>(c) prior booking is necessary and no walk-in customer is to be entertained for use of the premises; and</p> <p>(d) the business should have an online presence for marketing and/or reservation. Reservation can be made by members of the public through common reservation platforms, social media accounts or through contact by email, instant messaging (such as WhatsApp or WeChat) or telephone.</p> <p>2. The relevant premises should have commenced business before 28 March 2020.</p> <p>3. The following premises are not eligible:</p> <p>(a) Relevant premises that forms part of, or is attached to, premises operating business(es) of a different nature, e.g. hotels, guesthouses, clubhouses, catering establishments, places of public entertainment, schools, training centres, gymnasiums, business/secretarial services centres and co-working space;</p> <p>(b) Premises is a carrier that can be used for transport (e.g. buses, trams and sea vessels); and</p> <p>(c) Premises that is eligible for other premises-based subsidy scheme under the second-round AEF, e.g. clubhouses.</p>
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</p>

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		2020 will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 to each affected site.
33.	A 20% fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (PTFSS)	<p><b><u>A 20% fare concession of MTR</u></b>                      The MTR Corporation Limited shall provide a one-off special fare concession of “20% Rebate for Every Octopus Trip” to its Octopus passengers for the period from 1 July 2020 to 1 January 2021, and a discount of \$100 to passengers who purchase “MTR City Saver” and the five types of “Monthly Pass Extra” during the 6-month concession period. The Government will bear half of the expenditure involved, with a cap of \$0.8 billion.</p> <p><b><u>Temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (PTFSS)</u></b>                      The Government will temporarily relax the monthly threshold of the PTFSS from \$400 to \$200 from July to December 2020. During the six-month period, the Government will provide a subsidy amounting to one-third of the monthly public transport expenses in excess of \$200, subject to a maximum of \$400 per month per Octopus. 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.</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 will engage 2-3 hotels (providing a total of up to 1 000 guestrooms) to serve as designated quarantine facilities to accommodate people who are required to serve 14-day compulsory quarantine, and provide financial support to the new quarantine centres in Penny's Bay (providing around 3 500 quarantine units) from September 2020 to March 2021.</p>
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> <p>(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;</p>

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		<p>(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</p> <p>(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> <p>Disbursement of subsidy will be made to the tenants subject to the following:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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>
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> <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>



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		<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 for the subsidy (i.e. 12 November 2020); and</p> <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>
5.	Tourism Industry Support Scheme	<p><b><u>Financial relief to licenced travel agents and their staff</u></b></p> <p>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>

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		<p><b><u>Financial relief to freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts</u></b>                      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 2.0<sup>8</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>Financial relief to tour service coach drivers</u></b>                      Each eligible tour service coach driver will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$6,700.</p> <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 2.0<sup>9</sup>.</p>
6.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms (Second Round)	<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"> <li>• 1 to 2 workers: Subsidy of \$15,000</li> <li>• 3 to 4 workers: Subsidy of \$30,000</li> <li>• 5 or more workers: Subsidy of \$50,000</li> </ul> <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><b><u>Eligibility criteria for beauty parlours and massage establishments</u></b></p> <p>1. The applicant provides one or more of the following services for non-medical purposes as</p>

<sup>8</sup> See footnote [6].

<sup>9</sup> 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>its main business at its business premises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Skin and facial care services;</li> <li>(b) Weight control and slimming services;</li> <li>(c) Nail treatment;</li> <li>(d) Tattooing and/or piercing;</li> <li>(e) Professional hair loss improvement;</li> <li>(f) Body massage and/or spa treatment;</li> <li>(g) Foot reflexology; and/or</li> <li>(h) Other beauty, care, prettifying and/or massage service on any part of the body.</li> </ul> <p>Clinics/ medical centres managed/ operated by medical practitioners/ medical personnel, premises providing consultation or medical services and hair salons/ hairdressers/ barbers are not eligible for the subsidy under the Scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The applicant operates its business independently in a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong.</li> <li>3. The premises and services of the applicant should have been in operation before 15 July 2020.</li> <li>4. The applicant has suspended operations pursuant to the Government order from 15 July to 27 August 2020.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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		<p>Each eligible party room will receive a one-off subsidy of \$20,000.</p> <p><b><u>Eligibility criteria for party rooms</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant should be:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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);</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The applicant operates its business independently in a standalone venue at a fixed location in Hong Kong.</li> <li>3. The premises and services of the applicant should have been in operation before 15 July 2020.</li> <li>4. The applicant has suspended operations pursuant to the Government order from 15 July to 17 September 2020.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>7. The premises of the applicant is not a carrier that can be used for transport (e.g. buses, trams</li> </ol>

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		<p>or sea vessels).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>
7.	Subsidy Scheme for the Transport and Aviation Sector	<p><b><u>One-off subsidies to vehicles, cross-boundary ferries and aircrafts</u></b></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, school private light bus, and hire car<sup>10</sup>.</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.</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><b><u>One-off subsidy to aviation support services operators at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)</u></b></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</p>

<sup>10</sup> The Transport Department is formulating the eligibility criteria for the subsidy and will announce the details in due course.

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		<p>will be provided to operators with 100 or more employees, while a subsidy of \$0.5 million will 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><b><u>Catering Outlets</u></b>                      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><b><u>Lunch Box Suppliers</u></b>                      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><b><u>School Bus Service Providers</u></b>                      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</p>

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		<p>of \$13,400 per CBSC will be provided for eligible nannies, and the maximum amount of subsidy for each nanny is \$6,700.</p> <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><b><u>School instructors of learning/interest classes</u></b></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 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 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.</p>



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		<p>The amount of grant per CCC will be based on the size of its enrolment (i.e. number of children) 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.</p>				
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 KGs and Private Schools	<p>A one-off grant will be provided to all kindergartens (KGs) and private primary and secondary day schools with the rate as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="907 1145 2033 1374"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="907 1145 1720 1203">Categories of KGs/schools</th> <th data-bbox="1720 1145 2033 1203">Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="907 1203 1720 1374"> <p>(i) KGs</p> <p>Long whole day<sup>11</sup> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 or less students</li> </ul> </td> <td data-bbox="1720 1203 2033 1374"> <p>\$60,000</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Categories of KGs/schools	Rate	<p>(i) KGs</p> <p>Long whole day<sup>11</sup> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 or less students</li> </ul>	<p>\$60,000</p>
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<sup>11</sup> 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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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 33 students</li> </ul> Scheme-KGs with whole day session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 or less students</li> <li>• More than 33 students</li> </ul> Scheme-KGs (half day) only Non-Scheme KGs	\$80,000  \$50,000  \$70,000  \$30,000  \$40,000
		<b>(ii) Private primary and secondary day schools<sup>12</sup></b> \$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.	

<sup>12</sup> 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 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 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 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"> <li>(a) be either one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a holder of an AGC licence that is valid for any period within the above specified period;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(iii) the applicant for an AGC exemption for e-sports operation; or</li> <li>(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</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>

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20.	Cinemas Subsidy Scheme	A one-off subsidy of \$50,000 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 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 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"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>1. An applicant is required to fulfil the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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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"><li>(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;</li><li>(b) no subsidy has been granted by FEHD under this Subsidy Scheme to the original licence holder in respect of the concerned licence; and</li><li>(c) the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in items (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(d) and (1)(e) above.</li></ul>

**Table IV. New measures approved by the AEF Steering Committee**

Item	Measures	Eligibility/Brief Description
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. A total of 1 064 applications were received (from 742 RCHEs and 322 RCHDs), which represent about 98% of the 1089 invited homes.
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. It is expected that up to 2 400 additional tests will be carried out per day in the public sector.
3.	Training Subsidies for Employers of Engineering Graduates Council	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.



