

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance
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	Project title and description	Reason for approval	Amount Approved (HK\$)
1	Conservation and Restoration of St John's Cathedral	St John's Cathedral, a declared monument, is representative of early Western style building in Hong Kong and reflective of the history of the urban area. The conservation and restoration work would help enhance public appreciation of the Cathedral's heritage value.	410,000
2	Phase I of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum Reference Chart and Pilotage Collection for China Sea Water: The Catalogue	No similar reference materials in local libraries are available. The catalogue would serve as a useful reference for students, academics and researchers.	360,000
3	James Wong and Hong Kong Popular Culture - Recollection and Reconstruction	The project serves to promote local popular culture by conducting a research on the life and achievements of James Wong and building up a multi-media collection of his works.	500,000
4	The Preservation and Development of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Hong Kong /Asia Pacific	The project complements the Government's initiatives to promote public awareness of the importance of preserving and developing local intangible cultural heritage through a series of discussion sessions and promotional activities.	617,600
5	One Hundred Years of Health Protection – Education Program for Primary Schools	The project serves to promote students' understanding of local heritage conservation and history of medical development in Hong Kong.	310,000
6	仁民愛物：西貢區歷史文物資料館及校史文物館 (Setting Up of an Archive on the History and Heritage of Sai Kung and a School Archive)	This is a meaningful project promoting the study of local history and heritage through the establishment of archives in newly established schools.	74,500
7	Lord Wilson Heritage Trust Scholarships for the Architectural Conservation Programme at The University of Hong Kong	The project serves to enhance public-academic cooperation in the promotion of heritage conservation in Hong Kong.	220,000

	Project title and description	Reason for approval	Amount Approved (HK\$)
8	香港風物志 (Hong Kong's Heritage)	The project aims to promote community participation and students' interest in heritage conservation by cooperating with the Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School to set up an archive on Sai Kung.	42,750
9	Heritage Education in Tai-O, Lantau Island	The project aims to promote heritage education and conservation of Tai-O through concerted efforts of the local community, academics and students.	359,200
10	The Shek Kip Mei Story	The projects serves to promote the understanding of the Shek Kip Mei resettlement blocks, which are regarded as part of the important collective memory of the community.	167,000
11	Discover the 19th-Century Hong Kong through St Michael's Catholic Cemetery	The project aims to arouse public awareness of heritage and preservation of cemeteries through a comprehensive study of the history of tombs in the 19th century Catholic Cemetery in Happy Valley.	304,557
12	民系"故"中尋之"官"塘深度行	The project serves to arouse the interest of the local community in the heritage and history of the Kwun Tong district.	100,000
13	無障礙古蹟考察行動	The project aims to organise guided tours for the disabled to visit heritage sites, which would be conducive to enhancing public understanding of heritage conservation.	53,910

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Reply Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

1542

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration stated that it would continue to promote the rights of children in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the details of the measures and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to promote public education on the rights of children through the Children's Rights Unit (CRU) and the Children Rights' Forum (CRF). The CRF was set up in 2005 to provide a platform for children's rights organizations and children's representatives to exchange views with the Government on children's rights. In addition, we will continue to provide funding support to community projects, e.g. the Children's Rights Education Funding Scheme. The total estimated expenditure on promoting children's rights in 2007-08 is about \$960,000.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB006

Question Serial No.

1861

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to promote awareness of racial harmony and equality. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific work on promoting awareness of racial harmony and equality; and
- (b) the expenditure involved in implementing the work.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

In 2007-08, we plan to spend about \$10.42 million for promoting awareness of racial harmony and equality. The breakdown is as follows -

Item	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Equal Opportunities (Race) Funding Scheme for funding community projects to promote racial harmony	0.60
Mobile Information Service for ethnic minorities arriving at the Airport	1.00
Publication and updating of Service Guide Books in minority languages	1.05
Cross-cultural youth programme for integration of ethnic minority young persons	0.70
Language classes for ethnic minorities	0.98
Ethnic Minority Radio Programmes in Bahasa Indonesia, Urdu and Nepali	0.80
Two Community Support Teams for Ethnic Communities	0.64
Two Community Development Teams for Ethnic Minorities from South Asia	2.60
Culture in Motion – a variety show to promote understanding and appreciation of ethnic minority cultures	0.24
Other promotional activities	0.19
Staff cost of Race Relations Unit set up to promote racial harmony, answer enquiries and handle complaints relating to race relations	1.62
Total:	<u>\$10.42</u>

In addition, we also conduct school talks to promote awareness of racial harmony and equality among students, as well as operate a hotline to handle complaints and enquiries relating to race relations. The expenses for these activities are absorbed in the operating costs of the Race Relations Unit.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB007

Question Serial No.

