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#(1) 張文光議員 (口頭答覆)

據悉，下一學年適齡入讀中學一年級的學生人數遠高於過往數年每一年的的人數。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 下一學年每個教育分區的中一學額，以及在該分區居住的適齡學生人數；
- (二) 估計下一學年需要跨區上學的中一學生人數，及其如何與過去 3 年比較；及
- (三) 有否計劃增加下一學年的中一班數；若有，詳情為何，以及當局在這方面預備增撥的資源為何？

(1) Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong (Oral Reply)

It is learnt that the number of students reaching the starting age for Secondary One in the next school year will far exceed that in each of the past few years. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of Secondary One places available and the number of students of the starting age residing in each of the districts in the next school year;
- (b) of the estimated number of Secondary One students who will need to commute to schools outside their residential districts in the next school year; how the figure compares with the corresponding figures in the past three years; and
- (c) whether it has plans to increase the number of Secondary One classes for the next school year; if so, of the details and the additional resources to be allocated in this respect?

#(2) 李卓人議員 (口頭答覆)

現時，公營房屋承建商普遍採用在工廠預製的建築組件。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 是否知悉，在過去 3 年，被公營房屋承建商採用的預製組件中，屬本地預製的與及入口的分別所佔的比例及價值，以及所取代的建築地盤現場施工工序涉及的工作年數目為何；及
- (二) 當局會否考慮規定公營房屋承建商所採用的預製組件必須為本地生產，藉此提高本地工人的就業機會？

(2) Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Oral Reply)

At present, it is common practice for public housing contractors to use prefabricated building components manufactured in factories. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it knows the respective proportions and values of local and imported components among the number of prefabricated components used by public housing contractors, and the numbers of work-years involving in-situ construction processes at construction sites which have been replaced by such local and imported prefabricated components over the past three years; and
- (b) it will consider stipulating that the prefabricated components used by public housing contractors must be locally made, so as to increase employment opportunities for local workers?

#(3) 鄭家富議員 (口頭答覆)

據悉，本港各公共交通機構均規定 12 歲或以上的乘客須繳付成人車資。地下鐵路及輕便鐵路設有學生票價優惠，而東鐵及專營巴士則沒有，以致 12 歲或以上的學生在乘搭該兩種交通工具時必須繳付成人車資。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 是否知悉，外國公共交通機構是否普遍採納 12 歲為須繳付成人車資的年齡界線；當局有否評估本港公共交通機構現時仍維持該年齡界線是否切合時宜；
- (二) 從社會政策角度而言，當局會否考慮積極推動本港各公共交通機構提供學生票價優惠；及
- (三) 當局制訂須經入息審查的學生車船津貼計劃的目的，是否用以替代公共交通機構所提供的學生票價優惠；若否，當局會否就部分公共交通機構以該項計劃存在為由而拒絕提供學生票價優惠的做法採取跟進行動？

(3) Hon Andrew CHENG (Oral Reply)

It is learnt that various local public transport operators require passengers at the age of 12 or above to pay adult fares. The Mass Transit Railway and the Light Rail Transit offer fare concessions to students while the East Rail and franchised buses do not. As a result, students at the age of 12 or above are required to pay adult fares when travelling on these two modes of public transport. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it knows if the age of 12 is commonly adopted by public transport operators in other countries as the dividing line at which adult fares should be paid; whether it has assessed if the maintaining of such a dividing line by local public transport operators is meeting present-day needs;
- (b) it will, from the social policy point of view, consider promoting actively the offer of fare concessions to students by various local public transport operators; and
- (c) the means-tested Student Travel Subsidy Scheme was introduced with the purpose of replacing the fare concessions to students offered by public transport operators; if not, whether it will take follow-up action in regard to the refusal by some public transport operators to offer fare concessions to students on account of the existence of the scheme?

