

立法會 *Legislative Council*

LC Paper No. CB(3) 568/02-03

**Paper for the House Committee meeting
on 25 April 2003**

**Questions scheduled for the
Legislative Council meeting on 30 April 2003**

Questions by:

- | | | |
|------|----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) | Hon Michael MAK | (Oral reply) |
| (2) | Hon MA Fung-kwok | (Oral reply) |
| (3) | Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong | (Oral reply) |
| (4) | Hon NG Leung-sing | (Oral reply) |
| (5) | Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong | (Oral reply) |
| (6) | Hon CHOY So-yuk | (Oral reply) |
| (7) | Hon LAU Ping-cheung | (Written reply) |
| (8) | Hon LEE Cheuk-yan | (Written reply) |
| (9) | Hon Miriam LAU | (Written reply) |
| (10) | Hon Cyd HO | (Written reply) |
| (11) | Hon CHAN Yuen-han | (Written reply) |
| (12) | Hon Abraham SHEK | (Written reply) |
| (13) | Hon LEUNG Fu-wah | (Written reply) |
| (14) | Hon Fred LI | (Written reply) |
| (15) | Hon Frederick FUNG | (Written reply) |
| (16) | Hon Eric LI | (Written reply) |
| (17) | Hon Albert CHAN | (Written reply) |
| (18) | Hon SIN Chung-kai | (Written reply) |
| (19) | Hon Emily LAU | (Written reply) |
| (20) | Hon LAU Kong-wah | (Written reply) |

註 :

NOTE :

議員將採用這種語言提出質詢

Member will ask the question in this language

#(1) 麥國風議員 (口頭答覆)

本月 12 日，行政長官在深圳與國家主席會面。行政長官在席間匯報香港非典型肺炎疫病的情況，以及香港特區政府在處理此疫病所採取的一系列措施，並表示香港特區政府會加強與廣東省在這方面的合作和交流。國家主席表示，假如特區有困難，例如在醫療物資及防護器材的供應方面需要內地協助，中央政府一定會全力支援。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 是次會面有否談及香港特區政府與廣東省政府就嚴重危疾設立通報機制；若有，通報機制的詳情及進展；兩地政府就防治非典型肺炎有何共識，以及會否考慮就此疫病制訂共同防治措施；
- (二) 有否評估就現時香港特區政府的設施和裝備而言，是否需要接受中央政府的物資支援；若有，評估的結果；若沒有，當局已採取甚麼措施及增添甚麼設施或裝備，以減少前線醫護人員受病毒感染的機會；及
- (三) 是否知悉，自從香港出現此疫病的個案至今，醫院管理局(簡稱“醫管局”)為對抗此疫病而購置的物資器材及增添的人手等的開支款額；醫管局有否評估該局對抗此疫病所需的時間及開支款額，以及政府為醫管局、衛生署、政府新聞處及其他政策局及政府部門對抗此疫病而開立的 2 億元承擔額是否足以向醫管局提供所需開支款額；若有，評估的結果為何；若醫管局認為承擔額不足以向該局提供所需開支款額，該局有否計劃向政府尋求額外財政支援？

(1) Hon Michael MAK (Oral Reply)

