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NOTE ：

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Member will ask the question in this language

#(1) 李鳳英議員 (口頭答覆)

據報，政府外判服務承辦商支付給有關員工的薪酬偏低，以及沒有給予他們法定休息日。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去兩年，各政府部門外判了哪些服務項目，是否知悉承辦商因而僱用的員工人數，以及這些員工商期內的最高、最低和中位月薪，並按工種列出分類數字；
- (二) 各部門去年分別接獲多少宗這類員工就薪酬待遇作出的投訴，並按投訴內容列出分項數字；及
- (三) 有否措施確保這類員工獲得合理的薪酬及法定休息日；若有，詳情是甚麼；若否，原因是甚麼？

(1) Hon LI Fung-ying (Oral Reply)

It has been reported that the contractors of outsourced government services are paying low wages to the workers concerned and not providing them with statutory rest days. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the services outsourced by various government departments in the past two years, whether it knows the number of workers employed by the contractors for these services, and the highest, lowest and median monthly wages of these employees during the period, together with a breakdown by the types of jobs;
- (b) of the respective numbers of complaints received by the departments concerned last year from these workers regarding their wages and remuneration, with a breakdown of the numbers by the nature of the complaints; and
- (c) whether any measures are in place to ensure that these employees are paid reasonable wages and provided with statutory rest days; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

#(2) 曾鈺成議員 (口頭答覆)

關於少數族裔人士，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 各少數族裔目前的人口，該等數字如何與過去5年每年的數字比較；
- (二) 他們的就業和就學情況；及
- (三) 他們在融入社會時遇到甚麼困難，以及當局向他們提供了甚麼協助？

(2) Hon TSANG Yok-sing (Oral Reply)

Regarding the ethnic minorities, will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the population sizes of various ethnic minorities at present, and how they compare to those for each of the past five years;
- (b) the situation of their employment and schooling; and
- (c) the difficulties they encountered in integrating into society, and the assistance provided to them by the Administration?

#(3) 馮檢基議員 (口頭答覆)

房屋署由 2000 年 11 月至 2001 年 3 月推行“樂安居長者登記大行動”，並承諾已登記的合資格長者住戶可在 2003 年年底前獲編配入住公共租住屋邨（簡稱“公屋”）單位。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 在該次行動中進行登記的合資格長者住戶數目；他們當中分別獲編配公屋單位、雖獲編配但卻拒絕接受，以及仍在等候編配的數目；
- (二) 至今房屋署建議編配予該等長者住戶的公屋單位每類別的數目；及
- (三) 在本年年底前有否足夠的獨立小型公屋單位供編配予這些長者住戶；若有，詳情是甚麼；若否，原因是甚麼？

(3) Hon Frederick FUNG (Oral Reply)

The Housing Department launched the Proactive Registration Campaign for Elderly Persons between November 2000 and March 2001 and pledged to allocate public rental housing ("PRH") flats to the registered and eligible elderly households by the end of 2003. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of eligible elderly households registered in the Campaign; among them, the respective numbers of elderly households which have been allocated with PRH flats, have refused to accept the allocated units and are still waiting for allocation;
- (b) of the number of each type of PRH flats offered by the Housing Department to the elderly households so far; and
- (c) whether there are enough small self-contained PRH flats for allocation to these elderly households by the end of this year; if so,

of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

#(4) 吳亮星議員 (口頭答覆)

關於香港電台的服務，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 香港電台現時提供的服務是否包括“宣傳及推廣政府政策”；若包括，當局以何準則評估該項服務的質素及成效，以及評估結果為何；若不包括，原因為何；及
- (二) 鑑於行政長官在本年的施政報告中提出，當局“會透過減少浪費、提升效率、削減不需要的服務和資源重新調配，切實避免政府服務質素下降及確保有需要的服務得以維持”，當局有否評估香港電台現時提供的各項服務是否屬於“有需要的服務”；若有評估，有關準則及結果為何；若否，原因為何？

(4) Hon NG Leung-sing (Oral Reply)

Concerning Radio Television Hong Kong's ("RTHK") services, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether the services currently provided by RTHK include "publicizing and promoting government policies"; if so, of the Administration's criteria for assessing the quality and effectiveness of such service and the assessment results; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (b) whether, given that the Chief Executive has stated in this year's Policy Address that the Administration will "economize, enhance efficiency, dispense with redundant services and re-deploy our resources, taking practical measures to prevent any erosion in the quality of public services and ensuring the continuation of the necessary ones", it has assessed if the various services currently provided by RTHK are the necessary ones; if so, of the relevant assessment criteria and results; if not, the reasons for that?