#(4) 鄧兆棠議員 (口頭答覆)

政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去 5 年，多少人曾在本港私營越野電單車賽車場內駕駛越野電單車時發生意外並受傷；該等意外的成因，以及傷者的年齡和傷勢；
- (二) 現時是否有法例規管私營越野電單車賽車場的設計及可進行的活動、參賽車輛的安全規格，以及參賽車手的訓練課程等事宜；若否，當局會否考慮制定該等法例；及
- (三) 當局有否設立機制定期檢討有關法例，以確保新興的體育娛樂活動（例如駕駛越野電單車）受到適當規管；若有，該機制如何運作，以及當局曾否透過該機制考慮私營越野電單車賽車場的規管事宜？

(4) Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong (Oral Reply)

Will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of persons injured in accidents that occurred while they were riding cross-country motorcycles in local private motocross courses in the past five years; the causes of these accidents, the age of the injured and the degree of injuries sustained;
- (b) whether there is any existing legislation governing matters such as the design of private motocross courses, the activities permitted therein, the safety requirements for motorcycle racing and the training courses for motorcyclists taking part in races; if not, whether it will consider enacting such legislation; and
- (c) whether the authorities have set up a mechanism to review regularly the relevant legislation to ensure proper regulation of newly emerging sports and amusement activities, such as riding cross-country motorcycles; if so, how the mechanism operates and whether the authorities have considered, under the mechanism, the matter of regulating private motocross courses?



#(5) 劉江華議員 (口頭答覆)

據悉，近月來不少郊遊人士遭懷疑非法入境的匪徒行劫。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去 1 年，郊遊人士遇劫的舉報案件數目及遇劫而受傷或死亡的人數，並請根據案發地點及月份列出該等案件的分項數字；以及案中被拘控及定罪的犯案者人數，當中非法入境者所佔的比例為何；
- (二) 警方接獲有關該等罪案的舉報後通常採取的行動；及
- (三) 警方會否考慮採取其他措施以打擊該類罪案？

(5) Hon LAU Kong-wah (Oral Reply)

It is learnt that a number of picnickers were robbed by suspected illegal immigrants in recent months. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of reported cases of picnickers who were robbed and the number of victims injured or killed in these robberies over the past year, together with a breakdown of the cases by places and months in which the robberies occurred; and the number of offenders prosecuted and convicted of such crimes, as well as the percentage of illegal immigrants among those convicted;
- (b) of the actions normally taken by the Police upon receipt of the reports of such crimes; and
- (c) whether the Police will consider adopting other measures to combat crimes of this kind?

#(6) 丁午壽議員 (書面答覆)

就審計署的工作事宜，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有否評估該署有沒有足夠財政和人力資源及調查權力，以處理日趨複雜的審計工作；及
- (二) 會否考慮擴大該署的職權範圍，以及向該署增撥資源，使其更有效地審計各政府部門的帳目？

(6) Hon Kenneth TING (Written Reply)

Regarding the work of the Audit Commission, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it has assessed if the Commission has adequate financial and manpower resources as well as investigative powers to deal with its increasingly complicated audit work; and
- (b) it will consider expanding the purview of the Commission and providing additional resources for the Commission, so that it can audit the accounts of various government departments more effectively?

#(7) Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung (Written Reply)

The current starting salary points of Dental Officers and Veterinary Officers in the Civil Service establishment are respectively two and three pay-points lower than that of Medical and Health Officers. Given the similarity in job nature and academic requirements of the three professions, will the Government inform this Council of the rationale for such differences?

(7) 梁智鴻議員 (書面答覆)

現時公務員編制中，牙科醫生及獸醫的起薪點較醫生的起薪點分別低 2 及 3 個支薪點。鑒於上述 3 個專業的工作性質及學歷要求相若，政府可否告知本會待遇不同的理據為何？

#(8) Hon Bernard CHAN (Written Reply)

Will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the number of complaints about unscrupulous business practices received by the Consumer Council and a breakdown of such complaints by their type of trade; and
- (b) the number of cases brought to the court involving tourists as victims and, among them, the number of tourists who returned to Hong Kong subsequently to testify in court,

in the past 12 months?

(8) 陳智思議員 (書面答覆)

政府可否告知本會，在過去 12 個月：

- (一) 消費者委員會接獲多少宗涉及不良經營手法的投訴，此類投訴按行業分類的數字為何；及
- (二) 有多少宗涉及遊客為受害人的案件交由法庭裁決；此類案件當中，有多少名遊客其後再度來港出庭作證？

#(9) 吳亮星議員 (書面答覆)

政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 在過去 3 年，有多少名擔任第 I 層職位的主要政府官員未有按規定在指定限期內申報其個人投資和權益，以及有關原因及詳情為何；
- (二) 有否對上述違規申報的政府官員作出處分；若有，詳情為何；若否，原因為何；及
- (三) 有否檢討該申報期限是否合理；若有，檢討結果為何；若沒有檢討，原因為何？

(9) Hon NG Leung-sing (Written Reply)

Will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of key government officials holding Tier I posts who failed to comply with the requirements to declare personal investments and financial interests within the prescribed period in the past three years, and the reasons for and details of such non-compliance cases;
- (b) whether it has taken disciplinary actions against the above government officials who were in default of declaration; if so, of the details of such actions; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (c) whether it has reviewed if the prescribed period for declaration is reasonable; if it has, of the results of the review; if it has not, of the reasons for that?