On 12th of this month, the Chief Executive met the President of the State in Shenzhen. During the meeting, the Chief Executive reported on the development of atypical pneumonia in Hong Kong and the series of measures taken by the HKSAR Government to combat the disease, and said that the HKSAR Government would strengthen the cooperation and exchanges with Guangdong Province in this respect. The President pledged full support of the Central Government should the SAR require the help of the Mainland, for example in acquiring medical supplies and protective gears. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether the issue of setting up a notification mechanism on serious diseases between the governments of HKSAR and Guangdong Province was raised during the meeting; if so, of the details and progress of the notification mechanism; of the consensus reached between the two governments on the prevention and treatment of atypical pneumonia, and whether they will consider formulating common preventive and treatment measures to combat the disease;
- (b) whether, in consideration of the facilities and equipment of the HKSAR Government at present, it has assessed the need to receive material assistance from the Central Government; if it has, of the assessment results; if it has not, of the measures taken and the additional facilities or equipment provided to reduce the risks of infection on frontline health care personnel; and
- (c) whether it is aware of the amount of money spent by the Hospital Authority ("HA") since the outbreak of atypical pneumonia on purchasing supplies and equipment and employing additional staff to combat the disease; whether HA has assessed the time and the amount of money required to combat the disease, and whether the Government's creation of a commitment of \$200 million for HA, the Department of Health, the Information Services Department and other bureaux/departments to combat the disease, is sufficient for providing HA with the amount of money it requires; if it has, of the assessment results; if HA considers the commitment to be insufficient for providing the amount of money HA requires, whether HA has plans to seek additional financial support from the Government?

(2) 馬逢國議員 (口頭答覆)

就當局發放關於非典型肺炎(或稱“嚴重急性呼吸系統綜合症”)的資訊，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 當局現時是否採用與世界衛生組織一致的方法和標準，對個案數字作出界定和分類；
- (二) 當局會否檢討現時發放資訊的機制並考慮設立發言人制度；及
- (三) 當局現時除不定期通告各國駐港領事外，有否其他措施，讓海外地區掌握本港的最新疫情？

(2) Hon MA Fung-kwok (Oral Reply)

Regarding the dissemination of information relating to atypical pneumonia (or known as "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome"), will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it has adopted the same methods and standards as those of the World Health Organization in defining and classifying the figures of such cases;
- (b) it will review the existing mechanism for disseminating information and consider putting in place a spokesman system; and
- (c) apart from holding briefings on an irregular basis for consuls of various countries in Hong Kong, other measures will be adopted to keep overseas regions informed of the latest position of the disease in the territory?

(3) 張文光議員 (口頭答覆)

就財政司司長向行政長官提出請辭後被挽留一事，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 問責制主要官員提出請辭、行政長官接納有關請辭或挽留有關官員的程序；
- (二) 行政長官辦公室就紀錄第(一)項所述的請辭、接納請辭及挽留官員制定的程序；
- (三) 第(二)項所述的程序有否包括紀錄接獲問責官員辭職信及行政長官接納請辭或挽留有關官員的日期及時間；若有，接獲財政司司長提出請辭及行政長官作出挽留的日期及時間為何？

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

Regarding the Financial Secretary's tendering his resignation to the Chief Executive and his being asked by the latter to stay, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the procedures for a principal official under the accountability system to resign and for the Chief Executive to accept the resignation or to ask the official concerned to stay;
- (b) of the procedure of the Chief Executive's Office for recording the resignation, acceptance of resignation and the asking of the official concerned to stay, mentioned in (a); and
- (c) whether the procedures mentioned in (b) include recording the dates and times of receipt of the resignation letter from a principal official under the accountability system and the Chief Executive's asking the relevant official to stay; if so, of the dates and times of the receipt of the Financial Secretary's resignation and the Chief Executive's asking the official concerned to stay?

(4) 吳亮星議員 (口頭答覆)

2003 年施政報告指出，中央政府同意特區政府提出的建議，正在研究進一步放寬內地居民到香港旅遊便利的措施，包括允許廣東省境內居民以個人身份來香港旅遊。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有否建議就以個人身份來香港旅遊的廣東省境內居民的經濟條件作出規定；若有，建議作出甚麼規定；若否，原因是甚麼；及
- (二) 有否制訂措施，加強打擊非法居留及黑市勞工，以配合廣東省境內居民以個人身份來香港旅遊；若有，措施的詳情是甚麼；若否，原因是甚麼？

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

The 2003 Policy Address states that in response to a proposal by the SAR Government, the Central Government agreed to study further relaxation of current restrictions to facilitate Mainland residents' visits to Hong Kong, including allowing Guangdong Province residents to visit individually. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether it has:

- (a) proposed to impose requirements on the financial capacity of the Guangdong Province residents seeking to visit Hong Kong individually; if it has, of the proposed requirements; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (b) formulated any measures to strengthen the efforts against illegal residence and black market labour, to tie in with allowing individual Guangdong Province residents to visit Hong Kong; if it has, of the details of such measures; if not, the reasons for that?