#(5) 羅致光議員 (口頭答覆)

據悉，當局與一個倡議乾濕廢物分類回收的團體合作，於本年年初在港島東區數個屋苑推行有關試驗計劃。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有關團體的名稱，以及該團體與有關政府部門如何分工；
- (二) 這項試驗計劃的預算總開支，當中由公帑負擔的款額，以及用於採購及派發膠袋的有關開支；及
- (三) 當局根據甚麼準則決定是否與民間團體合辦廢物回收活動，以及將會與哪些團體合辦這些活動？

(5) Hon LAW Chi-kwong (Oral Reply)

It is learnt that the Administration will, in collaboration with a proponent organization, implement a pilot scheme on the separate collection of wet and dry wastes in several housing estates on Island East early this year. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the name of the organization concerned and the division of responsibilities between the organization and the relevant government department(s);
- (b) the total estimated expenditure of the pilot scheme and the amount to be borne by public money, together with the expenditure on the procurement and distribution of plastic bags; and
- (c) the criteria for determining whether to collaborate with non-governmental organizations in organizing waste recovery activities; and the organizations with which it will collaborate in organizing such activities?

#(6) 黃成智議員 (口頭答覆)

上月 12 日，荃灣眾安街有兩個沙井蓋突然彈起並擊傷途人。香港中華煤氣有限公司派員調查後，相信該宗事件的成因是該處一條地下鑄鐵煤氣喉管洩漏煤氣，積聚的煤氣繼而發生爆炸。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有關部門有否詳細調查該宗事故的成因；若有，調查結果為何；
- (二) 有否評估該公司須否盡快更換所有地下鑄鐵煤氣喉管，以保障公眾安全；及
- (三) 有何措施確保輸送燃料的地下管道不會對公眾安全構成威脅？

(6) Hon WONG Sing-chi (Oral Reply)

On the 12th of last month, two manhole covers suddenly flew up at Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan, hitting and injuring some passers-by. The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited ("Towngas"), after investigation by its staff, concluded that the incident was caused by an explosion of the accumulated town gas which had seeped from an underground cast iron gas pipe. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether the relevant departments have investigated thoroughly the causes of the incident; if so, of the findings;
- (b) whether it has assessed if Towngas should expeditiously replace all underground cast iron gas pipes, so as to safeguard public safety; and
- (c) of the measures to ensure that underground fuel pipes will not pose a threat to public safety?

#(7) 李家祥議員 (書面答覆)

據報，一名婦人上月被揭發隱瞞其在本港及內地擁有逾一千萬元資產，以騙取綜合社會保障緩助計劃（“綜援”）金。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 當局在審批綜援申請時，有否調查申請人在外地是否擁有資產；若有，詳情為何；若否，原因何在；
- (二) 有否定期抽查領取綜援人士離港及返港的出入境紀錄，並要求他們提供離港理由；及
- (三) 會否考慮向因騙取綜援金而被定罪的人士徵收罰款？

(7) Hon Eric LI (Written Reply)

It has been reported that a woman was found last month to have withheld information about her possessing assets in Hong Kong and the Mainland, the value of which was over ten million dollars, in order to defraud the government of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") payments. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it conducts investigations when vetting and approving CSSA applications to find out if the applicants possess assets in other territories; if it does, of the details; if not, the reasons for that;
- (b) it conducts regular random checks on the immigration records of CSSA recipients' leaving and returning to Hong Kong, and asks them to give the reasons for their departure from Hong Kong; and
- (c) it will consider imposing financial penalties on those who have been convicted of obtaining CSSA payments by deception?