#(10) 呂明華議員 (書面答覆)

本港各間大學均附設不同規模的會堂設施。就此，政府可否告知本會，是否知悉：

- (一) 過去 1 年，各會堂設施的每月平均使用時數分別為何；
- (二) 社區團體可否租用該等會堂設施；若可租用，有關的租用政策及場地租用費為何；及
- (三) 各大學的學生和校內組織可否免費借用所屬大學的會堂設施作舉行會議或表演之用；若不可免費借用，原因為何？

(10) Ir Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah (Written Reply)

All local universities in Hong Kong have assembly halls of different sizes on their campuses. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether it knows:

- (a) the monthly average number of hours of usage for each of these halls in the past year;
- (b) if community organizations are allowed to hire these halls; if they are allowed, of the relevant hiring policies and levels of venue rental charges; and
- (c) if students and internal bodies of various universities are allowed to use the assembly halls on campus free of charge, for meeting or performance purposes; if they may not use such facilities without paying, the reasons for that?

#(11) 李家祥議員 (書面答覆)

財政司司長在去年 4 月委任英國金融服務管理局前營運總裁 Mr Richard Henry Farrant 為獨立審查員，調查百富勤集團公司倒閉事件，政府並預期整項調查工作需時約 6 個月完成。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 該項調查工作是否已經完成；若已完成，當局計劃何時公布調查結果；若否，調查工作現時的進展情況為何；及
- (二) 估計整項調查工作所需費用為何？

(11) Hon Eric LI (Written Reply)

In April last year, the Financial Secretary appointed Mr Richard Henry Farrant, former Chief Operating Officer of the Financial Services Authority in the United Kingdom, as an independent inspector to investigate the collapse of the Peregrine group of companies and the Government expected the investigation to take about six months to complete. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether the investigation has been completed; if so, when the Administration will announce the findings; if not, of the current progress of the investigation; and
- (b) of the estimated total costs of the investigation?

#(12) Hon SIN Chung-kai (Written Reply)

Will the Government inform this Council whether it has drawn up any plan with the relevant Mainland authorities for setting up data communication links between the computer systems of the customs offices on both sides, so as to shorten the customs clearance time for cross-border goods; if so, of the details of the plan; if not, the reasons for not doing so?

(12) 單仲偕議員 (書面答覆)

政府可否告知本會，當局有否與內地有關當局訂定任何計劃，為兩地海關的電腦系統建立數據通訊聯繫，以縮短過境貨品的清關時間；若然，有關計劃的詳情為何；若否，原因為何？



#(13) 譚耀宗議員 (書面答覆)

現時用作分配中學學位的學校網是依照地方行政區域的分界劃定。但對於居於面積遼闊的離島區的中學生而言，前往居住地以外的網內中學所需的交通時間，往往較前往鄰網學校的時間還要多，例如居於大嶼山東涌的學生前往坪洲及長洲的中學就讀，便較前往位於青衣、葵涌及荃灣一帶的中學需花費更多時間。就此，政府可否告知本會，會否考慮修訂有關學校網，讓準備升讀中一的東涌學生可選擇前往位於青衣、葵涌及荃灣的中學就讀；若否，原因為何？

(13) Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Written Reply)

The current school nets for allocation of secondary school places are delineated in accordance with the district boundaries for District Administration. However, for those secondary school students who live in the Islands District, which covers an extensive area, the time required for travelling to some secondary schools within their school net but distant from their places of residence is often longer than that required for travelling to schools in an adjacent school net. For example, it takes more time for students living in Tung Chung of Lantau Island to go to secondary schools on Ping Chau and Cheung Chau than to those in Tsing Yi, Kwai Chung and Tsuen Wan. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether it will consider revising the school net concerned so that Secondary 1 entrants-to-be who live in Tung Chung can choose to go to secondary schools in Tsing Yi, Kwai Chung and Tsuen Wan; if not, the reasons for that?