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4.	Anti-epidemic Subsidy Scheme for the Laundry Trade	<p>Laundry shop or workshop with valid business registration certificates for operating laundry and dry cleaning services or related collection and dispatch services at outlet shops, with services in operation on or before 12 May 2020, and still in operation on the date of submitting 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>

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6.	100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme	<p>The Scheme commenced on 8 June 2020 and will run for six months until 8 December 2020. Under the Scheme, the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation would automatically double the credit limits of existing policyholders or uplift the limits to the amount applied for, whichever is the smaller, subject to a cap of \$100 million. New credit limit applications will also be topped up in a similar manner.</p>
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"> <li>(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);</li> <li>(b) commercial automated dishwashing machine(s) has/have been installed on the dishware washing premises on or before 31 March 2020;</li> <li>(c) carry on a dishware washing business and provide dishware washing services to at least two food business customers;</li> <li>(d) provide at least one water bill issued by the Water Supplies Department in the second half</li> </ul>

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		<p>of 2019;</p> <p>(e) the dishware washing business is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; and</p> <p>(f) has not received any subsidy under the Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme, the Relief Grants for Providers of Catering Services for Schools and Post-secondary Education Institutions and Providers of Interest Group and School Bus Services for Schools, the Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme or the Club-house Subsidy Scheme.</p>
9.	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	<p>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:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>
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 (Targeted Group Testing Scheme)	To enhance and broaden surveillance at the community level and incorporate disease prevention and infection control into the new normal of the daily operation of society, the Government will integrate and regularise the Targeted Group Testing Scheme (TGTS) as part of sentinel surveillance and as a main tier of the "Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme" of the Centre of Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health. The TGTS will become part of the surveillance and early-warning system. By facilitating contact tracing and epidemiological

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		<p>investigations, not only does it help with "early identification, early isolation and early treatment", it also provides data for reference for the overall assessment of the epidemic situation.</p> <p>In particular, the Government will base on risk assessment to arrange testing on a regular basis or by random sampling for certain targeted groups depending on anti-epidemic needs, including (1) high-risk groups such as staff of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and nursing homes; (2) staff of critical infrastructure and services, such as slaughterhouse workers, designated frontline container terminal employees, etc.; and (3) high-exposure groups such as public transport drivers (including taxi drivers), frontline staff of catering businesses, stall operators and personnel working in markets, etc. In the eventuality of a sudden outbreak in certain groups, the Government may arrange for urgent cluster testing for the relevant locations or premises with confirmed cases based on a need and risk assessment in order to identify the infected persons and cut the transmission chains as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Government will regularly review the coverage and frequency of the TGTS based on the latest epidemic risk assessment.</p>
13.	Funding for Provision of about 2 000 Quarantine Units at Penny's Bay	2 000 units will be constructed 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 has been relocated from AsiaWorld Expo to the Midfield Concourse of the Hong Kong International Airport. A new holding hotel with higher capacity has been engaged for holding arriving travellers who need to wait overnight for their COVID-19 test result.

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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	A one-off subsidy of \$7,500 will be provided to each eligible special effects operator (SEO) and assistant (SEA) holding a licence issued on or before 30 September 2020 under the Entertainment Special Effects Ordinance (Cap. 560) and its subsidiary legislation, provided that he/she has not received subsidies for individual practitioners under the Employment Support Scheme or other sector-specific subsidy schemes under 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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**Anti-epidemic Fund  
Progress of Implementation  
(Position as at 9 October 2020)**

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

Item	Measure	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation progress
1.	<p>Enhancing support to the Hospital Authority (HA) for combating the epidemic</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Hospital Authority</p>	4,700	HA's staff and patients of public hospitals	<p>The Government allocated \$4.7 billion from the AEF to provide additional resources for the HA in tackling the epidemic, in particular for ensuring sufficient support and protection for frontline healthcare staff.</p> <p>The HA would flexibly deploy the additional resources on various fronts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) personnel-related expenditure for frontline staff involved in anti-epidemic efforts;</li> <li>(b) procuring additional personal protective equipment (PPE) and other necessary accessories for healthcare staff;</li> <li>(c) offering special rental allowance (SRA) to staff who need to rent hotel rooms or other premises for temporary stay and temporary accommodation arrangements;</li> <li>(d) enhancing support for laboratory testing and procuring drug and medical equipment; and</li> <li>(e) hospital support services and supplies etc.</li> </ul> <p>The HA announced on 24 February 2020 the introduction of the Special Emergency Response Allowance (SERA) to provide recognition to</p>

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				<p>frontline staff engaging in high risk duties, with retrospective effect from the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals since 25 January 2020.</p> <p>As of 30 September 2020 (latest available figures)<sup>1</sup>, around \$2,559 million has been utilised by the HA on different areas of its anti-epidemic work, including around \$1,110 million for personnel related expenditure including SERA and SRA; around \$1,239 million for purchasing PPE and drugs, and spending on laboratory supplies and medical equipment; and around \$210 million for other expenses such as hospital supplies.</p>
2.	<p>Support local mask production</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Hong Kong Productivity Council</p>	1,100	To subsidise the setting up of a maximum of 20 local production lines with an undertaking of the Government to buy up to 40 million masks per month for 12 months	<p>All the quota of 20 production lines under the Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme have been allocated.</p> <p>As of 30 September 2020<sup>2</sup>, capital subsidy of around \$14.6 million has been disbursed to the grantees, and around 135 million masks have been delivered to the Government.</p>

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3.	<p>Global procurement of personal protective equipment</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Government Logistics Department</p>	1,000	All	<p>Procurement of personal protective equipment is in progress. As at 9 October 2020, around \$868 million has been paid.</p>
4.	<p>Support property management sector in anti-epidemic efforts</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the Property Management Services Authority</p>	1,325	Frontline property management workers serving in around 36 500 private residential, composite, industrial and commercial buildings	<p>Upon the endorsement of the AEF Steering Committee, the Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector has been enhanced as follows –</p> <p>(a) the original scope covering private residential/composite buildings has been extended to cover industrial/commercial buildings;</p> <p>(b) the subsidised period has been extended from four months to seven months (i.e. from February to August 2020);</p> <p>(c) the maximum number of beneficiaries per eligible building block has been extended from 6 to 100; and</p> <p>(d) the application period has been extended to 15 July 2020.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, over 13 000 applications were received, of which over 11 600 applications</p>



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				were approved, involving subsidies of around \$1.1 billion.
5.	<p>Technology applications to enable reusability of masks</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission</p>	230	All Hong Kong ID card holders	<p>The Government has arranged for the first round distribution of CuMask+™ in May to July 2020 and the second round from September to October 2020. As of 9 October 2020, we have distributed about 9.6 million pieces of CuMask+™ in total. The committed expenses amounted to approximately \$285 million, of which \$100 million have been supported by internal resources. The audited accounts will be ready by late 2020.</p>
6.	<p>Support construction sector in anti-epidemic efforts</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Construction Industry Council</p>	914	Around 7 400 construction establishments and 486 000 workers	<p>Application period for the first-round measures covering around 240 000 registered construction workers with attendance records and 7 000 construction establishments ended on 31 August 2020.</p> <p>The extended measures cover the remaining 246 000 registered construction workers without attendance records and 400 SME consultants. The Development Bureau and the Construction Industry Council invited application from the additional consultants and workers on 27 April 2020 and 18 May 2020 respectively. The application period for the extended measures also closed on 31 August 2020.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, around 466 000 workers and 6 100 establishments submitted applications</p>

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				<p>for the first-round and extended measures, and subsidies were disbursed to about 464 000 workers and 5 600 establishments (including the SME consultants), amounting to around \$851 million.</p> <p>Applicants will receive the subsidies within 2-3 weeks upon completion of the applications; fund disbursement is expected to complete in mid-November 2020.</p>
7.	<p>Support cleansing and security staff engaged by Government and Hong Kong Housing Authority service contractors in anti-epidemic efforts</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Individual departments and the Hong Kong Housing Authority in collaboration with their contractors</p>	622	67 000 frontline workers	<p>Departments have been disbursing the allowance through contractors to eligible workers who performed duties in the respective months during the period from March to September 2020. Frontline workers are not required to submit any application. As at end September 2020<sup>3</sup>, around \$503 million has been paid.</p>

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8.	<p>Installation of emergency alert system (EAS)</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Communications Authority</p>	150	24 million mobile telephone users	<p>The EAS installations were completed by local mobile network operators in August 2020 and training and drills are being conducted. The formal launch of the EAS would be subject to the readiness of the software upgrades by major mobile phone manufacturers. We will review the position in November 2020.</p>
9.	<p>Home quarantine support</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer/Innovation and Technology Commission (Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech Research and Technology Centre)</p>	107	Persons who are required to observe the home quarantine requirement	<p>As of 9 October 2020, the total funds paid were \$107 million. Around 403 000 e-wristbands have been purchased to support home quarantine arrangements. Over 349 000 confinees undergoing compulsory home quarantine have been issued with related devices, including about 309 000 e-wristbands and about 40 000 QR code wristbands.</p>
10.	<p>Ex-gratia payment to eligible public rental housing (PRH) applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and</p>	83	<p>4 700 prospective tenants (700 for Fai Ming Estate and 4 000 for Chun Yeung Estate)</p>	<p>A total of \$53.33 million of ex-gratia payments were disbursed to eligible households.</p> <p>The first round of ex-gratia payments (\$6,000 for each household) were disbursed to all eligible households by 17 April 2020, involving</p>