(5) 鄧兆棠議員 (口頭答覆)

就天水圍天頌苑的地基鞏固及補救工程及天悅邨的修補工程，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 天頌苑 K 座及 L 座地基鞏固工程的最新開支預算，以及 L 座的工程是否一如當局先前告知本會一樣可在本月完成；
- (二) 天悅邨(包括剛完成修補工程的悅富樓及悅貴樓)的多個單位最近出現裂紋及滲水的原因，以及當局採取了甚麼跟進措施；及
- (三) 當局在編配悅富樓及悅貴樓的單位時，有否告知準住戶該兩座樓宇曾進行大型修補工程；若否，原因為何，以及當局會否批准他們以擔心樓宇結構安全為理由申請調遷？

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

Regarding the foundation strengthening and remedial works for Tin Chung Court and the remedial works for Tin Yuet Estate in Tin Shui Wai, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the latest estimated expenditure of the foundation strengthening works for Blocks K and L of Tin Chung Court, and whether the works for Block L will be completed by the end of this month, as this Council was advised earlier;
- (b) of the causes of the cracks and seepage recently found in a number of flats in Tin Yuet Estate, including Yuet Fu House and Yuet Kwai House where remedial works have just been completed, as well as the follow-up measures taken in this regard; and
- (c) whether, when the prospective tenants were allocated flats in Yuet Fu House and Yuet Kwai House, they were informed that major remedial works had been carried out in these two housing blocks; if not, of the reasons, and whether it will approve their applications for transfer on grounds of concern about the structural safety of the blocks?

#(6) 蔡素玉議員 (口頭答覆)

有關以預製鋪路磚鋪砌的行人路，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 過去兩年，以預製鋪路磚鋪砌的行人路路面面積及有關的公帑開支，以及預計本年和明年的鋪砌的面積及開支；
- (二) 有關當局使用甚麼方法清除在路磚之間罅隙生長的雜草；若該等方法包括使用除草劑，當局如何避免自然環境因而受到破壞；及
- (三) 鑒於本人曾目睹公用事業機構的工程人員在維修地底設施時，把工程車輛及重型機械放置在以鋪路磚鋪砌的行人路上，當局如何確保該等機構會妥善修復因而受損毀的行人路路面？

(6) Hon CHOY So-yuk (Oral Reply)

With regard to the use of precast paving slabs for pavement surfaces, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the total area of pavement surfaces paved with precast paving slabs over the past two years and the amount of public expenditure involved, as well as the corresponding figures anticipated for the current and the coming year;
- (b) of the methods employed by the relevant authorities to remove the weeds growing along the slits between the paving slabs and, if such methods include the use of herbicide, the measures in place to prevent the natural environment from being damaged; and
- (c) as I have witnessed workers of utility companies leaving work vehicles and heavy machinery on the slab-paved pavements during repair works on underground facilities, how the authorities ensure that the utility companies concerned will properly carry out repairs to the pavement surfaces damaged as a result?

(7) 劉炳章議員 (書面答覆)

添馬艦發展項目評審委員會已於去年年底完成投標者資格預審工作，選出 5 間機構參與競投。就此，政府可否告知本會，為免影響評審委員會評審標書的公正性，有否發出指引，指示評審委員會成員及有關的公務人員，在評審會議外，不可向任何一間獲選機構或與其合作的建築師，就所提交的設計或設計概念作出評論，亦不可與該等機構或建築師有非公務性質的接觸，而假如不能避免與獲選機構接觸，該等接觸的詳情及過程應予公開；若有，指引的詳情為何；若否，原因為何，以及當局會否在競投工作展開前制訂指引？