1550

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information in the following format on the studies regarding problem and pathological gamblers carried out during 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

<u>Research Institution</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Government's follow-up actions (if applicable)</u>	<u>Whether the public have access to the findings</u>
1. University of Hong Kong	Study of Hong Kong People's participation in gambling activities and attitude towards gambling, and the prevalence of problem and pathological gambling in Hong Kong	HK\$200,000 (funded by the Ping Wo Fund, which the Government set up in 2003 to finance preventive and remedial measures to address gambling-related problems)	Findings of the study were published in December 2005	Findings showed that the overall participation rate in gambling activities and the percentage of problem and pathological gamblers had remained stable between 2001 and 2005. The Government will continue to conduct education programmes on gambling-related problems	Yes

<u>Research Institution</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Government's follow-up actions (if applicable)</u>	<u>Whether the public have access to the findings</u>
2. Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Evaluation study on the effectiveness of the counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers	HK\$1,170,000 (funded by the Ping Wo Fund)	Findings of the study were published in June 2006	Findings suggested that the two existing pilot counselling centres provided effective service and should be extended for another two years. The study also recommended the establishment of two additional and smaller-scale counselling centres to target specific social groups. The Government adopted this recommendation and commissioned two non-governmental organizations to operate two new and smaller-scale counselling centres using the Ping Wo Fund to provide counselling and treatment services for the community, targeting particularly the youth, ethnic minority, women and elderly sectors.	Yes

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Reply Serial No.

HAB008

Question Serial No.

1551

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the support to elite athletes, would the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) a breakdown of the subsidy on the training of elite athletes by the subsidised projects, number of people receiving subsidy and subsidy amounts in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07; and
- (b) details on the discussion on the directions to improve the support plan for elite athletes.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

- (a) At present, the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) does not have any specific subsidised projects for the training of elite athletes. Instead, the HKSIL provides subsistence grant to elite athletes mainly through three funding sources that it administers, namely, monthly stipends, Sports Aid Foundation Fund (SAFF), and Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund (SADF) which caters for the disabled athletes.

The number of recipients and the amounts granted under the three schemes in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as follows: -

	No. of recipients			Amount (\$ million)		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Monthly Stipends	184	198	203	4.41	5.01	4.91
SAFF	191	184	216	7.82	7.88	9.05
SADF	43	39	35	1.31	1.29	1.15

- (b) The Chief Executive announced in the 2006-07 Policy Address that the Government would provide an additional funding of \$40 million annually from 2007-08 onwards to enhance the support to elite athletes. Funding would be provided in the key areas including education opportunities; career development; financial assistance; and athlete training and coaching support. To ensure the proper use of the additional resources, we are actively listening to and gauging the views from the stakeholders, including Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, HKSIL, National Sports Associations, coaches and athletes.

Out of the \$40 million, about \$20 million would be allocated to enhance the direct financial support/training grants to athletes and hence placed as additional subvention to HKSIL which is the agent to disburse subsistence/training grants to elite athletes.

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In response to the recent growing public concern over built heritage conservation, we consider it necessary to provide the community with yet another opportunity to understand our current policy and measures, and to further gauge public views on what and how to conserve our built heritage before we finalise the policy review. We organised seven public forums in January and February 2007. We would be attending meetings of the 18 District Councils in the coming months. We have also been making use of other channels, including radio and television programmes, website forum and e-mail, to disseminate information and collect public views. Moreover, we are planning to conduct a telephone opinion survey on the general population regarding built heritage conservation. Subject to the results of this round of public engagement, we expect to be able to announce the proposals and measures on built heritage conservation in the latter half of 2007.

Note: The new assessment criteria to determine the heritage value cover a wide range of areas, including historical interest, architectural merit, rarity, group value, social value, collective memory and authenticity.

Reply to (c):

The Lord Wilson Heritage Trust, established in 1992, provides funding support to assist community organisations and individuals to undertake heritage related activities and research projects. The Antiquities and Monuments Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department would also engage organisations and professionals for conducting assessment and research projects on built heritage and organising educational and promotional activities to enhance public awareness and understanding of the subject.

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Date _____ 14 March 2007

Reply :

- (a) In 2006-07 we had sponsored 136 civic education projects at \$3.21 million¹ under the Community Participation Scheme by the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) as follows -

Project Theme	No. of Applications Received	No. of Applications Approved	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
(1) Harmony and Integration	245	109	2,327,900
(2) Human Rights Education	11	7	244,000
(3) Upholding the Rule of Law and Social Justice	13	4	92,400
(4) National Education and Promotion of the Basic Law	18	10	363,600
(5) A mixture of themes of (1) to (4) above	9	5	154,600
(6) Others	3	1	28,900
Total:	299	136	3,211,400

Note 1: Of the 136 projects, 75 were funded by charity donations from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMPC) with a total sponsorship of 1.75 million.

- (b) In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Bureau will sponsor community organisations under the Community Participation Scheme (CPS) to carry out civic education activities for the promotion of a major topical theme - "Harmonious Community" and certain core civic values, including human rights education, upholding social justice and the rule of law, national education, promotion of the Basic Law and other specific topics relating to civic education at the district level. The number of sponsored projects on each theme will depend on the number of applications and the quality of the proposals. Applications are assessed on individual merits on the advice of a designated working group under the CPCE. The major consideration is whether the proposed activity could effectively promote the major topical theme, taking into account its contents, objectives, values and philosophy, creativity, target groups, number of beneficiaries, self-assessment performance indicators and cost-effectiveness. The estimated expenditure for the CPS in 2007-08 is \$5.5M, including donations from the BMPC.