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	<p>Chun Yeung Estate</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Hong Kong Housing Authority</p>			<p>\$27.75 million.</p> <p>The second round of ex-gratia payments (\$6,000 for each household) for eligible PRH applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Fai Ming Estate and Chun Yeung Estate but excluding those who have subsequently accepted an allocation offer of other PRH estates were disbursed by 29 July 2020. It involves a total payment of \$25.58 million.</p> <p>The Government will disburse a further ex-gratia payment again in late 2020 tentatively to eligible PRH applicants who have accepted the advance allocation offers of Tai Fai House, Fai Ming Estate and Blocks 1 to 3 of Chun Yeung Estate, which are still not yet available for intake.</p>
11.	<p>Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Chief Secretary for Administration's Office</p> <p>Implementation: Hong Kong Trade Development Council</p>	5,516.14	70 000 retailers	<p>The application period ended on 12 April 2020. About \$5.49 billion of subsidy were disbursed to nearly 69 000 successful applicants. The scheme has completed.</p>

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12.	<p>Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	3,750	28 000 licensees	<p>The application period ended on 4 May 2020. 28 551 eligible applications were received, all of which were approved and over \$3.746 billion of subsidy was disbursed. The subsidy scheme has completed.</p>
13.	<p>Subsidy for the transport sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Transport Department and Marine Department</p>	3,147.2	<p>59 000 taxi drivers, 2 000 red minibus drivers, 165 green minibus operators; 13 000 cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers; franchised buses, local ferries and tram operators; registered owners of about 7 400 non-franchised buses, 2 200 school private light buses, 1 300 hire cars, 120 000 goods vehicles; 8 800 local commercial vessels; operators of cross-boundary ferry services; 850 pleasure vessels let for hire or reward</p>	<p>Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As of 9 October 2020, around \$1.946 billion has been paid to the transport trades.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, around \$359.4 million of fuel/electricity subsidy to franchised bus companies, local ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited has been disbursed. For the other one-off subsidy items, 99% of registered owners of the eligible commercial vehicles have submitted the applications and around \$1.32 billion of subsidy has been disbursed.</p> <p>For the subsidy to cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers for conducting mandatory nucleic acid tests, \$31.8 million has been disbursed.</p> <p><b><u>Fuel subsidy to public light buses and taxis</u></b> The one-year fuel subsidy to public light buses and taxis commenced on 1 July 2020. The \$1 discount to LPG public light buses and taxis will</p>

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				<p>be provided direct at gas station while diesel public light buses and petrol taxis will have to submit applications for reimbursement of one-third of fuel cost.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, around \$43.8 million has been reimbursed.</p> <p><b><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></b></p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, about \$75.2 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy and about \$15.5 million of one-off survey fee subsidy have been paid to owners of 8 500 vessels. The scheme is expected to be completed in end-October 2020.</p> <p><b><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$10,000 for local commercial non-mechanised vessels for cargo operation or marine construction works</u></b></p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, a total of \$7.3 million has been paid to owners of 730 vessels. The scheme is expected to be completed in end- October 2020.</p> <p><b><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$1 million for each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel</u></b></p> <p>A total of \$84 million of one-off non-accountable subsidy has been paid to all eligible</p>

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				<p>operators/owners. The scheme has completed.</p> <p><b><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$20,000 for pleasure vessels let for hire or reward</u></b>                      As of 9 October 2020, a total of \$14 million has been paid to owners of 700 vessels. The scheme is expected to be completed in end-October 2020.</p>
14.	<p>Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and AsiaWorld-Expo</p>	1,020	Convention/exhibition organisers and participants	<p>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 and will last for one year.</p> <p>The part of the scheme regarding exhibitions and major conventions organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (TDC) will last for one year, starting from a date to be determined later having regard to TDC's event arrangements in the coming few months.</p>
15.	<p>Special allowance for eligible Working Family Allowance (WFA) and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p>	895	All eligible WFA households and SFA households	<p>The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) has started disbursing the special allowance in batches from 9 June 2020, and has disbursed the allowance to about 185 410 eligible households, involving around \$881 million of allowance as at 9 October 2020.</p> <p>The disbursement of special allowance has been</p>

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	Implementation: Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency			largely completed, with the allowance disbursed to over 99.3% of eligible households. Subject to the provision of supporting information by the remaining eligible households, WFSFAA expects to complete the exercise by end March 2021.
16.	Additional student grant for 2019/20 school year  Policy Bureau: Education Bureau  Implementation: Education Bureau	876	900 000 students	Application was closed on 30 June 2020, with some 876 000 applications received. We have largely completed processing the applications, and subsidy has been disbursed to about 874 000 applications, involving around \$874 million.
17.	Rental waivers for tenants at the Hong Kong Science Park, industrial estates and Cyberport  Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau  Implementation: Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited	340	863 tenants of Science Park, and industrial estates, as well as 740 tenants of Cyberport	The rental waiver took effect from 1 April 2020 and ended on 30 September 2020. The scheme has completed.



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18.	<p>Subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders, fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands and fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department</p>	281.76	1 800 traders and owners 1 300 fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers	<p>Application for the subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders and fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands ended in April and May 2020 respectively and processing of applications was completed by 30 June 2020. As of 9 October 2020, around \$236.08 million has been paid.</p> <p>Application for the subsidies to fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers operating in public or private wholesale food markets ended on 1 June 2020. As of 9 October 2020, 1 097 applications have been approved and \$43.88 million has been/will be paid.</p>
19.	<p>Support to child care centres (CCCs)</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Social Welfare Department</p>	245.824	257 aided CCCs 294 non-aided CCCs	The support scheme has completed, with around \$245.8 million of subsidy paid.
20.	<p>Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p>	137.2	Arts and culture groups and freelancers in the arts and culture sector	Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As at 9 October 2020, \$137.2 million has been committed. A total of 863 arts groups/projects and more than 5 600 arts practitioners and freelancers have benefitted.

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	Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau and others			
21.	<p>Licensed Guesthouses Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Tourism Commission in collaboration with the Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	124.12	1 800 licensed guesthouses	The scheme has completed, with around \$124 million of subsidy disbursed.
22.	<p>Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Tourism Commission</p>	137.52	1 736 licensed travel agents	The scheme has completed, with around \$138 million of subsidy disbursed.
23.	Support to training bodies of Employees Retraining Board (ERB)	87.814	80 training bodies	Disbursement of special grant through ERB has completed. The total sum paid is around \$88 million.

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	Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau  Implementation: Employees Retraining Board			
24.	Licensed Hawkers Subsidy Scheme  Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau  Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	26.435	5 500 licensed hawkers	The scheme has completed. Amongst the 5 811 applications received, 5 287 eligible applications were approved and around \$26.44 million of subsidy were disbursed.

**Table 2. Progress 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>	92,351.3	<p>Around 270 000 employers who have been making MPF contributions and have set up MPF-exempted Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (ORSO) schemes, employing 1.77 million employees, as well as around 215 000 self-employed persons who have set up an MPF account on or before 31 March 2020 and with the accounts remaining opened as of the date</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 150 000 applications, involving a total wage subsidy of \$45 billion and benefitting about 1.94 million employees. For SEPs, we approved the \$7,500 one-off subsidy to over 110 000 eligible applicants, involving more than \$800 million of subsidy.</p> <p>For the second tranche, we received a total of 187 988 applications, including 161 602 applications from employers and 26 386 applications from SEPs. Among the employers' applications received, 146 129 employer applicants (about 90%) had successfully applied for the first tranche. With around 80% of the employers' applications for the second tranche processed, wage subsidies were approved for about 125 000 employers under the second tranche (with subsidies totaling \$31.8 billion and a total committed headcount of paid employees of about 1.33 million). Some 8 100 SEPs also received approval for their \$7,500 one-off subsidy, involving a total subsidy of \$61 million.</p>

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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>	6,600	30 000 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 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 graduates, for example the scheme launched by the Development Bureau to subsidise employers to employ graduates 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 successful applicants 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>Around 26 000 jobs (including around 14 700 jobs in the Government and around 11 600 jobs in the non-governmental sector) have been created under the Job Creation Scheme. Among them, around 8 000 jobs have been filled while the recruitment of the remaining 18 000 jobs has already commenced or will commence shortly. Proposals for creating the remaining 4 000 jobs are in the pipeline.</p>
3.	<p>LAWTECH Fund</p> <p>Policy Bureau:</p>	40	Around 700 SME law firms and barristers' chambers with 5 or less practising	The Fund is administered by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association under a Memorandum of Understanding with DoJ.

