

Follow-up Questions by the Hon Yeung Sum on CRN

Q.1 : Will the Administration implement the Consultants' recommendations? If so, what is the timetable? When will the evaluation on Phase I be carried out and develop Phase II?

A.1 : The Administration will implement the Consultants' recommendations to establish a total of six centres and stations as proposed in Phase I. Subject to the availability of suitable sites and the views of the CRN operator, it is hoped that the relocation of an existing centre from Kowloon to the New Territories can be accomplished in this financial year. Two other stations will be set up as soon as suitable premises are secured. As recommended by the Consultants, implementation of Phase II will be subject to the outcome of the evaluation of Phase I.

Q.2 : Will the Administration increase resources to implement the Phase I recommendations, i.e. 3 centres and 3 stations. If no, why not?

A.2 : The Administration has agreed with the CRN operator, the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation, that Phase I, i.e. 3 centres and 3 stations, will be implemented within the approved provision of the three existing centres. The Administration will finance the necessary capital costs for the establishment of additional centres.

Q.3 : Will the Administration provide sites and fitting costs for setting up new centres and stations? If yes, what are the details?

A.3 : The Administration has been seeking suitable sites for setting up new CRN centres and stations, and will provide the fitting-out costs and costs for furniture and equipment.