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

In the prequalification exercise completed at the end of last year, the Special Selection Board for the Tamar Development Project selected five applicants for participation in the tendering. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether, in order to maintain the impartiality of the Board in its assessment of tenders, guidelines have been issued to Board members and the public officers concerned to specify that, outside the meetings for tender assessment, no comments should be given in private to any prequalified applicants or architect partners on their submitted designs or design concepts, nor should there be any unofficial contacts with these applicants or architects and, where contacts with the prequalified applicants are unavoidable, the details and the course of such contacts should be made public; if such guidelines have been issued, of the details; if not, the reasons for that, and whether any guidelines will be compiled prior to the commencement of the tendering?

(8) 李卓人議員 (書面答覆)

關於食物環境衛生署、政府產業署、房屋署和康樂及文化事務署批出的清潔、護衛及物業管理服務外判合約，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 在上一個及本財政年度分別批出的合約數目；及
- (二) 該等合約的審批準則及生效日期、服務地點、為提供有關服務而聘請的清潔工人、護衛員及物業管理員數目，以及在上一個財政年度合約承辦商承諾支付有關員工的工資金額？

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

Regarding the contracts awarded by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Government Property Agency, Housing Department and Leisure and Cultural Services Department for outsourcing cleaning, security guard and property management services, will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the respective numbers of such contracts awarded in the previous and current financial years; and
- (b) the criteria for awarding such contracts, the effective dates of the respective contracts, the service locations, the respective numbers of cleaning workers, security guards and property attendants recruited to provide the services concerned, as well as the amount of wages the contractors undertook to pay these staff in the previous financial year?

(9) 劉健儀議員 (書面答覆)

根據運輸署在去年 11 月發表的《第二次泊車位需求研究最終報告》(“報告”), 在 2000 年本港旅遊巴士及貨車的泊車位分別短缺 3 300 個及 9 000 個。就此, 政府可否告知本會:

- (一) 過去 3 年, 每年政府批出多少幅土地作旅遊巴士及貨車停車場之用, 以及有關土地的地點、面積及估計泊車位數目;
- (二) 鑒於報告建議在明顯有泊車位短缺情況的地方, 只要符合《建築物條例》中有關最高地積比率的要求, 政府便可藉重建計劃要求發展商提供更多泊車位, 而且尤應考慮在預期貨車泊車位嚴重不足的地區, 透過此項措施要求發展商提供更多貨車泊車位, 政府有否考慮實施該項建議, 以增加旅遊巴士及貨車的泊車位; 若有, 考慮的結果為何; 若否, 原因為何; 及
- (三) 鑒於報告亦建議政府把短期租約用地及空置私人發展項目地盤, 臨時轉為旅遊巴士或貨車停車場, 政府有否考慮該項建議; 若有, 考慮的結果為何; 若否, 原因為何?

(9) Hon Miriam LAU (Written Reply)

According to "The Second Parking Demand Study - Final Report" ("the Report") published by the Transport Department in November last year, there were shortfalls of 3 300 and 9 000 parking spaces for coaches and goods vehicles respectively ("GV") in Hong Kong in 2000. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of sites granted for coaches and GV parking in each of the past three years, as well as the locations and sizes of the sites, and the estimated numbers of parking spaces provided;
- (b) as the Report recommends that where parking shortage is justified and the maximum plot ratio requirements under the Buildings Ordinance are met, the Government may make use of the opportunity afforded by redevelopment proposals to require developers to provide more parking spaces and, under such initiatives, consideration should particularly be given to requiring developers to provide more GV parking spaces in areas where severe shortages of GV parking spaces are anticipated, whether the Government has considered implementing the recommendation with a view to increasing the supply of coaches and GV parking spaces; if so, of the outcome of its consideration; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (c) as the Report also recommends that short-term tenancy sites and vacant private development sites may be temporarily used for coaches or GV parking, whether the Government has considered the recommendation; if so, of the outcome of its consideration; if not, the reasons for that?