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	<p>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>		lawyers	<p>Application closed on 6 September 2020, with over 500 applications received during the period. The Joint Committee set up by the two professional bodies are processing the applications received, and arranging the disbursement of the funding to successful applicants.</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	General public and businesses with disputes arising out of or in relation to COVID-19; and mediators, arbitrators and their pupils, etc.	<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.</p>
5.	<p>Subsidy for encouraging early deployment of 5G</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of</p>	55	Around 100 projects of 5G application in public and private sectors	<p>The application period is from 5 May to 30 November 2020. As of 9 October 2020, 166 applications were received and 19 were approved.</p>

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	the Communications Authority			
6.	<p>Distance Business Programme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission</p>	1,500	<p>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</p>	<p>Funding application period started on 18 May 2020 and will close on 31 October 2020. As of 9 October 2020, 24 481 applications were received, of which 17 722 applications have been processed and 16 213 applications approved, with a total subsidy of about \$907 million.</p> <p>On 18 August 2020, the Innovation and Technology Commission announced the introduction of a number of enhancement measures. For instance, enterprises may submit a second application starting from 31 August 2020, and the funding period for subscription-based IT solutions has been extended from 6 months to 12 months.</p>
7.	<p>Training subsidies for consultants in the construction sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Construction Industry Council</p>	30	Some 600 consulting firms	<p>Disbursement of subsidy via the Construction Industry Council commenced on 11 May 2020. As of 9 October 2020, 554 applications were received, with 505 of them endorsed and \$22.25 million of subsidy disbursed. The application period ended on 31 August 2020 and disbursement is expected to complete by early November 2020.</p>

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8.	<p>Matching Grant Scheme for Skills Upgrading</p> <p>Policy Bureau: All policy bureaux, coordinated by the Civil Service Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Relevant statutory bodies, industry associations and related bodies</p>	100	Employees in various sectors	<p>The Scheme provides training funds on a matching basis to eligible applicants for organising training programmes for employees in various sectors, in particular those hard-hit by the epidemic, so that they will be better equipped with enhanced skills to prepare for the economic turnaround. The Scheme was launched on 15 July 2020. Eligible applicants, which are suitable bodies identified by policy bureaux, have been invited to submit applications for the matching grant within a six-week application period. Relevant policy bureaux are processing the applications received. It is expected that the application results would be available by the end of November 2020.</p>
9.	<p>Registered operators of private schools offering non-formal curriculum</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Education Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Education Bureau</p>	97.2	About 3 000 private schools offering non-formal curriculum	<p>The application period closed on 22 May 2020. Among 2 652 applications received, 2 420 applications were approved, with \$96.8 million of subsidy disbursed.</p>
10.	<p>School-related service providers (including catering, interest groups, school bus services)</p>	349.76	<p>Around 900 operators of catering outlets in schools and post-secondary education institutions; Lunchbox providers of</p>	<p><b><u>Catering Outlets (Primary and Secondary Schools)</u></b></p> <p>The application period closed on 22 May 2020. Among the 895 applications received, 747 applications were approved, with \$59.76 million</p>



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	<p>Policy Bureau: Education Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Education Bureau</p>		<p>around 1 000 schools; around 6 000 school bus drivers, 2 200 school private light bus drivers and 5 400 escorts; and around 27 000 instructors, coaches, trainers and operators of interests classes engaged by schools</p>	<p>of subsidy disbursed to eligible applicants.</p> <p><b><u>Catering Outlets (Post-secondary Education Institutions)</u></b> The application period closed on 7 May 2020. All 152 applications received were approved. Disbursement of subsidies to all eligible applicants has completed.</p> <p><b><u>Lunchbox Suppliers</u></b> The application period closed on 22 May 2020. Among the 866 applications received, 847 applications were approved, with \$8.4 million of subsidy disbursed to eligible applicants.</p> <p><b><u>School Bus Service Providers</u></b> The application period closed on 5 June 2020. Among the 9 223 applications received, 9 138 applications were approved, involving around \$88.6 million of subsidy. Payment of subsidy to eligible applicants is expected to complete by late October 2020.</p> <p><b><u>School instructors of learning/interest classes</u></b> The application period closed on 8 June 2020. Among the 24 052 applications received, 23 998 applications were approved, with nearly \$180 million disbursed.</p>

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11.	<p>One-off grant to registered sports coaches</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Leisure and Cultural Services Department and National Sports Associations/Sports Organisations</p>	63.75	Around 17 000 registered sports coaches	The application period closed on 15 June 2020. Among the 11 252 applications received, 8 487 applications were approved, involving around \$63.65 million of subsidy. The scheme has completed.
12.	<p>Relief grants for freelance workers hired by subvented non-governmental welfare organisations to provide training and coaching for service users</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Social Welfare Department</p>	31.5	Around 8 200 interest class instructors hired by non-governmental organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department	The application period closed on 31 July 2020. A total of 4 314 applications were received and 4 142 were approved, involving \$31.065 million of subsidy. Payment of subsidy to all eligible applicants is expected to complete by end October 2020.
13.	Subsidy for the refuse transfer station account holders for transporting municipal solid waste (MSW)	6.472	800 eligible refuse transfer station account holders	In order to expedite the subsidy disbursement arrangements, the application procedures have been waived. Disbursement of subsidy has been made to 809 eligible private MSW collectors in early May 2020. The scheme has completed

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	Policy Bureau: Environment Bureau  Implementation: Environmental Protection Department			with total payment of \$6.472 million made.
14.	Subsidies for local primary producers  Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau  Implementation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	71.95	Around 7 600 local primary producers	Application for the subsidies to primary producers ended on 1 June 2020. As of 9 October 2020, 7 120 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 \$71.2 million of subsidy has been/will be paid to eligible applicants.
15.	Special subsidy to exchange participants and Securities and Futures Commission licensees  Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau  Implementation: Financial	126.4	Some 790 Category B and Category C exchange participants; and some 44 000 Securities and Futures Commission licensed individuals	The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau has appointed the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute to disburse the subsidies.  Application period began on 25 May 2020 and ended on 30 September 2020. As at 30 September 2020 <sup>4</sup> , 750 applications from exchange participants and 30 443 applications from SFC licensed individuals were received, among which 665 and 29 654 applications were approved

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	Services and the Treasury Bureau in collaboration with the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute			respectively (representing 85% and 68% of the eligible beneficiaries respectively). Around \$92 million of subsidy were disbursed.
16.	Cash subsidy for individual licensees in the estate agency sector  Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau  Implementation: Estate Agents Authority	130	Around 40 000 individual licensees	Licensees need not submit application for the cash subsidy. The Estate Agents Authority has started disbursing the cash subsidy to eligible individual licensees since late May 2020 according to the numerical sequence of licence numbers. Save for a small number of cases that the eligibility for receiving the subsidies are being assessed, the disbursement exercise has been largely completed in end August 2020. As of 9 October 2020, subsidies were disbursed to 39 408 licensees, involving around \$125 million.
17.	Subsidy for the passenger transport sector  Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau  Implementation: Transport Department (TD)	3,634.15	5 franchised bus companies, 9 local ferry operators and Hong Kong Tramways Limited; Registered owners of about 7 400 non-franchised buses, 2 200 school private light buses, 1 300 hire cars, 18 163 taxis and 1 010 red minibus; 165 green minibus passenger service licence holders; 59 000 taxi drivers and 2 500 red minibus	Disbursement of subsidy is in progress. As of 9 October 2020, around \$1.32 billion has been paid to the transport trades.  <b><u>Reimbursement of repair and maintenance cost and insurance premium to franchised bus, local ferry and tram operators</u></b> Letters were issued to the operators in early June 2020 to inform them of the reimbursement arrangement. Four operators have submitted applications for reimbursement and vetting is in progress.