The 30.2% increase for the programme of rights of the individual is mainly due to the increased provision for the promotion of equal opportunities, human rights and increased cash flow requirements for non-recurrent projects (e.g. the Hong Kong Harmonious Family Drive and the International Association for Community Development Hong Kong Conference). As far as human rights education is concerned, part of the resources will be used for sponsorship for community organizations, educational materials, perception survey and seminar. The provision will depend on the number of funding applications, quality of the proposals and work plan of the CPCE.

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- (b) The number of complaints and enquiries handled by the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit in 2005 and 2006 are as follows:-

Year	Number of Enquiries	Number of Complaints
2005 ¹	46	5
2006	1 772 ²	2

1. The Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit hotline service commenced on 7 July 2005.

2. Included 1 564 emails requesting legislation against discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation sent by one campaign organization in September 2006.

We estimate that the number of complaints to be received in 2007-08 would be similar to those in the past two years. On the number of enquiries, we do not consider it appropriate to provide an estimate in view of the significant fluctuations in the past two years.

- (c) As explained in (a) above, we do not consider it appropriate to include the number of enquiries/complaints on sexual orientation and gender identity as a key performance indicator in 2007-08. Nevertheless, statistics on the number of enquiries/complaints on sexual orientation and gender identity will continue to be released quarterly on the website of the Home Affairs Bureau.
- (d) At present, names of the projects and the successful applicants under the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme and the Equal Opportunities (Race) Funding Scheme are already available on the Bureau's website. We will seriously consider whether the number of funded projects under these two Schemes could be included as indicator of our "key performance measure" in future Estimates.

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(b) In 2006-07, we conducted the following publicity and educational programmes to promote equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations:-

- organization of an Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Awareness Day on 14 January 2006 at Kowloon Park to promote equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations with participation of sexual minority groups and non-governmental organizations.
- launching of poster campaigns in MTR and/or KCR in 2006 and 2007 to promote the awareness of the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit under Home Affairs Bureau and its hotline.
- sponsorship for 11 projects under the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme 2006-07, including dramas, exhibitions, school talks, conferences, camps, song composer competition, reports and researches.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB013

Question Serial No.

1682

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration expressed that it would continue to conduct public education on gambling-related problems, to provide counselling and treatment services for the problem and pathological gamblers, and to carry out studies on the impact of gambling. Can the Administration provide information on:

- (a) the Administration's estimated expenditure on public education on gambling-related problems in 2007-08?
- (b) the Administration's estimated expenditure on the counselling and treatment services for the problem and pathological gamblers in 2007-08?
- (c) whether the Administration has any plans to increase resources provided to the existing gambling counselling centres?
- (d) whether the Administration has any plans to set up centres in remote areas (e.g. Tung Chung or the North Territories) to handle gambling-related problems ?

Asked by : Hon. Cheung Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

- (a) In 2007-08, we will continue to implement measures to address gambling-related problems, including prevention, counselling and treatment as well as other remedial services for problem and pathological gamblers. We plan to launch campaigns in schools and districts to educate the youths on the adverse consequences of gambling. We will also launch a new series of public education programme, including production of new posters, banners and, TV and radio Announcements in Public Interests to alert the public on gambling-related problems, as well as to remind them not to take part in any illegal gambling activities. We have yet to firm up the detailed budget but these programmes will be financed from the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) which the Government set up in 2003 to finance preventive and remedial measures to address gambling-related problems.
- (b) The estimated expenditure in 2007-08 for commissioning the non-Governmental organizations in operating a total of four pilot counseling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers is around \$10M. The expenditure will be met from the Fund.

(c) and (d) We plan to review in 2008 the effectiveness of the four pilot centres in (b) above and then decide on the way forward having regard to the review findings and advice from the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB014

Question Serial No.

2030

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work on examining the feasibility of establishing an Equal Opportunities Tribunal, please provide details on the allocation of resources and tabulate the additional and the respective posts. Are there any specific work plans? If yes, what is the expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

A working group has been established by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) to look into the feasibility of establishing an Equal Opportunities Tribunal. The work involved will mainly be absorbed by existing manpower of the EOC. The study is expected to be completed in 2008.