#(10) 何秀蘭議員 (書面答覆)

關於各個政策局就制定和評估政策而委聘顧問進行研究的事宜，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 在過去兩個財政年度完成的顧問研究報告中，已經及沒有向公眾發布的報告各有多少；請按下表列出有關詳情；

負責的政策局	顧問名稱	研究內容	研究費用	有否向公眾發布？	若有，發布的渠道	若否，原因

- (二) 預計在 2003 至 04 財政年度完成的顧問研究報告的數目，其中會及不會向公眾發布的報告各有多少；請按下表列出有關詳情；及

負責的政策局	顧問名稱	研究內容	顧問費用	有否計劃向公眾發布？	若有，計劃發布的渠道	若否，原因

- (三) 現時有否準則決定是否向公眾發布政府就制定和評估政策而委聘顧問進行研究的報告；若有，準則的詳情；若否，當局有何措施確保公眾知悉這些顧問研究的結果及確定這些研究是否物有所值？

(10) Hon Cyd HO (Written Reply)

With regard to the commissioning of consultants by various policy bureaux to conduct studies on the formulation and assessment of policies, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the consultancy reports completed in the past two financial years, the respective numbers of reports which have and have not been published (please list out the relevant details in the table below);

Responsible policy bureau	Consultancy firm	Details of the study	Consultancy fee	Has the report been published?	If so, the publication channel	If not, the reasons for that

- (b) of the number of consultancy reports expected to be completed in the 2003-04 financial year and, among them, the respective numbers of reports which will and will not be published (please list out the relevant details in the table below); and

Responsible policy bureau	Consultancy firm	Details of the study	Consultancy fee	Any plan to publish the report?	If so, the publication channel	If not, the reasons for that

- (c) whether there are criteria for deciding whether or not to publish the reports on the consultancy studies on the formulation and assessment of policies commissioned by the Government; if there are, of the details of such criteria; if not, the measures it has for ensuring that the public is aware of the findings of such consultancy studies and for ascertaining whether such studies have value for money?

(11) 陳婉嫻議員 (書面答覆)

據報，公共屋邨的保安及公共設施不便長者及行動不便人士使用，例如：長者難以記憶開啓保安鐵閘的密碼，乘坐輪椅的人士亦無法使用數字鍵盤開啓保安鐵閘和啓動對講機，因為有關數字鍵盤並非參照殘疾人士所需的高度安裝。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有否評估現時公共屋邨的保安設施是否便利長者及行動不便人士使用；若有，評估的結果；
- (二) 有否考慮為公共屋邨的現有保安鐵閘安裝智能卡系統，或裝置其他便利長者及行動不便人士使用的保安設施；及
- (三) 有否計劃改善公共屋邨現有不適合長者及行動不便人士使用的公共設施，及當局會否考慮讓長者及行動不便人士參與日後興建的公共屋邨的設計工作，從而使公共屋邨的設施能照顧他們的需要？

(11) Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Written Reply)

It has been reported that the security and public facilities of public housing estates are inconvenient for use by the elderly and mobility-handicapped persons. For example, it is difficult for the elderly to memorize the password for opening the security gate whilst wheelchair bound persons are unable to open the security gate and operate the door-telephone with keypads which are installed at heights without considering the needs of the disabled. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it has assessed if the existing security facilities in public housing estates are convenient for use by the elderly and mobility-handicapped persons; if it has, of the assessment results;
- (b) it has considered installing smart card systems for the existing security gates in public housing estates or other security facilities for the convenience of the elderly and mobility-handicapped persons; and
- (c) it plans to improve the existing public facilities which are not suitable for use by the elderly and mobility-handicapped persons; and whether it will consider involving them in the design work for the construction of public housing estates in future so that the facilities thereof can meet their needs?