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			<p>drivers; 3 000 green minibus and 200 local ferry employees aged 65 or above; 72 kaito routes</p>	<p><b><u>One-off subsidy for green minibus passenger service licence holders, kaito operators, registered owners of non-franchised buses, school private light buses, hire cars, taxis and red minibuses</u></b>                      As of 9 October 2020, about 99% of registered owners of these eligible commercial vehicles have submitted the applications and around \$985.2 million of subsidy were disbursed.</p> <p><b><u>Wage subsidy to green minibus and local ferry operators for employees aged 65 or above</u></b>                      For the first tranche (covering June to August 2020), around \$38.8 million of subsidy has been disbursed. Applications for the second tranche (covering September to November 2020) started on 7 September 2020. As of 9 October 2020, 136 applications were received and vetting is in progress.</p> <p><b><u>Subsidy for eligible active taxi and red minibus drivers</u></b>                      As of 9 October 2020, around \$297.5 million of subsidy has been disbursed.</p>
18.	Providing relief to creative industries (a) Cinemas Subsidy Scheme; (b) Subsidy to PMQ tenants; and	85	(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 was completed on 15 May 2020.

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	<p>(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 107 tenants of PMQ; and</p> <p>(c) All exhibitors at the next Hong Kong Book Fair (about 730 exhibitors)</p>	<p>The total amount of subsidy is \$25 million, to be disbursed to tenants through PMQ in four equal tranches. The first three tranches have been disbursed in May, July and September 2020 respectively. The last tranche will be disbursed in November 2020.</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). Subsidy will be disbursed to the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) after completion of the next Hong Kong Book Fair.</p> <p>The Book Fair scheduled for 15-21 July 2020 was postponed because of a resurgence of local COVID-19 cases. HKTDC announced on 25 August 2020 that the Book Fair will be rescheduled to 16-22 December 2020, subject to review of the COVID-19 situation one month and one week before then.</p>
19.	<p>Tourism Industry Support Schemes</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (in collaboration with</p>	761	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	The application periods of the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme, the Hotel Sector Support Scheme and the Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme have closed. As at 9 October 2020, about 23 000 applications were approved and around \$734 million of subsidy were disbursed

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	<p>Transport and Housing Bureau and Home Affairs Bureau as relevant)</p> <p>Implementation: Tourism Commission (in collaboration with Transport Department and Home Affairs Department as relevant)</p>		<p>escorts; about 300 licensed hotels; about 9 300 tour service coach drivers; Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and cruise lines with ship calls cancelled</p>	<p>under the schemes.</p> <p>For the cruise industry, the Government started waiving the monthly fixed rent and management fees for the operator of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal for ten months, from 1 June 2020 to 31 March 2021. By 9 October 2020, around \$2.82 million has been waived. 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 31 May 2021. As at 9 October 2020, 8 applications were received, and all of them were approved, with around \$1.52 million deposit refunded.</p>
20.	<p>Relief measures for construction sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Construction Industry Council</p>	5,795	<p>Around 530 000 construction workers and 30 000 construction-related enterprises, and around 3 500 employers of the construction sector</p>	<p>Some 210 000 workers who were granted subsidy under the first-round measures had started to receive the second-round subsidy of \$7,500 from 12 May 2020, without the need to submit any new applications; disbursement of the subsidy was completed on 19 May 2020. As regards the remaining eligible workers, the application period was from 18 May 2020 to 31 August 2020.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, except for the foresaid 210 000 workers who had received the second-round subsidy directly, application from another 297 000 eligible workers were received.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, a total of around 500 000</p>

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				<p>workers received the subsidy, amounting to over \$3,748 million.</p> <p>For enterprises, application period started on 22 May 2020 and closed on 31 August 2020. As of 9 October 2020, over 15 000 enterprises submitted applications, and subsidies were disbursed to over 15 000 enterprises, amounting to about \$306 million.</p> <p>Applicants will receive the subsidies within 4 weeks upon completion of the applications; fund disbursement of the relevant measures is expected to be completed in mid-November 2020.</p> <p>As regards the disbursement of subsidies to employers, application period started on 6 July 2020 and closed on 31 July 2020. As of 9 October 2020, among the 1 800 applications received, assessment of all 1 407 valid applications covering around 35 700 qualified employees and \$1,285 million of subsidy was completed. Subsidies were disbursed to over 1 000 employers covering around 24 200 qualified employees and \$871 million of subsidy. We are also handling late applications from eligible employers of casual employees for the Employment Support Scheme for the Construction Sector (Casual Employees). As of 9 October 2020, among these 464 late applications received, assessment of 307 valid applications</p>



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				covering around 3 490 casual employees and \$125.7 million subsidy was completed. We target to complete the assessment in October 2020. Disbursement of subsidies is expected to be completed in November 2020.
21.	<p>Subsidy to operators of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and Fly the Flyover Operation</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Commissioner for Heritage's Office and Energizing Kowloon East Office</p>	36	10 non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) running projects under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, PMQ and the NPO operating and managing the three Fly the Flyover sites for the Government	All applications were approved and the whole sum of committed subsidies (\$36 million) was paid. The subsidy scheme has completed.
22.	<p>Subsidy for the aviation sector</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Civil Aviation Department and Airport Authority Hong</p>	343	<p>(a) Some 270 aircraft registered in Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(b) Some 40 aviation support services and cargo facilities</p>	<p>Eight applications were received and approved, and \$267 million was disbursed to the target beneficiaries involving 271 aircraft registered in Hong Kong. The subsidy scheme has completed.</p> <p>34 applications were approved and \$76 million of subsidy were disbursed. The subsidy scheme has completed.</p>

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	Kong		operators at the Hong Kong International Airport	
23.	<p>Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme (CSS)</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	4,650	About 17 000 catering outlets and their employees	<p><b><u>Licensed food premises</u></b>                      The application period ended on 5 June 2020. Around 9 100 applications were received. For the first tranche payment, 9 053 applications were approved and \$ 2.247 billion paid. For the second tranche payment, 8 960 notifications were received, with 4 172 applications approved and \$963 million paid. The scheme is expected to be completed in December 2020. 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. 234 applications were received. As at 9 October 2020, 132 applications were approved and \$23 million of subsidy were disbursed.</p> <p><b><u>Cooked food/light refreshment stalls at public markets</u></b>                      The application period ended on 27 May 2020. 877 applications were received, with 872 eligible applications approved and around \$44 million disbursed. The scheme has completed.</p>

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24.	<p>Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	20.7	Around 240 amusement game centre operators	The application period of the scheme closed on 27 May 2020. Amongst the 238 applications received, all 207 eligible applications were approved and \$20.7 million of subsidies were disbursed. The subsidy scheme has completed.
25.	<p>Commercial bathhouses Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	4.8	Around 50 commercial bathhouses	The application period closed on 27 May 2020. 48 applications were received. All applications were approved and \$4.8 million of subsidy were disbursed. The scheme has completed.
26.	<p>Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau (assisted</p>	166.4	Around 1 660 fitness centres	The application period closed on 3 June 2020. 1 920 applications were received. As of 9 October 2020, 1 658 eligible applications were approved, with \$165.8 million of subsidy disbursed. The vetting of applications under the Scheme has completed. The Secretariat is handling appeal cases.