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- (b) For overseas cultural exchange, artists/arts groups may apply for funding support under the HKADC Project Grant Scheme, the applications for which are invited twice a year. Application guidelines are available from the HKADC. In addition, the Arts Development Fund administered by the Home Affairs Bureau also supports cultural exchange projects. Application guidelines are available from the Home Affairs Bureau and applications can be made throughout the year.
- (c) HKADC used to invite applications for three-year grants once every three years. Applications for grant are assessed on a competitive basis. To ensure that the assessment mechanism is fair, open and impartial, the HKADC used to invite external experts to assist Council members to assess the funding proposals. Detailed guidelines are given to Council members, external experts and staff to avoid conflict of interest. A review system is in place to ensure fairness in the assessment process. With effect from 1 April 2007, the funding responsibility for the incumbent HKADC three-year grantees will be transferred to the Home Affairs Bureau along with the transfer of funding responsibility for four major performing arts groups from LCSD to HAB. This is to implement the Committee on Performing Arts's recommendation aimed at developing a new set of funding assessment criteria and a new funding mechanism in 2009 conducive to a more vibrant and robust performing arts sector.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB018

Question Serial No.

2433

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the concluding observations of the United Nations on Hong Kong's Second Report under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Government has to allocate adequate resources to curb violence against women, including domestic violence, and provide details of budget allocation in the next Report. It is noted that the Administration will work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education outside schools and promote the rights of children. Please tabulate related information on the allocation of provision for work, the increase of manpower and the posts to be created.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

In 2007-08, we will be working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education to implement a series of activities to promote civic education outside schools. The estimated total expenditure is \$10,315,000. Also, we will continue to promote public education on the rights of children through the Children's Rights Unit (CRU) and the Children Rights' Forum (CRF). The CRF was set up in 2005 to provide a platform for children's rights organizations and children's representatives to exchange views with the Government on children's rights. In addition, we will continue to provide funding support to community projects, e.g. the Children's Rights Education Funding Scheme. The total estimated expenditure on promoting children's rights in 2007-08 is about \$960,000.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB019

Question Serial No.

2434

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (1) The Administration will promote the rights of children in 2007-08. Please give details of the specific work plan as well as the expenditure and government departments involved.
- (2) Would the Administration advise how the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be implemented and whether it will consider setting up a Commission on Children? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

- (1) In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to promote the rights of children through the Children's Rights Unit (CRU) and the Children Rights' Forum (CRF). The CRF was set up in 2005 to provide a platform for children's rights organizations and children's representatives to exchange views with the Government on children's rights. In addition, we will continue to provide funding support to community projects, e.g. the Children's Rights Education Funding Scheme. The total estimated expenditure on promoting children's rights in 2007-08 is about \$960,000.
- (2) The Government will continue to implement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child ("the Convention") through the various bureaux/departments and seek views from relevant advisory boards/committees and stakeholders as appropriate. For Government policies that straddle more than one bureau, there are established arrangements and mechanisms for coordination amongst them. The above arrangements are conducive to flexible and swift responses by the Government to meet the changing needs and concerns of the community, and have been working effectively.

In his Policy Address in 2006, the Chief Executive indicated that the Government would seriously study whether we should set up an integrated, holistic and high-level Family Commission responsible for policies and initiatives relating to family support. The mechanism for handling issues concerning different gender and age groups including children will be examined in the process. The study has already commenced and is expected to be finished by mid-2007.

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Date _____ **14 March 2007**

We do not have any plans to create additional District Officer posts for the Islands District nor to establish a District Office on the Lantau Island. Indeed, any such manpower enhancement proposals should be considered and where justified resourced under Home Affairs Department's Head of Expenditure.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB021

Question Serial No.

0301

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Since the ordinance on regulation of football betting came into effect, studies have shown that there is a rising trend of Hong Kong people's participation in gambling, in particular the youths and women. Can the Administration provide information on how much of the resources allocated in 2007-08 will be devoted to forestall the rising tendency, and to provide assistance to the pathological gamblers? (please list out the proposed measures and the evaluative strategies in detail)

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The "Study on Hong Kong People's Participation in Gambling Activities" by a university in 2005 provided us with a useful and comprehensive set of updated statistics on Hong Kong people's participation in gambling activities. Comparing findings of this study with those in an earlier study conducted in 2001, we note that the overall participation rate in gambling remained stable, but there was a decline in the overall participation rate in illegal gambling activities. We could possibly attribute this to our success in diverting the significant demand for football betting, previously met by illegal channels, to authorized channels introduced in 2003.

In 2007-08, we will continue to implement measures to address gambling-related problems, including prevention, counselling and treatment as well as other remedial services for problem and pathological gamblers. We plan to launch campaigns in schools and districts to educate the youth on the adverse consequences of gambling. We will also launch a new series of public education programme, including production of new posters, banners and TV and radio Announcements in Public Interests to alert the public on gambling-related problems, as well as to remind them not to take part in any illegal gambling activities. To provide better assistance to the problem and pathological gamblers, we have commissioned two non-governmental organizations to operate two small-scale gambling counselling centres from 2007 to 2008 on pilot basis, in addition to the two large scale pilot centres which have been in operation since 2003. The two new pilot centres will adopt a community-based approach, and focus particularly on gambling problems in connection with youth, ethnic minority, women and elderly.

All of the above programmes will be financed from the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) which the Government set up in 2003 to finance preventive and remedial measures to address gambling-related problems. The estimated expenditure on the four pilot counselling centres will amount to about \$10 million for the year 2007-08. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) plans to review in 2008 the effectiveness of the four centres so as to decide on the way forward.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB022

Question Serial No.