#(12) 石禮謙議員 (書面答覆)

關於本地建造業參與海外工程的事宜，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有否透過香港政府駐外辦事處、貿易發展局或其他渠道向海外人士推介本地建造業，以利本地建造業打入海外市場；若有，詳情為何；若否，原因為何；
- (二) 有否關注本地建造業參與海外工程投標的情況，並就有關投標的事宜向本地建造業提供市場信息及其他協助；若有，詳情為何；若否，原因為何；及
- (三) 在美國與伊拉克的戰事結束後，當局有否打算協助本地建造業參與伊拉克的重建工作？

(12) Hon Abraham SHEK (Written Reply)

Regarding the local construction industry's participation in overseas construction projects, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it has promoted the local construction industry in overseas communities through the Hong Kong Government's overseas offices, the Trade Development Council or other channels, with a view to facilitating the industry's entry into the overseas markets; if it has, of the details; if not, the reasons for that;
- (b) it has kept a watch on the local construction industry's participation in bidding for overseas construction projects, and provided market information and other kinds of assistance to the local construction industry in this regard; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (c) it plans to assist the local construction industry in taking part in the reconstruction of Iraq when the war between the United States and Iraq is over?

#(13) 梁富華議員 (書面答覆)

政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 現時各決策局和部門內每個薪酬屬或相當於首長級薪級表第四點或以上的職位的名稱，以及就每個職位而言，現任及前兩任官員的姓名、他們上任時的年齡和年資、擔任該職位的年期及已離任官員離任的原因；
- (二) 當局根據哪些準則作出擢升首長級官員的決定；是否包括預計他在晉升後的崗位任職的年期及他將來離任對有關部門運作的影響；若否，會否考慮把這些因素定為準則；及
- (三) 有否評估首長級官員在任年期長短對其任職的部門的持續發展、運作及政策推行等各方面的影響；若有，評估的結果；若否，原因為何？

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

Will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the title of each post remunerated at D4 or above of the Directorate Pay Scale, or equivalent, in policy bureaux and departments at present and, for each of these posts, the names of the present and last two officers in the post, their ages and seniority when they took up the post, their lengths of service in the post and the reasons for the outgoing officers' leaving the post;
- (b) of the criteria adopted in deciding on the promotion of directorate grade officers; whether the estimated period of stay in the post after an officer is promoted and the effects on the operation of the relevant departments when the officer leaves the post in future are included as part of the criteria; if not, whether it will consider setting these factors as the criteria; and
- (c) whether it has assessed the effects of the directorate grade officers' length of service on the continued development, operation and policy implementation of the departments they serve, if so, of the results of assessment; if not, the reasons for that?

#(14) 李華明議員 (書面答覆)

香港電燈有限公司(“港燈”)的2002年年度財務報表顯示，該公司採用了新的確認售電收益方法：由根據有關年度內各電錶所錄得之售電量總和，改為根據有關年度內用戶之用電量確認收益。鑒於港燈的利潤受政府的管制計劃所規管，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 該新確認方法的應用詳情，請以具體例子說明；港燈去年的售電量及收益分別以新方法及舊方法確認後如何比較；及
- (二) 港燈採用該新方法的理據，以及事前有否諮詢或知會政府；若否，當局會否及如何作出跟進？

(14) Hon Fred LI (Written Reply)

The annual financial statements of the Hong Kong Electric Company Limited ("HEC") for the year 2002 disclose that HEC has adopted a new approach in the recognition of income from electricity sales. Under the new approach, income is recognized on the basis of units of electricity consumed by customers, instead of the total electricity sold as recorded on all meters, during the year. As the earnings of HEC are regulated by the Government under a Scheme of Control, will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the application details of the new approach, with illustrations by specific examples; a comparison of HEC's electricity sales and income last year based respectively on the new and old recognition approaches; and
- (b) the rationale for HEC's adopting the new approach, and whether the Government has been consulted or notified in advance; if not, whether and how it will follow up?