#(14) 何鍾泰議員 (書面答覆)

據報，計劃用以興建迪士尼主題公園的一幅土地現時供一家拆船廠使用，而拆船工作多年來帶來的油污、重金屬、染料和有機性溶液已嚴重污染該幅土地的泥土。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有否評估該幅土地受污染的程度；若有，當局何時公布評估結果；及
- (二) 當局有何具體措施，確保該等染污物不會影響日後落成的主題公園遊客及員工的健康？

(14) Ir Dr Hon HO Chung-tai (Written Reply)

It was reported that the soil on the proposed site for the construction of the Disney theme park, currently occupied by a ship-breaking plant, has been seriously polluted over the years by oils, heavy metals, dyes and organic solvents brought about by ship-breaking activities. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether it has assessed the extent to which the site in question has been polluted; if it has, when the assessment results will be made public; and
- (b) of the specific measures in place to ensure that the pollutants will not affect the health of the staff of and visitors to the future theme park?

#(15) Hon Christine LOH (Written Reply)

In its reply to my question on 31 March 1999, the Government estimated that 876 million litres of light diesel oil, or 53% of the total consumption of light diesel oil in 1998, were brought into Hong Kong in the year by crossborder vehicles returning from the Mainland. On the other hand, in response to another question of this Council on 24 March 1999, after stating the facts that the sulphur content of diesel used by cross-border vehicles was about six times of that used in Hong Kong and vehicles using diesel with this level of sulphur content could result in about 10% higher particulate emissions, the Government estimated that the overall particulate emissions from vehicle fleet might be reduced by only 1% to 2% if all cross-border goods vehicles used diesel with a sulphur content meeting Hong Kong's standards. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of the detailed calculations showing how such percentage reduction in particulate emissions was arrived at, and how this percentage reduction can reconcile with the figures stated in the reply to my question?

(15) 陸恭蕙議員 (書面答覆)

政府在 1999 年 3 月 31 日回答本人提出的質詢時表示，當局估計在 1998 年經由內地返港的過境車輛運入香港的輕質柴油約有 8.76 億升，佔同年全港輕質柴油總耗用量的 53%。另一方面，在 1999 年 3 月 24 日回覆本會另一項質詢時，政府表示過境車輛所使用的柴油含硫量約為香港車用柴油含硫量的 6 倍，而使用該含硫量水平柴油的車輛所排放的粒子可能增加約 10%，但卻估計若所有過境貨車均使用符合本港含硫量標準的柴油，車輛排放粒子的整體水平可能只會下降約 1%至 2%。就此，政府可否告知本會，得出該粒子排放下降百分率的詳細計算方法，以及該百分率與當局在回答本人的質詢時所提供的數字如何吻合？

#(16) 劉慧卿議員 (書面答覆)

關於推動統一中文界面的事宜，行政機關可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去 3 年，當局在此方面的開支總額為何；
- (二) 有否評估當在訴訟案件中涉及的法律文件採用了被收納在《香港增補字符集》內的字符，但其釋義卻無法在權威性的中文詞典中找到時，這情況對該等法律文件的有效性有何影響；及
- (三) 有否評估上述字符集加入大量在權威性的中文詞典中沒有提供釋義和讀音的字符，對發展中文資訊科技及推動中文教育會否帶來負面影響？

(16) Hon Emily LAU (Written Reply)

Regarding the promotion of a unified Chinese language interface, will the Executive Authorities inform this Council:

- (a) of their total expenditure in this respect in the past three years;
- (b) whether they have assessed the effect on the validity of the legal documents involved in litigation where such documents contain characters which are included in the Hong Kong Supplementary Character Set but the interpretations of such characters are not available in authoritative Chinese dictionaries; and
- (c) whether they have assessed if the development of Chinese-based information technology and the promotion of Chinese-based education will be adversely affected by the inclusion in the above Character Set of a large number of characters the interpretations and pronunciations of which are not available in authoritative dictionaries?