0409

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is around 40% lower than the revised estimate for 2006-07. What are the non-recurrent projects affected by the reduced expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is considerably lower than the revised estimate for 2006-07 because of two major one-off expenditure items in 2006-07, i.e. the injection of \$40 million into the culture part of the Arts and Sport Development Fund and \$20 million into the Arts Development Fund. It also reflects reduced cashflow requirement in 2007-08 on the engagement of Financial Advisor for the Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District and Related Matters (\$4.2 million in 2006-07 and \$1.8 million in 2007-08).

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Reply Serial No.

HAB023

Question Serial No.

0521

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the reasons for the increase of 30.2% in the 2007-08 estimated expenditure when compared with the Revised Estimate? What are the items involved and what is their respective expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The increase of 30.2% in the 2007-08 Estimate as compared with the 2006-07 Revised Estimate is mainly due to (i) provision of funds for initiatives for promotion of equal opportunities and human rights such as language classes and community development teams for ethnic minorities which are hitherto funded through internal redeployment of resources under Home Affairs Department's Head of Expenditure; (ii) increased cash flow requirements for non-recurrent projects which include activities under the "Hong Kong, Our Home" Campaign and production of publicity materials and other initiatives for promotion of human rights; and (iii) increase in operating expenses. The increase in expenditure accounted for by these items in 2007-08 are as follows –

(i)	Promotion of Equal Opportunities and Human Rights	\$4.1M
(ii)	Non-recurrent Projects	\$1.7M
(iii)	Operating Expenses	\$4.6M

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Reply Serial No.

HAB024

Question Serial No.

0522

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The provision for 2007-08 is 25.9% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. What are the reasons and the expenditure of the items involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The provision for 2007-08 is 25.9% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. This is mainly due to-

- (a) an earmarked provision of \$10.25M for commissioning the Centre for Youth Development in 2008. The expenditure includes charges on water, electricity, gas, security and management, and publicity and promotional items; and
- (b) the cash flow requirement of \$3M for non-recurrent youth development projects such as a youth exchange programme for youths from Hong Kong and the Mainland.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB025

Question Serial No.

0523

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the direct expenditures on athletes in 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08? What is the ratio of the expenditure to the overall provision? What is the percentage of change as compared to the previous year?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

Sports-related expenditure is accounted for under different programmes under Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). Generally speaking, funding provided under Programme 6 - "Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing" is for the HAB to implement the policy initiatives to promote the development of recreation and sport in Hong Kong on all fronts, to serve the Sports Commission and its various committees, to support the work of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and to provide a business-friendly and effective regulatory regime in respect of various types of places of public entertainment. Direct expenditure on support for athletes is accounted for under the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) included in Programme 8 – "Subvention: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council, Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited and Subvention for Major Performing Arts Groups".

To answer the Hon. Member's question, we have analysed the nature of expenditure under these two programmes in the years 2004-05 to 2007-08 and a broadbrush comparison is as follows –

	2004-05 (Actual) \$million	2005-06 (Actual) \$million	2006-07 (Revised Estimate) \$million	2007-08 (Estimate) \$million
Direct expenditure on athletes (including HKSIL's expenditure, additional one-off funding to enhance athletes' training in preparation for major games and allocation of \$40 million per year from 2007-08 as announced in the Chief Executive's Policy Address)	94.1	97.3	215.6 (or \$97.3 million discounting one-off injections of \$40 million into the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund, \$74.3 million for enhancing elite athletes in preparation for major games and \$4 million for a special incentive fund for HKSIL Scholarship Athlete Programme)	141.3

	2004-05 (Actual) \$million	2005-06 (Actual) \$million	2006-07 (Revised Estimate) \$million	2007-08 (Estimate) \$million
Other sports and recreational-related expenditure under HAB	26.2	38.5	44.1	80.9
Total Provision	120.3	135.8	259.7 (or \$141.4 million discounting the one-off items)	222.2

Discounting the three one-off grants paid out in 2006-07, the above analysis registers a significant growth of 45% in direct expenditure on athletes in 2007-08, from \$94.1 million in 2004-05, \$97.3 million in 2005-06, \$97.3 million in 2006-07, to \$141.3 million in 2007-08. This is mainly due to an additional allocation of \$40 million for enhancing elite athletes announced in the Chief Executive's 2006-07 Policy Address.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB026

Question Serial No.