(15) 馮檢基議員 (書面答覆)

關於一所中學突然在考試當日(即本年 3 月 28 日)拒絕借出場地舉行高級補充程度會考考試一事，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 有關事件的詳情，以及當局如何應付；
- (二) 以往有否發生同類事件；若有，這些事件的詳情及當局如何應付；
- (三) 受今次事件影響的考生有否作出投訴；若有，投訴的宗數及內容，以及當局如何處理；
- (四) 會否調整受今次事件影響考生的有關試卷分數；若會，調整的詳情；若否，原因為何；及
- (五) 會否處分有關中學；若有，處分的詳情；若否，原因為何？

(15) Hon Frederick FUNG (Written Reply)

Regarding the incident in which a secondary school suddenly refused to lend out its venue for holding the Advanced Supplementary Level Examination on 28 March this year - the day of the examination, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the details of the incident and how the authorities handled it;
- (b) whether similar incidents had happened before; if so, of the details of the incidents and how the authorities handled them;
- (c) whether the affected candidates have lodged any complaints; if they have, of the number and details of the complaints and how the authorities handled them;
- (d) whether the marks of the relevant examination paper of the affected candidates will be adjusted; if they will, of the adjustment details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (e) whether disciplinary actions will be taken against the secondary school concerned; if so, of the details of the disciplinary actions; if not, the reasons for that?

(16) 李家祥議員 (書面答覆)

關於在彌敦道(尖沙咀段)和英皇道兩旁的行人路上進行的道路挖掘工程，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 去年分別有多少個行人路路段曾進行有關工程；
- (二) 去年每條道路分別
 - (i) 有多少天完全沒有這類工程進行；
 - (ii) 有多少天有超過 5 項工程同時進行；及
 - (iii) 一天內最多有多少項工程在同時進行；及
- (三) 若上文第(一)項的答覆顯示在英皇道行人路進行的工程數目較少，當局有否評估這情況是否與當局曾在該道路進行全面重鋪行人路路面工程有關，以及這做法是否更具成本效益？

(16) Hon Eric LI (Written Reply)

Regarding road excavation works carried out on the pavements along Nathan Road (Tsim Sha Tsui section) and King's Road, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the respective numbers of pavement sections on which such works were carried out last year;
- (b) for each road during last year, of
 - (i) the respective numbers of days on which no such works were carried out;
 - (ii) the respective numbers of days on which more than five works items were carried out at the same time; and
 - (iii) the largest number of works items carried out at the same time on a single day; and
- (c) if the answers to item (a) above indicate that fewer works items were carried out on the pavements along King's Road, whether it has assessed if the situation is attributable to the comprehensive resurfacing works carried out on the pavements of the road, and whether such an approach is more cost-effective?

#(17) 陳偉業議員 (書面答覆)

據悉，不少公共租住屋邨(“公屋”)的單位內出現牆壁爆裂、鋼筋外露及石屎剝落問題，危及住戶的人身安全和影響他們的日常生活。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 現時有多少個單位因上述問題而需進行修葺工程，請按屋邨列出分項數字；
- (二) 房屋署去年進行這類修葺工程平均所需時間；及
- (三) 房屋署會否批准有關單位的住戶在這類大型修葺工程展開之前調遷；若會，現時可申請調遷的住戶數目為何？

(17) Hon Albert CHAN (Written Reply)

It is learnt that problems such as cracked walls, exposed steel reinforcements and concrete spalling appear in many flats in public housing rental estates, threatening the safety of the tenants and adversely affecting their daily life. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the current number of flats which require repair works because of the above problems, with a breakdown by housing estates;
- (b) of the average time taken last year by the Housing Department ("HD") for such repair works; and
- (c) whether HD will allow tenants of the relevant flats to transfer to other flats before the commencement of large-scale repair works of this nature; if it will, of the number of tenants who may now apply for transfer?