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	by the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China)			
27.	Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme  Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau  Implementation: Leisure and Cultural Services Department	5.8	59 licensed billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	The application period of the scheme ended on 30 May 2020. Amongst the 59 applications received, 58 applications were approved and a total of \$5.8 million of subsidy were disbursed. The Scheme has completed.
28.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme  Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau  Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	24.2	Around 180 PPEL holders and 300 temporary PPEL (TPPEL) holders	The application period of the scheme closed on 27 May 2020. 175 PPEL applications and 398 TPPEL applications were received. All 172 eligible PPEL applications and all 350 eligible TPPEL applications were approved respectively and a total of \$24.2 million of subsidies were disbursed to the eligible licence holders. The scheme has completed.
29.	Mahjong / Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme	6.5	66 holders of Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence	The application period of the scheme closed on 27 May 2020. 65 applications were received. All applications were approved and \$6.5 million of subsidies were disbursed to eligible licence

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	<p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>			holders. The scheme has completed.
30.	<p>Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Chief Secretary for Administration's Office</p> <p>Implementation: Human Resources Planning and Poverty Coordination Unit under the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office</p>	707	Around 11 000 beauty parlours, 1 400 massage establishments and 500 party rooms	The application period ended on 17 May 2020. Approximately 14 380 applications were received under the scheme. As of 9 October 2020, 12 968 applications were approved, involving some \$622.3 million of subsidy. Handling of appeals is in progress.
31.	<p>Club-house Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of</p>	56.4	Around 580 holders of the Certificate of Compliance issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance	The application period closed on 18 May 2020. Amongst the 564 applications received, 553 applications were approved (including 22 club-houses operating with a valid karaoke establishment permit for which a supplementary subsidy of \$50,000 was disbursed) and \$56.4 million of subsidy were disbursed. The scheme

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	the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department			has completed.
32.	<p>Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau</p>	7.4	Operators of sports and recreational facilities on sites granted by the Government	Application period closed on 20 May 2020. Amongst the 82 applications received, 74 applications were approved and \$7.4 million of subsidy were disbursed to eligible operators. The scheme has completed.
33.	<p>A 20% fare concession of MTR and temporary relaxation of the monthly threshold of the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (PTFSS)</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: MTR Corporation Limited (MTR fare concession) and Transport Department (PTFSS)</p>	800	MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) and its railway passengers; and passengers with monthly public transport expenses in excess of \$200	<p>MTRCL has announced the one-off special relief measures on 8 April 2020 to provide “20% Rebate for Every Octopus Trip” to Octopus users from 1 July 2020 to 1 January 2021. During the six-month period, passengers will also enjoy a flat reduction of \$100 for each purchase of “MTR City Saver” and five types of “Monthly Pass Extras”.</p> <p>It is estimated that the fare concessions worth about \$1.6 billion, depending on the actual patronage during the period. The Government will bear half of the total actual revenue foregone with a cap of \$0.8 billion. Government’s reimbursement to MTRCL will be made after the discount period.</p> <p>The monthly threshold of PTFSS has been temporarily relaxed from \$400 to \$200 for a time-</p>

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				<p>limited period of six months (from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020). During the six-month period, the Government will provide a subsidy amounting to one-third of the actual public transport expenses in excess of \$200, subject to a maximum of \$400 per month per Octopus.</p> <p>The temporary measure was implemented on 1 July 2020 as scheduled and the beneficiaries can start collecting the enhanced subsidy from 16 August 2020 onwards. The total subsidy amount for July and August 2020 was about \$400 million, benefiting an average of about 2.2 million commuters per month.</p>

**Table 3. Progress under the third-round Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)**

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1.	<p>Quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities</p> <p>Policy bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Social Welfare Department (SWD)</p>	730	3 quarantine centres including Hong Kong PHAB Association Jockey Club PHAB Camp, Cheung Muk Tau Holiday Centre for the Elderly, and AsiaWorld-Expo, providing a total of 740 beds	<p>SWD has since April 2020 set up and operated three quarantine centres and arranged 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.</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> <p>As at 9 October 2020, a total of 454 residents have been served in the three quarantine centres.</p>
2.	<p>Quarantine facilities</p> <p>Policy bureau: Food and</p>	610	2-3 hotels providing a total of up to 1 000 guestrooms to serve as quarantine	The Department of Health (DH) has engaged three hotels to provide 1 038 rooms upon DH's request.



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	<p>Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation Department of Health</p>		<p>facilities and the 3 500 quarantine units in Penny's Bay</p>	<p>The construction work of 700 units in Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre Phase 2 has completed. DH and relevant departments are making arrangements to commence operation of these units.</p> <p>The construction work in Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre Phases 3 and 4 is underway.</p>
3.	<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>	67.5	<p>Tenants of about 12 000 stalls in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) markets, and some 1 500 stalls in Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) markets (including wet market stalls and cooked food stalls)</p>	<p>FEHD and HKHA are carrying out a series of publicity and promotion activities, including inviting service providers to indicate interest in the subsidy scheme and submit service package information which will be compiled and released to market stall tenants for reference. We have also arranged interested service providers to meet with market trade representatives to introduce their service packages.</p> <p>FEHD and HKHA will accept applications under the subsidy scheme from 15 October to 30 November 2020. Eligible tenants are required to obtain prior approval in principle. FEHD will disburse subsidies to them within about two weeks from production of the service contract signed by them and confirming that necessary installation has been completed, and HKHA will also arrange</p>

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				to disburse the subsidy as soon as possible.
4.	<p>Catering Business Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	1,672	About 18 000 catering outlets, including some 17 000 licensed catering outlets and about 1 000 cooked food/light refreshment stall operators	<p><b><u>Licensed food premises</u></b> Application period will start from 13 October to 12 November 2020.</p> <p><b><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></b> The application period has started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 9 November 2020.</p>
5.	<p>Tourism Industry Support Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Tourism Commission</p>	397	Around 1 700 travel agents, 20 000 travel agents' staff and freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts whose main occupations are tourist guides and tour escorts, and 3 400 tour service coach drivers	<p>The Scheme was launched on 28 September 2020. For eligible travel agents, eligible travel agents' staff and eligible freelance accredited tourist guides and tour escorts who have received subsidy under the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme of the second-round AEF, as well as eligible tour service coach drivers who have received subsidy under the Tour Service Coach Drivers (Mainly Serving Tourists) Support Scheme of the second-round AEF, no application is required.</p> <p>For eligible travel agents and travel agents' staff who have not applied for subsidy under</p>

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				<p>the Travel Agents and Practitioners Support Scheme of the second-round AEF, they are required to submit an application on or before 27 October 2020.</p> <p>It is expected that disbursement of subsidy will start in end October 2020.</p>
6.	<p>Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms (Second Round)</p> <p>Policy bureau: Chief Secretary for Administration's Office</p> <p>Implementation: Human Resources Planning and Poverty Coordination Unit under the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office</p>	350	Around 11 000 beauty parlours and massage establishments, and 500 party rooms	The online application platform will receive applications from 23 October 2020 to 1 November 2020. Processing of applications for disbursement of subsidies will commence as soon as applications are received.
7.	<p>Subsidy Scheme for the Transport and Aviation Sector</p> <p>Policy bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p>	250.2	Owners of about 7 400 non-franchised buses, 2 200 school private light buses, 1 300 hire cars; operators of the 84 cross-boundary ferries; 36 aircraft	<p><b><u>Subsidy scheme for transport sector</u></b></p> <p>The Transport Department will issue letters to eligible registered owners of non-franchised buses, school private light buses and hire cars in late October 2020 informing them the details of registration, and upon verification</p>

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	<p>Implementation: Transport Department, Marine Department, Civil Aviation Department (CAD), Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)</p>		<p>registered in Hong Kong, and 27 aviation support services operators at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)</p>	<p>of the submitted information, subsidy will be disbursed in about one month.</p> <p><b><u>One-off non-accountable subsidy of \$500,000 for operators of each eligible cross-boundary ferry vessel</u></b></p> <p>Upon receipt and completion of the checking of the application from the operators concerned, the one-off subsidy will be disbursed by the Marine Department to the operators within one month.</p> <p><b><u>Subsidy scheme for aviation sector</u></b> All invitations will be issued to eligible Air Operator's Certificate holders and aviation support services operators at HKIA by CAD and AAHK respectively by mid-October 2020.</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>Policy bureau: Education Bureau</p>	248.9	<p>Around 910 operators of catering outlets in primary and secondary schools and post-secondary education institutions; lunchbox providers of around 900 schools; 5 000 school bus drivers, 2 200 school private light bus drivers and 5 000 escorts; and around 25 000 instructors, coaches, trainers and operators of</p>	<p><b><u>Catering Outlets (Primary and Secondary Schools), Lunchbox Suppliers and School Bus Service Providers</u></b></p> <p>The application period has started on 8 October 2020 and will end on 9 November 2020. It is expected that payment to eligible applicants will be completed by January 2021.</p> <p><b><u>Catering outlets (Post-secondary Education Institutions)</u></b> The Education Bureau has distributed application forms through the post-secondary</p>

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	Implementation: Education Bureau		interests classes engaged by schools	<p>education institutions to the catering outlets on their campuses. The application period has started on 7 October 2020 and will end on 20 October 2020. Subsidies are expected to be paid to eligible applicants by mid-November 2020.</p> <p><b><u>School Instructors of Learning/Interest Classes</u></b></p> <p>The application period has started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 6 November 2020. Applicants should submit applications to their serving schools. In general, payment is expected to be made in about one month upon receipt of fully completed and certified application forms, and verification of relevant information. Payment to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by December 2020.</p>
9.	<p>Support for Child Care Centres (CCCs)</p> <p>Policy bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Social Welfare Department</p>	130	258 aided CCCs 291 non-aided CCCs	All CCCs, including aided and non-aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs registered with the Social Welfare Department or Education Bureau, 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 for this round will be half the amount they previously received. CCCs which have not applied for the CCC special grant before, or have only

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				<p>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) 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.</p> <p>The Social Welfare Department has issued letters on 30 September 2020 to 555 aided and non-aided CCCs inviting their application for the special grant. Upon the closing of application on 9 October 2020, a total of 549 applications, including 258 aided CCCs and 291 non-aided CCCs, were received. The first payment covering September and October will be made in October 2020, and the payments for the remaining two months will be made in the respective months.</p>
10.	<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</p>	85.5	Around 1 660 fitness centres	We plan to announce the details of the scheme and invite applications from eligible operators of fitness centres in mid-October 2020.