0159

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is noted that HAB will continue to work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education outside schools. Please give details of the estimated expenditure, the specific work plan and the estimated number of participants in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In 2007-08, we will be working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education to implement a series of activities to promote civic education outside schools. The estimated total expenditure is \$10,315,000. The major projects are as follows –

Activities	Estimated Expenditure (\$)	Estimated number of participants
(1) Community Participation Scheme for subsidizing civic education activities organized by non-governmental/community organizations and for promoting certain core civic values at the district level	2,500,000 ¹	Around 150 projects would be sponsored.
(2) Production of a new TV Announcement of Public Interest on national education	1,200,000	N/A
(3) TV Programme to promote harmonious community and corporate citizenship	600,000	N/A
(4) Survey on corporate citizenship with a view to preparing a handbook and building up a charter for corporate citizenship	260,000 ²	About 10,000 companies covered in the survey
(5) Civic education telephone hotline stories	140,000	300,000

Activities	Estimated Expenditure (\$)	Estimated number of participants
(6) Publicity/promotion projects to promote harmonious community, national education, and corporate citizenship (e.g. joining the Hong Kong Book Fair in 2007) and publications/education materials	4,965,000	N/A
(7) Promotion of the Basic Law through activities like competition and roving performance of interactive drama in secondary schools, and education materials/ teaching kits	650,000	N/A

Note 1: The scheme will be operated at an estimated total cost of \$5,500,000, with \$3,000,000 to be provided by the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries.

Note 2: The total estimated expenditure for the survey is \$1,296,800, with amounts of \$388,800 and \$648,000 settled in 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB027

Question Serial No.

0160

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the promotion of “awareness of racial harmony and equality”, please give details of the estimated expenditure, the specific work plan and the estimated number of participants for 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In 2007-08, we plan to spend about \$10.42 million for promoting “awareness of racial harmony and equality”, including provision of services to the ethnic minorities. The breakdown is as follows -

Item	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated No. of Participants
Equal Opportunities (Race) Funding Scheme	0.60	23 700
Mobile Information Service at the Airport	1.00	66 000
Publication and updating of Service Guide Books in minority languages	1.05	100 000
Cross-cultural youth programme for integration of ethnic minority young persons	0.70	715
Language classes for ethnic minorities	0.98	1 300
Ethnic Minority Radio Programmes in Bahasa Indonesia, Urdu and Nepali	0.80	73 000
Two Community Support Teams for Ethnic Communities	0.64	6 370
Two Community Development Teams for Ethnic Minorities from South Asia	2.60	27 000
Culture in Motion variety show to promote understanding and appreciation of ethnic minority cultures	0.24	20 000
School talks to promote awareness of racial harmony and equality among students	-	7 600

Item	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated No. of Participants
Handling complaints and enquiries relating to race relations	-	500
Other promotional activities	0.19	Not yet available
Staff Cost of Race Relations Unit	1.62	Not applicable
Total:	<u>\$10.42 million</u>	

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Reply Serial No.

HAB028

Question Serial No.

0161

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

During 2007-08, the Administration will continue to conduct public education on gambling-related issues. What is the expenditure involved? Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the education programmes conducted in the past, such as increase or decrease in the number of gamblers? If yes, what are the findings? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In 2007-08, we will continue to implement measures to address gambling-related problems, including prevention, counselling and treatment as well as other remedial services for problem and pathological gamblers. We plan to launch campaigns in schools and districts to educate the youths on the adverse consequences of gambling. We will also launch a new series of public education programme, including production of new posters, banners and, TV and radio Announcements in Public Interests to alert the public on gambling-related problems, as well as to remind them not to take part in any illegal gambling activities. We have yet to firm up the detailed budget but these programmes will be financed from the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) which the Government set up in 2003 to finance preventive and remedial measures to address gambling-related problems. In 2006-07, the Fund supported these programmes at a total cost of \$12 million. We expect that similar resources will be made available in 2007-08.

The Fund financed a survey in 2005 on “the Study on Hong Kong People’s Participation in Gambling Activities”, which was a follow-up survey of an identical study conducted in 2001. The findings of the 2005 survey showed that the overall participation in gambling activities (78% in 2001 and 80% in 2005) and the overall percentage of problem and pathological gamblers (5.8% in 2001 and 5.3% in 2005) remained stable. Overall participation in illegal gambling activities dropped from 4.2% in 2001 to 2.1% in 2005.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB030

Question Serial No.

0163

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has in the past commissioned universities to conduct researches on various gambling-related issues with public funds. Please inform this committee whether the Administration has evaluated if these researches have brought about positive effects on formulating gambling policy and tackling gambling-related problems in Hong Kong.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The various research and studies helped us to better understand the extent of problem and pathological gambling in the community; draw up suitable gambling policies and conduct public education programmes on gambling-related problems; review current programmes; and plan new measures to address the needs of the community, particularly problem and pathological gamblers and their families.

For example, in 2005 we commissioned a university to conduct a study to review the effectiveness of the programmes provided by the two counselling centres dedicated for problem and pathological gamblers. The findings of the review suggested that the existing services provided by the two pilot counselling centres were effective and should be extended for another two years. The review also proposed to set up two smaller-scale counselling centres, using a community-based approach to target specific social groups. Following the study's recommendations, the Home Affairs Bureau, with funding from the Ping Wo Fund (set up by the Government in 2003 to address gambling-related problems), extended the operation of the two pilot centres and commissioned two non-governmental organizations to operate two new and smaller-scale gambling counselling centres to provide counselling and treatment services for the community, particularly the youth, ethnic minority, women and elderly sector. In sum, the study provided useful reference for the Government in considering the service modes in future.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB033

Question Serial No.