#(18) 單仲偕議員 (書面答覆)

電訊管理局規定對外電訊服務營辦商須向固定電訊網絡營辦商(“固網商”)繳付本地接駁費，以補償固網商的網絡資源被對外電訊服務營辦商用作傳送對外電訊。電訊管理局局長於 2001 年 6 月發出聲明，公布於同年 7 月 1 日起調整本地接駁費的計算方法及收費水平。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (一) 香港的本地接駁費的計算方法及收費水平的決定因素與其他開放電訊市場的國家和地區(如英國、美國及澳洲等)的同類費用如何比較，以及這些地方採用不同做法的原因；
- (二) 有否評估第(一)項所述的外地做法對本地電訊業(尤其是對外電訊服務)的影響；若有，評估的結果為何；
- (三) 過去 3 年，每年本地接駁費佔對外電訊服務營辦商在各主要對外電訊服務零售市場提供服務的成本百分比；
- (四) 有否評估第(三)項所述的成本百分比對促進本地電訊業(尤其是固網商與對外電訊服務營辦商之間)公平競爭的影響；若有，評估的結果為何；及
- (五) 會否定時檢討本地接駁費的計算方法及收費水平；若會，下次檢討將於何時進行？

The Office of the Telecommunications Authority requires external telecommunications services operators ("ETSOs") to pay local access charges ("LAC") to fixed telecommunications network operators ("FTNOs") as compensation for the latter's network resources being used by the former in the carriage of external telecommunications. The Telecommunications Authority issued a statement in June 2001 to announce the adjustment in the calculation of LAC and its level with effect from 1 July in the same year. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) how the factors for determining the calculation method and level of LAC in Hong Kong compare to those in respect of similar charges in other countries and regions with open telecommunications markets (such as the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia); and of the reasons for adopting different practices in these places;
- (b) whether it has assessed the impacts of the overseas practices mentioned in (a) on the local telecommunications industry (particularly external telecommunications services); if it has, of the assessment results;
- (c) of the respective percentages of LAC in the cost to ETSOs for providing services in the major retail markets of external telecommunications services, in each of the past three years;
- (d) whether it has assessed the impacts of the cost percentages mentioned in (c) on the promotion of fair competition in the local telecommunications industry (particularly between FTNOs and ETSOs); if it has, of the assessment results; and
- (e) whether it will conduct regular reviews on the calculation method and level of LAC; if it will, when the next review will be conducted?

(19) 劉慧卿議員 (書面答覆)

為紓緩公共交通工具排放廢氣所造成的空氣污染，行政機關可否告知本會：

- (一) 鑒於九龍巴士(1933)有限公司計劃在本年內引入 50 輛符合歐盟 IV 期廢氣排放標準的巴士，當局有否建議該公司安排該等巴士行走繁忙的地區；
- (二) 有否計劃與各專營巴士公司商討重整現行巴士路線和班次，避免出現過多巴士擠塞於同一地區，因而加劇有關地區的空氣污染的情況；及
- (三) 有何政策或措施，鼓勵各公共交通機構引入更環保的車輛？

(19) Hon Emily LAU (Written Reply)

In order to alleviate the air pollution caused by emissions from public transport, will the Executive Authorities inform this Council:

- (a) given that the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Ltd. plans to introduce, in this year, 50 buses which meet the Euro IV emission standards, whether the Authorities have suggested to the company to arrange for such buses to serve the busy areas;
- (b) whether they plan to discuss with franchised bus companies the rationalization of the existing bus routes and schedules to avoid an excessive number of buses crowding in the same area, and aggravating the air pollution problem in the areas concerned; and
- (c) of the policies or measures in place to encourage public transport operators to introduce vehicles which are more environmentally-friendly?

(20) 劉江華議員 (書面答覆)

政府可否告知本會，當局曾否與澳門特別行政區政府就促進香港、澳門和珠江三角洲地帶的經濟融合進行商談；若有，過去12個月內曾進行商談的次數及事項；若否，原因為何？

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

Will the Government inform this Council whether it has discussed with the Macao Special Administrative Region Government the promotion of economic integration among Hong Kong, Macao and the Pearl River Delta Region; if so, of the number of such discussions held in the past 12 months and the topics covered; if not, the reasons for that?