#(8) 劉皇發議員 (書面答覆)

鑑於香港回歸祖國已經 5 年多，深圳和香港兩地的經貿關係亦日趨密切，政府可否告知本會，會否考慮放寬對邊境禁區施加的各種限制；若會，考慮的詳情是甚麼；若否，原因是甚麼？

(8) Hon LAU Wong-fat (Written Reply)

As it has been more than five years since Hong Kong's reunification with the Motherland and the economic and trade relationship between Shenzhen and Hong Kong is becoming increasingly close, will the Government inform this Council whether it will consider relaxing the various restrictions imposed on the Frontier Closed Area; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

(9) 陳鑑林議員 (書面答覆)

香港會計師公會（“公會”）可酌情成立調查委員會及紀律委員會處理關於專業會計師的專業失當行爲的投訴。據報，為增加該等委員會的公信力，當局於去年12月向公會建議，該等委員會的成員過半數由非會計界人士出任，公會回應表示接納該建議，並且進一步提議成立獨立調查委員會，調查涉及上市公司及受規管公司的不合標準核數工作。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 當局與公會的商討內容和進展；
- (二) 有否估計何時可以落實新安排；及
- (三) 有否計劃最終取代會計專業自我監管的安排？

(9) Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Written Reply)

The Hong Kong Society of Accountants ("HKSA") may, at its discretion, form Investigation Committees and Disciplinary Committees to deal with complaints about the professional misconduct of professional accountants. It has been reported that the authorities suggested to HKSA in December last year that, to enhance the credibility of these committees, the number of lay members should be more than half of their respective membership. In response, HKSA accepted the suggestion and further proposed to set up an Independent Investigation Board to investigate cases involving alleged substandard audit work performed for listed and regulated companies. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the content and progress of the discussions between the authorities and HKSA;
- (b) whether it has estimated when the new arrangements can be implemented; and
- (c) whether it plans to have the self-regulation arrangement for the accountancy profession eventually replaced?

#(10) 楊耀忠議員 (書面答覆)

《定額罰款(公眾地方潔淨罪行)條例》於去年6月開始實施。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有關政府部門的執法行動的詳情；及
- (二) 根據當局發出的定額罰款通知書數目，哪些區域及哪類場所有較多人亂拋垃圾？

(10) Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung (Written Reply)

The Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) Ordinance commenced operation in June last year. In this regard, will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the details of the enforcement actions taken by the relevant government departments; and
- (b) the districts and kinds of premises with higher littering rates as indicated by the number of fixed penalty notices issued?

#(11) 劉炳章議員 (書面答覆)

政府在 1999 年 10 月發表的施政方針中表示計劃於 2000 年年初制定法例，以解決遺失或難以辨認的政府租契及批地書的問題。然而，當局在去年年底向本會表示有關的條例草案須延至 2004／05 年度才能提交。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去 3 年，因政府租契及批地書遺失或難以辨認而不能完成業權轉易交易及在地界方面出現糾紛的個案分別有多少宗；
- (二) 當局在草擬有關條例草案時遇到甚麼困難；及
- (三) 當局會否在有關法例生效前採取臨時措施，利便進行業權轉易交易；若會，詳情為何；若否，原因為何？

(11) Hon LAU Ping-cheung (Written Reply)

In its Policy Objectives published in October 1999, the Government indicated that it intended to introduce legislation in early 2000 to resolve the problem of missing or illegible Government leases and grants. However, the Administration advised this Council at the end of last year that the introduction of the relevant bill would be deferred to 2004/05. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the respective numbers of cases of failure to complete conveyancing transactions and disputes over land boundaries as a result of missing or illegible Government leases and grants in the past three years;
- (b) of the difficulties encountered in drafting the relevant bill; and
- (c) whether interim measures will be taken to facilitate conveyancing transactions prior to commencement of the legislation; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

#(12) 梁富華議員 (書面答覆)

