

Follow-up action regarding the question raised by Hon Paul Tse about the third round of the Anti-epidemic Fund in the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council of 28 September

Members considered that the Government should utilise / bring back the balances of various funds so as to increase the resources available for preventing and fighting the epidemic, and requested the Government to respond and provide information about the following –

The balances of funds established and administered by the Government

Based on our Bureau's latest available information, there were 55 funds established with government funding and administered by the Government as at 31 March 2019. The breakdown of the funds is as follows –

Funds set up under Government Accounts

There are 26 funds (**Annex 1**) set up under Government Accounts in the form of non-recurrent (NR) commitments with the approval of the Finance Committee (FC). Their ambits were clearly set out in the relevant FC/Panel papers. The total fund balance of these 26 funds as at 31 March 2019 amounted to \$25,790 million.

Funds set up Outside Government Accounts with Government Funding

There are 29 funds (**Annex 2**) set up outside Government Accounts with Government funding. Their ambits are defined by statute (e.g. Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR) established under SDTFR Ordinance) or set out in the relevant FC papers (e.g. Qualifications Framework Fund). The total fund balance of these 29 funds as at 31 March 2019 amounted to \$107,982 million.

The management and control of various funds falls within the remit of different bureaux or organisations. Members may approach the relevant bureaux for further information on specific funds.

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Annex 1

Funds set up under Government Accounts as at 31 March 2019

	Bureau	Name of Fund	Fund Balance as at 31 March 2019 (\$million)
1	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	Community Involvement Broadcasting Fund	13
2		CreateSmart Initiative	1,019
3		Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales	1,930
4		Export Marketing and Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund	2,167
5		Film Development Fund	90
6		Funding for Competition Commission's litigation work	210
7		Measures for Manpower Development of the Retail Industry	91
8		Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme	178
9	Environment Bureau	Pilot Green Transport Fund	241
10		Recycling Fund	900
11		Sustainable Development Fund	38
12	Food and Health Bureau	Chinese Medicine Development Fund	500
13		Fish Marketing Organization Loan Fund - fishing moratorium loan scheme	41
14		Fisheries Development Loan Fund	208
15		Health and Medical Research Fund	1,938
16		Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund	458
17		Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund	468
18	Home Affairs Bureau	Youth Development Fund	283
19	Innovation and Technology Bureau	Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living	478

	Bureau	Name of Fund	Fund Balance as at 31 March 2019 (\$million)
20	Labour and Welfare Bureau	Child Development Fund	555
21		Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	399
22		Continuing Education Fund	11,691
23		Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care	1,000
24		Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged	687
25		Social Welfare Development Fund	179
26	Transport and Housing Bureau	Maritime and Aviation Training Fund	28
Total			25,790

Annex 2

**Funds set up outside Government Accounts with Government Funding
as at 31 March 2019**

	Bureau	Name of Fund	Fund Balance as at 31 March 2019 (\$million)
1	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	Consumer Legal Action Fund	16
2	Development Bureau	Construction Innovation and Technology Fund	1,010
3	Education Bureau	Education Development Fund	69
4		Gifted Education Fund	1,622
5		HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund	3,244
6		Language Fund	6,522
7		Qualifications Framework Fund	2,274
8		Quality Education Fund	9,444
9		Research Endowment Fund	29,285
10		Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund	4,030
11		Student Activities Support Fund	2,500
12	Environment Bureau	Environment and Conservation Fund	5,923
13	Food and Health Bureau	AIDS Trust Fund	206
14		Health Care and Promotion Scheme	14
15	Home Affairs Bureau	Community Care Fund	19,554
16		Elite Athletes Development Fund	11,841
17		Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation	4,457
18		Supplementary Legal Aid Fund	205
19		Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas	65
20	Innovation and Technology Bureau	Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund	91

	Bureau	Name of Fund	Fund Balance as at 31 March 2019 (\$million)
21	Labour and Welfare Bureau	Arts Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities	251
22		Elder Academy Development Foundation	34
23		Emergency Relief Fund	103
24		Hong Kong Paralympians Fund	238
25		New Technology Training Fund	107
26		Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Fund	18
27		Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped	216
28		Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	55
29	Security Bureau	Beat Drugs Fund	4,588
Total			107,982