1929

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the continued support to uniformed groups, please give details of the estimated expenditure involved and the specific work plans in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

In 2007-08, we will provide subvention of about \$39.5M to 10 uniformed groups in support of their non-formal education and training programmes for young people aged between 8 to 25. Details are as follows -

Uniformed Groups	Subvention in 2007-08 (\$)	Number of members aged 8 to 25 (as at 31 March 2007)
Scout Association of Hong Kong	16,457,000	55,500
The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	9,354,000	42,000
Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps	857,000	4,000
Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps	1,006,000	2,100
Hong Kong Adventure Corps	774,000	1,700
Hong Kong Red Cross	6,786,000	16,600
Hong Kong St. John Ambulance	1,108,000	2,700
The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong	1,729,000	6,600
The Girls' Brigade, Hong Kong	732,000	1,700
Hong Kong Road Safety Association	659,000	9,400
Total	39,462,000	142,300

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HAB034

Question Serial No.

1931

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will prepare for the commissioning of the Centre for Youth Development in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee the expenditure involved and the specific work plans.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

We have earmarked a provision of \$10.25M for preparing the Centre for Youth Development for commissioning in 2008. The estimated expenditure comprises \$5.75M for charges on water, electricity, gas, security and management and \$4.5M on publicity and promotional items as well as miscellaneous expenses. These are however very preliminary estimates and may vary in the light of the final operational mode of the Centre.

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HAB035

Question Serial No.

1932

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will continue to organize study tours to the Mainland to enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people. Please inform this Committee of the expenditure involved and the detailed arrangement.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) operates a “Community Participation Scheme for Organizing Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme) through the Commission on Youth (COY), an advisory body to Government on youth matters, to sponsor study tours to the Mainland for young people. The estimated allocation for the Scheme in 2007-08 is about \$10M which is funded by the Administration and charity donations from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries.

The COY will invite applications for sponsorship from non-governmental organizations at the beginning of the calendar year. Applications will be assessed against a set of criteria (e.g. the contents, creativity, cost-effectiveness) as stipulated in the application form. The maximum sponsorship for each project or the total sponsorship for all the projects organized by different sub-groups under a single organization shall not exceed \$200,000. Maximum sponsorship for proposed two-way exchange programme is \$300,000. Upon completion of the projects, the organizations are required to submit a project report with details on the actual expenses to HAB for reimbursement purpose .

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Reply Serial No.

HAB037

Question Serial No.

1935

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding built heritage conservation, what is the expenditure involved in the preservation of historical buildings threatened with demolition or found to be out of repair in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

Home Affairs Bureau is responsible for the formulation of heritage conservation policy. No provision has been made under Head 53 for repair and restoration of historic buildings. However, the Antiquities and Monuments Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, being the executive arm of the Antiquities Authority (i.e. the Secretary for Home Affairs), is responsible for this area of work and the relevant provision has been made under Head 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB040

Question Serial No.

1938

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
 Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Equal Opportunities Commission conducts investigation into complaints lodged under the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance. Please provide the number of cases eventually resolved by conciliation between parties in dispute, the percentage of conciliated cases against the total number of complaints and the expenditure involved in 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) will investigate into all complaints received. The investigations will be discontinued where no substance is found to support the allegations. Where there is substance to support the allegations, EOC would offer conciliation to the parties concerned. The number of complaints handled by the EOC in 2004, 2005 and 2006, with breakdown on the number of cases with conciliation attempted and succeeded are set out below –

		2004	2005	2006
SDO	No. of complaints handled	342	288	318
	Investigation discontinued	127	110	145
	Conciliation attempted (A)	147	111	89
	Successfully conciliated (B)	93	76	62
	B/A x 100%	63%	69%	70%
	Investigation continued	68	67	84

		2004	2005	2006
DDO	No. of complaints handled	477	540	515
	Discontinued	179	250	246
	Conciliation attempted (A)	166	158	134
	Successfully conciliated (B)	97	98	89
	B/A x 100%	58%	62%	66%
	Investigation continued	132	132	135
FSDO	No. of complaints handled	41	33	31
	Discontinued	17	19	21
	Conciliation attempted (A)	14	7	7
	Successfully conciliated (B)	10	7	6
	B/A x 100%	71%	100%	86%
	Investigation continued	10	7	3

The Operations Division is responsible for handling enquiries and complaints. The total staff cost for the Division in 2004, 2005 and 2006 were \$12.9M, \$10.5M and \$10.79M respectively.

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Question Serial No.

0584

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the estimated amount of resources to be allocated by the Administration to engage different sectors in the community to develop a more systematic and comprehensive support plan for elite athletes? When will the plan be completed?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Chief Executive announced in the 2006-07 Policy Address that the Government would provide an additional funding of \$40 million annually from 2007-08 onwards to enhance the support to elite athletes. Funding would be provided in the key areas including education opportunities; career development; financial assistance; and athlete training and coaching support. To ensure the proper use of the additional resources, we are actively listening to and gauging the views from the stakeholders, including Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL), National Sports Associations, coaches and athletes.