關於紀律部隊員工宿舍的供求(部門指定某些員工因工作或職位需要而必須入住的宿舍除外)，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 按紀律部隊、宿舍級別及所在地區劃分，過去3年的宿舍供求數字、編配數目，以及平均空置率，以及估計在未來3年的宿舍供求數字；
- (二) 現時各紀律部隊的各級別員工平均輪候多久才獲編配宿舍；
- (三) 現行政策有否訂明當局須在員工輪候不超過某段時間內編配宿舍給他們；若有，詳情為何；
- (四) 有否評估需否採取措施縮短有關輪候時間；若評估為有需要，目標輪候時間為何；若評估為沒有需要，原因為何；
- (五) 有否評估部分宿舍空置率較高的原因和有何解決方法；及
- (六) 會否將現時空置及即將落成的居者有其屋計劃屋苑住宅單位，撥作紀律部隊宿舍用途；若會，具體安排和實施時間為何；若否，原因為何？

(12) Hon LEUNG Fu-wah (Written Reply)

Regarding the supply and demand of quarters for the officers of disciplined services (other than the post-tied quarters and operational quarters designated by departments for their staff), will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of a breakdown by the types of disciplined services, the grades and locations of the quarters, the numbers of quarters supplied, demanded and allocated as well as the average quarters vacancy rate in the past three years, and the anticipated supply and demand in the next three years;
- (b) of the current average waiting time for various grades of staff in the disciplined services before they are allocated quarters;
- (c) whether there is specific stipulation in the existing policies that the Administration is required to allocate quarters for the staff in the disciplined services within a certain period of waiting time; if so, of the details;
- (d) whether it has assessed the need for measures to shorten the waiting times; if the assessment outcome is in the affirmative, of the target waiting times; if it is in the negative, the reasons for that;
- (e) whether it has assessed the reasons for a relatively high vacancy rate for some of the quarters, and of the solutions; and
- (f) whether it will allocate flats under the Home Ownership Scheme that are now vacant or expected to be completed soon for use as quarters for the disciplined services; if so, of the specific arrangements and implementation timetable; if not, the reasons for that?

#(13) 劉漢銓議員 (書面答覆)

由於預期在2008年西營盤及中區的就業人口將較先前估計為低，以及西區發展計劃仍未確定，當局於上月決定押後興建地鐵北港島線，擱置西港島線第二期，並要求地鐵有限公司研究修訂其就南港島鐵路提交的初步建議。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有何方法避免再次出現就業人口估計偏差的問題；及
- (二) 有否評估押後及擱置有關工程對西區和南區居民的影響？

(13) Hon Ambrose LAU (Written Reply)

As the employment population in Sai Ying Pun and the Central District in 2008 is anticipated to be lower than the previous forecast, and the Western District Development has not been confirmed, the authorities decided last month to defer the construction of the North Hong Kong Island Line of the Mass Transit Railway ("MTR"), shelve the West Hong Kong Island Line Phase 2, and request the MTR Corporation Limited to examine modifications to its preliminary proposal on the South Hong Kong Island Line. In this regard, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the ways to avoid further discrepancies in employment population forecasts; and
- (b) whether it has assessed the impact of the relevant projects being deferred and shelved on the residents in the Western and Southern Districts?

#(14) 李卓人議員 (書面答覆)

政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去 3 年，勞工處接獲多少宗追討欠薪的個案，請按行業列出分項數字；
- (二) 過去 3 年，有多少名僱主因拖欠僱員工資而被檢控，當中有多少人被定罪，請按法庭判處的刑罰分項列出被定罪人士數目；及
- (三) 有否檢討有關法例的執行情況，以及它們是否足以阻嚇僱主拖欠工資；若有，結果為何及哪些方面需要作出改善？

(14) Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Written Reply)

Will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of outstanding wage claims received by the Labour Department in the past three years, together with a breakdown by trade;
- (b) of the number of employers prosecuted for defaulting on payment of wages to their employees in the past three years and, among them, the number of those who were convicted and its breakdown by the penalties imposed by the court; and
- (c) whether it has reviewed the enforcement of the relevant legislation and its adequacy in deterring employers from defaulting on payment of wages; if so, of the outcome of the review and the areas where improvement is needed?