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11.	<p>One-off Grant to KGs and Private Schools</p> <p>Policy bureau: Education Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Education Bureau</p>	67.5	Around 1 000 KGs and 180 private primary and secondary day schools	<p><b><u>Kindergartens</u></b> The Education Bureau (EDB) issued letters or circular memorandum to all kindergartens on 5 October 2020 informing them of the details of the one-off grant under the third round of AEF. No application is required.</p> <p><b><u>Private Schools</u></b> The measure was announced on 5 October 2020. Application is not required, and schools are only required to submit payee information by 30 October 2020. In general, payment is expected to be made in about one month upon receipt of fully completed information. Payment to eligible schools is expected to be completed by December 2020.</p>
12.	<p>One-off Grant to Private Schools Offering Non-formal Curriculum</p> <p>Policy bureau: Education Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Education Bureau</p>	60	Around 3 000 private schools offering non-formal curriculum	Application has started on 5 October 2020 and will end on 23 October 2020. Applicants should submit applications to the Education Bureau. Upon receipt of complete and accurate information, a crossed cheque will normally be sent to the address as indicated on the school's Certificate of Registration in about one month's time. Payment to eligible applicants is expected to be completed by December 2020.

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13.	<p>One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Leisure and Cultural Services Department and National Sports Associations/Sports Organisation</p>	45	Around 9 000 registered sport coaches	The application period has started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 30 November 2020. Disbursement of grant is expected to be made to eligible applicants from mid-November 2020 onward.
14.	<p>Club-house Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	40	580 holders of Certificate of Compliance issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance	<p>The application period has started on 30 September 2020 and will end on 30 October 2020.</p> <p>The Scheme provides a subsidy of \$50,000 to eligible holders of a valid Certificate of Compliance (CoC), and an additional subsidy of \$25,000 for CoC holders who also operate karaoke establishments, nightclubs or bars/pubs in their clubhouse premises.</p> <p>As at 9 October 2020, 239 applications were received and the vetting of 40 applications were completed. Subsidies will be disbursed within October 2020.</p>



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15.	<p>Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau (assisted by the Sports Federation &amp; Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China)</p>	34	Around 1 100 sports premises ordered to be closed under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F)	We are formulating the implementation details. We plan to announce the details of the scheme and invite applications from eligible operators of sports premises within October 2020.
16.	<p>Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Subvented Non-governmental Welfare Organisations</p> <p>Policy bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Social Welfare Department</p>	30	Around 6 000 interest class instructors hired by non-governmental organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department	The application period has started on 9 October 2020 and will close on 16 December 2020.
17.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme - Subsidy to individual arts practitioners and freelancers	23	Around 3 300 individual art practitioners/freelancers and 775 Chinese opera practitioners	The subsidy concerned is expected to be disbursed to eligible individual arts practitioners and freelancers starting from October 2020.

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	<p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau and others</p>			
18.	<p>Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	13	Around 180 PPEL holders and 400 temporary PPEL (TPPEL) holders	The application period started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 9 November 2020.
19.	<p>Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	12	Around 240 amusement game centre operators	The application period started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 9 November 2020.

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20.	<p>Cinemas Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Create Hong Kong</p>	10.5	7 cinema circuits (with 51 cinemas in total) and 8 standalone cinemas, which are operating around 290 screens	The application period started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 20 October 2020. Disbursement of subsidy will be made to eligible cinemas within two weeks upon approval of their applications.
21.	<p>Provision of subsidy to companies in the performing industry which organise pop concerts</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau and others</p>	7.6	Around 76 companies in the performing industry which organise pop concerts	We will confirm with the industry details of disbursing the subsidy.
22.	Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme - Rental support for tenants of Arts Spaces and Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre	6.5	260 tenants of the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre and arts spaces run by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council	The rental waiver concerned has commenced in October 2020.

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	<p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau and others</p>			
23.	<p>Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Home Affairs Bureau</p>	4	Operators of sports and recreational facilities on sites granted by the Government	We plan to invite applications from eligible operators of sports and recreational facilities in writing in mid-October 2020.
24.	<p>Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department</p>	3.3	66 holders of Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence	The application period started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 9 November 2020.

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25.	<p>Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Home Affairs Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Leisure and Cultural Services Department</p>	3	59 licensed billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	The Scheme is targeted to accept applications from mid-October. The deadline for application will be in mid-November.
26.	<p>Further Subsidy to Commercial Bathhouses</p> <p>Policy bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	2.5	Around 50 commercial bathhouses	The application period has started on 9 October 2020 and will end on 9 November 2020.

**Table 4. Progress of additional measures approved by the AEF Steering Committee**

Item	Measure	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	Estimated No. of Beneficiaries	Implementation Progress
1.	<p>Application of Anti-virus Coating for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly and Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Social Welfare Department</p>	76	761 residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and 328 residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)	<p>The Scheme funds and supports all eligible RCHEs and RCHDs in the application of anti-virus coating on their premises.</p> <p>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. A total of 1 064 applications were received (from 742 RCHEs and 322 RCHDs), which represent about 98% of the invited homes.</p>
2.	<p>Enhancing Support for Testing Service on COVID-19</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Innovation and Technology Bureau/Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Innovation and Technology Commission and Department of Health</p>	207.5	Up to 2 400 additional tests are expected to be carried out per day in the public sector.	<p>The Scheme covers the operation of five new sets of testing equipment to support (i) the Public Health Laboratory Centre of the Department of Health to operate at the laboratory space at the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, and (ii) one laboratory at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and one laboratory at the University of Hong Kong (HKU).</p> <p>CUHK and HKU have started providing testing services since early September 2020. The machines in the Department of Health's satellite laboratory in the Hong Kong Children's Hospital are also in full operation. As of 9 October 2020, the committed expenses amounted to around</p>

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3.	<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>\$207.5 million.</p> <p>The Scheme provides subsidies to prospective employers of engineering graduates with a view to sustaining the provision of vocational training opportunities.</p> <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 in late June 2020. Trainees concerned could commence training starting from July 2020 the earliest, and eligible employers will start receiving subsidy for up to 18 months in October 2020 the earliest</p> <p>It is expected that the measure will be completed by Q3 2022.</p>
4.	<p>Anti-epidemic Subsidy Scheme for the Laundry Trade</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Environment Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Environmental Protection Department</p>	85	1 400 laundry shops or workshops	<p>The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy to each eligible laundry shop or workshop depending on the size of operation, ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000.</p> <p>Assessment of all 1 443 applications received have been completed. A total subsidy of \$84.8 million has been disbursed. The Scheme has completed.</p>

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5.	<p>Subsidy Scheme for Employment Agencies</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Labour and Welfare Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Labour Department</p>	102.65	About 3 000 licensed employment agencies, including about 1 250 employment agencies that provide foreign domestic helper (FDH) placement service	<p>The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy to employment agencies, primarily for those providing foreign domestic helper placement service, so as to help them tide over the difficulties during the COVID-19 epidemic.</p> <p>The application period closed on 21 July 2020. 2 642 applications were received, of which 2 578 applications were approved, with a total subsidy of \$102.62 million dispersed to eligible applicants. The scheme has completed.</p> <p>Under the Scheme, a one-off lump sum subsidy is granted to Employment Agencies (EAs) with a valid licence issued by the Labour Department. A subsidy of \$50,000 is granted for each main licence of EAs which provide FDH placement service. For EAs which do not provide FDH placement service, a subsidy of \$30,000 is granted for each main licence. An additional subsidy of \$10,000 is granted for each duplicate licence for branch office of both kinds of EAs.</p>
6.	<p>100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</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, which</p>