#(17) 張文光議員 (書面答覆)

關於補地價金額的釐定事宜，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去 5 年，地下鐵路公司或與其合作的地產發展商曾就多少個鐵路沿線上蓋物業發展項目的補地價金額向當局提出上訴；當中獲當局調低補地價金額的項目數字，以及每個項目調低金額的幅度為何；
- (二) 當局有否計劃在正式批出補地價金額前，與有關地產發展商磋商補地價金額的問題；
- (三) 當局在釐定補地價金額時，會否計算地產發展商發展有關項目所得的預期回報率；若會，當局所容許的目標回報率為何；
- (四) 估價委員會、估價會議及上訴會議的成員組合為何；及
- (五) 在釐定補地價金額時，當局如何確保各項與市場有關的因素皆獲充分考慮？

(17) Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong (Written Reply)

Regarding the assessment of land premiums, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of property development projects along the railway lines in respect of which the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, or the real estate developers with which it cooperated, appealed to the Administration against the premium assessment in the past five years; among the appeal cases, the number of projects in which the premiums were lowered by the Administration, and the range of reduction for each project;
- (b) whether it has any plans to negotiate with the real estate developers concerned over the land premiums before they are formally offered;
- (c) whether it will, in assessing land premiums, take into account the expected rate of return for real estate developers in developing the projects concerned; if it will, of the permissible target rate of return;
- (d) of the composition of the Valuation Committee, the Valuation Conference and the Appeal Conference; and
- (e) how it will ensure that all market-related factors are fully considered in assessing land premiums?

#(18) 劉江華議員 (書面答覆)

據報，Y2 及 Y3 型公共租住屋邨內，作為走火通道的樓梯的設計不符合《建築物（規劃）規例》（第 123 章，附屬法例）的有關規定。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 現時走火通道不符合上述規例的公共租住屋邨的名稱，當中哪些屋邨已納入租者置其屋（租置）計劃並會自今年 7 月起納入屋宇署監管範圍；當局會採取甚麼措施使該等屋邨符合上述規例；
- (二) 當局有否委聘顧問公司評估公共租住屋邨的走火通道不符合上述規例會否影響其消防安全；若有，評估結果為何；若沒有作出委聘，原因為何，以及當局會進行甚麼改善工程或措施確保該等屋邨樓宇的消防安全；及
- (三) 在按租置計劃出售公共租住屋邨前，當局會否為那些不符合上述規例的公共屋邨樓宇進行改善工程？

(18) Hon LAU Kong-wah (Written Reply)

It was reported that the design of the staircases used as fire escapes in Trident 2 and Trident 3 Public Rental Housing (“PRH”) estates failed to meet the relevant requirements under the Building (Planning) Regulations (Cap. 123 subsidiary legislation). In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the names of PRH estates in which the fire escapes are not in compliance with the above Regulations and, among them, the PRH estates that have been included in the Tenants Purchase Scheme (“TPS”) and will be subject to monitoring by the Buildings Department starting from July this year; of the measures it will adopt to make these PRH estates comply with the above Regulations;
- (b) whether it has commissioned consultancy firms to assess if fire safety in PRH estates will be adversely affected by fire escapes which do not comply with the above Regulations; if it has, of the assessment results; if it has not, of the reasons and the improvement works or measures that it will implement to ensure fire safety in those PRH blocks; and
- (c) whether it will commission improvement works for the PRH estates which do not comply with the above Regulations before putting them up for sale under the TPS?

#(19) 吳亮星議員 (書面答覆)

據報，內地當局為興建連接香港與珠海的伶仃洋大橋而進行的前期工程已因資金短缺而停工。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 是否知悉內地有關部門就伶仃洋大橋所進行的工程的進展；及
- (二) 有否評估該等工程的進展情況會否影響現正進行的新跨界通道研究轄下各項顧問研究；若評估為有影響，詳情為何；若評估為沒有影響，理據為何？

(19) Hon NG Leung-sing (Written Reply)

It was reported that the advance works carried out by the Mainland authorities for the construction of the Lingdingyang Bridge, which will link Hong Kong with Zhuhai, had been suspended due to a shortage of funds. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it knows the progress of the works carried out by the relevant Mainland authorities on the Lingdingyang Bridge; and
- (b) it has assessed if the state of such works will have any impact on the current consultancy studies under the Crosslinks Further Study; if it is assessed to have impacts, of the details of them; if it is assessed to have no impact, the justifications for that?

#(20) Hon SIN Chung-kai (Written Reply)

Will the Government inform this Council whether the Post Office has plans to introduce the Zone Improvement Plan (“ZIP”) Code or similar postal coding systems to Hong Kong; if so, of the details of the plan; if not, the reasons for that?

(20) 單仲偕議員（書面答覆）

政府可否告知本會，郵政署有否計劃在香港實施郵遞區號（“ZIP” Code)或類似的郵政編碼制度；若有計劃，詳情為何；若否，原因為何？