#(15) 胡經昌議員 (書面答覆)

部分新落成的居者有其屋計劃(包括私人機構參建居屋計劃)屋苑(“居屋”)單位在出售前，會預先安裝電熱水器及冷氣機等家庭電器。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有關電器的保養期通常由何時開始計算；
- (二) 過去5年每年，居屋單位業主在收樓時向房屋署(“房署”)或有關發展商報告預先安裝在單位內的電器損壞的個案數目、所涉及的每類電器數量、維修或更換有關電器的開支及由哪方承擔；
- (三) 在業主收樓時，若有有關電器的保養期已經屆滿，房署或有關發展商會採取何等跟進措施；及
- (四) 目前已落成但尚未售出的居屋單位數目，並按預先安裝的家庭電器類別列出分項數字；當局會否考慮日後出租或出售該等單位時，在交樓前更換有關電器或延長其保養期；若會，估計所需費用為何？

(15) Hon Henry WU (Written Reply)

Some newly completed Home Ownership Scheme ("HOS") (including Private Sector Participation Scheme) flats are pre-installed with household appliances, such as electric water heaters and air-conditioners, before they are put up for sale. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the normal commencement date of the maintenance period for such electrical appliances;
- (b) the number of reports of defective appliances pre-installed in the HOS flats, made by the flat owners when they took possession of their flats to the Housing Department ("HD") or the developers concerned, the number of items involved for each type of electrical appliances, the expenditure on repairing or replacing these defective appliances and the party who paid for it, in each of the past five years;
- (c) the follow-up measures that HD or the developers concerned will take if the maintenance period of such appliances has already expired when the owners take possession of the flats; and
- (d) the current number of completed HOS flats which have not been sold, together with a breakdown by the types of pre-installed household appliances; whether it will, when leasing or selling such flats in the future, consider replacing such appliances or extending their maintenance period before handing them over to the tenants/owners; if it will, of the estimated cost?

#(16) 譚耀宗議員 (書面答覆)

關於向體弱長者提供的醫療及安老服務，政府可否告知本會，有否計劃：

- (一) 建立以個案管理模式為本的照顧系統，使體弱長者能夠獲得一站式和具連續性的醫療及安老服務，
- (二) 設立中央資料庫記載每名體弱長者曾使用的醫療及安老服務，使有關服務機構可減省覆檢個案的工序，及
- (三) 加強前線人員的培訓，提高他們對其他專業的瞭解，以及加強協調各項專業服務，

藉此改善對體弱長者持續提供的長期照顧服務；若有此等計劃，詳情為何；若否，原因為何？

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

Regarding the provision of medical and elderly services to the frail elderly, will the Government inform this Council whether it has plans to:

- (a) develop a care system based on the case management model so that the frail elderly can receive one-stop and continuous medical and elderly services,
- (b) set up a central database on the medical and elderly services that have been used by each frail elderly, saving the need to conduct case review by the service institutions concerned, and
- (c) enhance the training of front-line staff to promote their understanding about other professions and strengthen the co-ordination of various professional services,

thereby improving the long-term care services continuously provided to the frail elderly; if it has such plans, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

#(17) 石禮謙議員 (書面答覆)

關於由辦公樓宇改裝而成的賓館及服務式住宅，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 《建築物條例》(第 123 章)、《旅館業條例》(第 349 章)及《消防條例》(第 95 章)等法例對這兩類改裝而成的處所的規管，與對酒店的規管是否一致；若否，原因及詳情為何；及
- (二) 有否評估由辦公樓宇改裝而成的賓館及服務式住宅，對酒店業及私人住宅樓宇租務市場的影響；若有評估，結果為何；若否，原因為何？

(17) Hon Abraham SHEK (Written Reply)

Regarding guesthouses and service apartments converted from office buildings, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) these two types of converted premises are subject to the same extent of regulation as hotels under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123), the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) and the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95); if not, of the reasons for that and the relevant details; and
- (b) it has assessed the impact of the conversion into guesthouses and service apartments from office buildings on the hotel industry and the private residential rental market; if so, of the assessment results; if not, the reasons for that?