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	Implementation: Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation			<p>will run for six months until 8 December 2020. Under the Scheme, the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation would automatically double the credit limits of existing policyholders or uplift the limits to the amount applied for, whichever is the smaller, subject to a cap of \$100 million. New credit limit applications will also be topped up in a similar manner.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, 6 474 credit limits were uplifted, of which 1 094 were new credit limits. Of the \$15.011 billion of credit limits benefiting from the Scheme, the top-up portion accounted for 44% (\$6,663 million). The top-up portion covered shipments totaling \$591 million.</p>
7.	<p>Subsidy to vehicle maintenance workshops</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Electrical and Mechanical Services Department</p>	140	Around 2 800 vehicle maintenance workshops	<p>A one-off non-accountable subsidy of \$50,000 will be provided to each eligible vehicle maintenance workshop which could meet the specified criteria. The scheme was open for application from 16 July 2020 to 14 August 2020.</p> <p>As of 9 October 2020, out of the 3 116 applications received, 2 224 cases were approved, with subsidies disbursed to 1 161 applications (52% of approved applications). The total amount disbursed was \$58.05 million. EMSD targets to complete disbursement of the subsidy for all eligible applications by end November 2020.</p>

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8.	<p>One-off Subsidy Scheme for the Dishware Washing Trade</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	3	Around 60 dishware washing operators	<p>The Scheme provides financial support to operators in the dishware washing trade whose business were seriously affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$80,000 or \$150,000 to each eligible dishware washing operator who carries on a dishware washing business according to its average monthly water consumption.</p> <p>The application period ended on 15 July 2020. A total of 29 applications were received, of which 28 were approved with \$2.87 million of subsidy disbursed. The scheme has completed.</p>
9.	<p>Special Subsidy to Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange (CGSE) members and practitioners registered with CGSE</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau</p>	2.7	102 CGSE members with valid trading licence and some 550 practitioners registered with CGSE	<p>The Scheme provides cash subsidies to CGSE members and practitioners registered with CGSE in the gold-trading industry whose businesses were seriously affected by the COVID-19.</p> <p>The application period ended on 31 July 2020. 97 (95%) and 475 (86%) valid applications from CGSE members and practitioners were received respectively. We have completed disbursement to all eligible applicants. The amount of subsidies disbursed was \$2.51 million. The scheme has completed.</p>

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10.	<p>Further subsidy to cooked food tenants operating in public housing developments with hawker licences</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</p>	1.71	Some 40 licensed fixed-pitch (cooked food or light refreshment) hawkers operating in public housing developments	<p>The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$45,000 to each eligible fixed-pitch (cooked food or light refreshment) hawker licensee operating in public housing developments.</p> <p>The application period ended on 17 August 2020. A total of 40 applications were received, amongst which 38 were approved, with \$1.71 million of subsidy disbursed. The scheme has completed.</p>
11.	<p>Installation of Gas Water Heaters at non-Quarantine units of Chun Yeung Estate</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Transport and Housing Bureau</p> <p>Implementation: Hong Kong Housing Authority</p>	10.2	Around 1,675 public rental housing flats	<p>The Scheme installs gas water heaters to the non-quarantine units in Chun Yeung Estate, which will be provided to the tenants upon intake, as a one-off special arrangement.</p> <p>As at 9 October 2020, around 1 112 gas water heaters were installed at the non-quarantine units of Chun Yeung Estate. The remaining installation works is on-going.</p>
12.	Procurement of Private COVID-19 Testing Services (Targeted Group Testing Scheme)	680	Total: 528 000 beneficiaries, including (1) groups who if infected, may pose risks to vulnerable persons, and (2) groups who have frequent	The Scheme provides COVID-19 testing for individual high-risk groups to achieve the objective of "early identification, early isolation and early treatment". As at 30 September 2020 <sup>5</sup> , about 528 000 specimens were tested, tentatively

<sup>5</sup> The position as at 30 September 2020 is the latest available information.

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	<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>		<p>contact with the general public by their job nature.</p>	<p>incurring a total cost of \$195 million.</p> <p>The Targeted Group Testing Scheme (TGTS) will continue to include groups such as staff of RCHEs, RCHDs and nursing homes, workers in the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse, and designated frontline staff at the Kwai Tsing Container Terminal, etc., all of whom will be tested regularly every two to three weeks on average in order to protect the institutions with a higher risk, and to maintain the normal operation of critical infrastructure or services. The Government has also conducted regular tests using random sampling for other high exposure groups progressively based on risk assessment, including taxi drivers and other public transport drivers; frontline staff of catering businesses, staff of market stalls and personnel working in market; frontline government staff with frequent contact with members of the public, etc. The Government will regularly review the coverage and frequency of testing based on the latest epidemic risk assessment.</p>
13.	<p>Funding for Provision of about 2 000 Quarantine Units at Penny's Bay</p> <p>Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau, Development Bureau</p>	1,725	2,000 quarantine units in Penny's Bay	<p>The works are being implemented under three work packages, two by ArchSD and one by CEDD. All works packages have commenced in end August 2020 for completion by end 2020.</p>

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	Implementation: Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), Architectural Services Department (ArchSD)			
14.	Relocation and expansion of test and hold facilities of Department of Health  Policy Bureau: Food and Health Bureau  Implementation: Department of Health, Hong Kong Airport Authority	515	Maximum “test and hold” capacity would be about 3 900	The Scheme (a) relocates and expands the Temporary Specimen Collection Centre in AsiaWorld-Expo to the Midfield Concourse of the Hong Kong International Airport, and (b) engages a new holding hotel with higher capacity for arriving travellers who need to wait overnight for their COVID-19 test result.  The test and hold facilities in AsiaWorld-Expo were relocated to the Midfield Concourse of the Hong Kong International Airport on 18 August 2020. Meanwhile, the Holding Centre for Test Results was relocated to Dorsett Tsuen Wan on 17 August 2020.
15.	Universal Community Testing Programme  Policy Bureau: Civil Service Bureau in coordination with Food and Health Bureau,	530	All	The Universal Community Testing Programme which provides all Hong Kong residents without symptoms a one-off COVID-19 test for free commenced on 1 September 2020, and lasted until 14 September 2020. A total of 141 community testing centres (CTCs) across the territory operated from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for seven days till 7

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	<p>Innovation and Technology Bureau, Home Affairs Bureau, Financial Services and Treasury Bureau<sup>6</sup></p> <p>Implementation: Civil Service Bureau</p>			<p>September 2020. 122 of these CTCs continued to operate for four more days till 11 September 2020 while the operation of 57 CTCs across 18 districts were further extended to 14 September 2020. Some 6 000 healthcare personnel were recruited to perform specimen collection and more than 4 000 serving government employees and retired civil servants were deployed to take up registration, administrative support and centre management duties at the CTCs. Around 1.783 million persons were tested and more than 40 cases were identified through the Programme.</p> <p>Funding from AEF would be deployed for the setting up of the community testing centres, the honorarium paid to the healthcare staff and also the administrative support staff, the cost incurred in logistics, in supplies, in security and in cleansing, excluding the cost for the setting up of the laboratory and the testing.</p>
16.	<p>Pyrotechnics and Special Effects Operators Subsidy Scheme</p> <p>Policy bureau: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</p>	1.8	Around 240 special effects operators and assistants licensed under the Entertainment Special Effects Ordinance (Cap. 560) and its subsidiary legislation	The Scheme provides relief to eligible special effects operators and assistants holding a valid licence in 2020 (up to end-September) issued under the Entertainment Special Effects Ordinance (Cap. 560) and its subsidiary legislation and who have not benefitted from the Employment Support Scheme or any other sector-specific subsidy

<sup>6</sup> All other bureaux are helping to nominate their staff as administrative staff of the community testing centres and releasing their staff to do the test.

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	Implementation: Create Hong Kong			scheme under the AEF. Each eligible person will be granted a one-off subsidy of \$7,500.  Application is expected to commence by end-October 2020.

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