#(18) 涂謹申議員 (書面答覆)

關於內地人士來港定居的數字，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 自 1997 年 7 月 1 日至 2002 年 12 月底，根據居留權證明書(“居權證”)計劃來港定居的人數，其中分別有多少人在來港時是“少於 20 歲”及“20 歲或以上”；
- (二) 截至去年 12 月底，已獲發居權證但仍留在內地的人士數目；
- (三) 截至去年 12 月底，當局正在處理的居權證申請數字；
- (四) 去年全國持單程通行證(“單程證”)來港與配偶團聚的人士數目，以及按下列事項列出分項數字：
 - (i) 有關單程證是使用“長期分居夫妻分額”還是使用其他分額簽發；
 - (ii) 有關單程證是由廣東省當局還是由其他當局簽發；及
 - (iii) 他們在抵港時填報與港人配偶結婚年數是“少於 5 年”還是“5 年至少於 10 年”；及
- (五) 是否知悉，內地公安部門去年平均每天批出多少個單程證，以及當中分別有多少個是使用“香港永久性居民在內地所生子女”及“長期分居夫妻”指定分額簽發？

(18) Hon James TO (Written Reply)

Regarding statistics on Mainland people settling in Hong Kong, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of Mainland people who came to Hong Kong for settlement under the Certificate of Entitlement ("C of E") Scheme during the period from 1 July 1997 to the end of December 2002 and, among them, the respective numbers of those who were "aged under 20" and "aged 20 or above" on arrival;
- (b) of the number of people who had been issued with the C of E but were still residing in the Mainland at the end of December last year;
- (c) of the number of C of E applications which were being processed by the Administration at the end of December last year;
- (d) of the number of people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland for reunion with spouses on One-way Exit Permits ("OEPs") last year, together with a breakdown by the following:
 - (i) the OEPs issued under the "sub-quota for long-separated spouses" or other sub-quotas;
 - (ii) the OEPs issued by the Guangdong Authorities or other authorities; and
 - (iii) the number of years of marriage with spouses in Hong Kong, i.e. "less than five years" or "five to less than 10 years", which they furnished on arrival; and
- (e) whether it knows the daily average number of OEPs issued by the Mainland public security departments last year and, among them, the respective numbers of those which were issued under the sub-quotas specified for "children born in the Mainland of Hong Kong permanent residents" and for "long-separated spouses"?

#(19) 劉健儀議員 (書面答覆)

關於涉及在公路上進行維修和清潔工作的車輛的交通意外，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去 3 年，每年的有關意外數目、引致的傷亡人數，以及按意外在日間及晚上發生分類的細項數目；
- (二) 會否加強監督有關承辦商，確保他們嚴格遵從道路安全守則；若會，詳情為何；若否，原因為何；及
- (三) 會否檢討現時維修道路工程的安全措施是否完備，並針對意外各種成因(例如其他車輛的司機高速駕駛)制訂新措施；若會，詳情為何；若否，原因為何？

(19) Hon Miriam LAU (Written Reply)

Regarding traffic accidents involving vehicles carrying out maintenance and cleaning work on highways, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of such accidents and the resultant casualties in each of the past three years, together with a breakdown by the occurrence of such accidents in the day time and night time;
- (b) whether it will enhance monitoring of the contractors concerned to ensure strict compliance with the road safety code; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (c) whether it will review the adequacy of the safety measures in place for road maintenance work, and formulate new measures in this respect in the light of the various causes of accidents, such as drivers of other vehicles driving at high speed; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

#(20) 陳國強議員 (書面答覆)

關於長期失業人士，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 根據政府統計處的資料，長期失業人士的數目及他們中最長的失業日期；
- (二) 有否調查長期失業人士如何應付生活開支，以及他們尋找工作時遇到甚麼困難；及
- (三) 除了“中年再就業試點計劃”外，當局還有向長期失業人士提供哪些就業及經濟支援？

(20) Hon CHAN Kwok-keung (Written Reply)

Regarding the long-term unemployed people, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of their number and the longest period of unemployment among them, according to the information from the Census and Statistics Department;
- (b) whether it has looked into the ways by which long-term unemployed people meet their daily expenses and the difficulties they encounter when they look for jobs; and
- (c) of the assistance, apart from the Re-employment Pilot Programme for the Middle-aged, rendered to the long-term unemployed people with regard to their employment and financial means?