In 2007-08, we will implement the relevant initiatives by phases with the necessary additional funding resources. Such funding will all be for direct benefits of elite athletes. On enhancing direct financial support/training grants to athletes, our preliminary plan is to allocate an additional amount of about \$20 million to HKSIL for disbursement to athletes.

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HAB044

Question Serial No.

0485

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the 5 human rights treaties which apply to Hong Kong, please list the last time when the Administration conducted public consultations, submitted report to the Central People's Government and the United Nations (UN), and attended the UN meetings. Is there designated staff to follow up and review UN's concluding observations on Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The timetable on the last submissions to United Nations (UN) under the various treaties is as below-

Report to UN	Public consultation on the outline of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Report	Submission of HKSAR Report to Central People's Government (CPG)	Submission of China Report (which incorporates the HKSAR Report) by CPG to UN	UN Hearing
Second Report in the light of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	17 February – 17 March 2003	8 December 2004	14 January 2005	20-21 March 2006
Second Report under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	13 November – 13 December 2002	24 June 2003	27 June 2003	27-29 April 2005
First Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child	5 January – 15 February 2001	21 March 2002	27 June 2003	19-20 September 2005

Report to UN	Public consultation on the outline of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Report	Submission of HKSAR Report to Central People's Government (CPG)	Submission of China Report (which incorporates the HKSAR Report) by CPG to UN	UN Hearing
First Report under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Note)	27 October – 8 December 1999	25 May 2000	3 October 2000	31 July & 1 August 2001
Second Report under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	7 May – 18 June 2004	7 March 2006	14 June 2006	To be scheduled.

(Note: Work is in progress for the preparation of the Second Report under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Consultation on the draft outline was conducted during 4 December 2006 to 12 January 2007.)

As part of their duties on human rights matters, one Principal Assistant Secretary and one Assistant Secretary in the Home Affairs Bureau are designated for co-ordinating submission of these reports to the UN and associated activities, including the co-ordination of consideration and response to recommendations in UN's Concluding Observations, with input from other relevant policy bureaux and departments as necessary and appropriate. UN hearings are invariably attended by senior officers in the Home Affairs Bureau and other relevant bureaux and departments.

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HAB045

Question Serial No.

0486

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the Home Affairs Bureau will promote equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations through various publicity and educational measures in 2007-08. Please give details of the estimated expenditure and manpower, the approaches to be adopted and co-organizers.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2007-08, we will continue our current approach of involving the sexual minority groups and the community in conducting the following educational and publicity activities to promote equal opportunities for persons of different sexual orientations :

- (i) sponsor worthwhile community projects through the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme (Scheme);
- (ii) organize Awareness Day together with members of the Sexual Minorities Forum which the Government established to promote equal opportunities for persons with different sexual orientation; and
- (iii) launch other publicity and education programmes such as poster campaigns.

The estimated expenditure for the above activities is \$1 million. These activities will continue to be implemented by the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit, which comprises two full-time non-civil servant contract staff who are also responsible for operating a hotline for enquiries and complaints in these areas. The estimated expenditure of the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit in 2007-08 is \$0.5 million.

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HAB046

Question Serial No.

0492

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide details of the manpower and expenditure involved in the organisation of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Organisation of the 2008 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events (the Events) is carried out by the Equestrian Events (Hong Kong) of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Company Limited (Equestrian Company). The direct costs of the Events, including all the expenses of the Equestrian Company are paid for by the Beijing Organising Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG). Government resources are confined to discharging the essential Government functions such as law and order, transport and traffic, immigration, meteorological services, quarantine, medical services, culture, education and community involvement, etc.

The Home Affairs Bureau co-ordinates such functions and for this purpose, we have spent \$4 million in 2006-07 and redeployed three staff to ensure a smooth process in the organisation of the Events. To handle the increasing co-ordination work with the advent of the Test Event in August 2007 and the Main Events in August 2008, and to promote public participation and Olympism in general, we have earmarked \$18 million in 2007-08 and will create two additional time-limited non-directorate posts for the work.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB047

Question Serial No.

0493

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Given that the revised estimate for 2006-07 has increased by three times as compared with the original estimate, please give reasons and details for the substantial increase.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The increase is mainly due to expenditure on several non-recurrent items not included in the original estimate, namely the injection of funds into the culture part of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (\$40 million), the injection of funds into the Arts Development Fund (\$20 million), and the engagement of Financial Advisor for the Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District and Related Matters (\$4.2 million).

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Reply Serial No.

HAB048

Question Serial No.

0494

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (8) Subvention: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council, Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited and Subvention for Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following:

- (a) the reasons for the drastic decrease by 30.9% in the estimated expenditure of the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) for 2007-08 as compared with the revised expenditure for 2006-07; and
- (b) the reasons for the drastic decrease by 28.0% in the estimated expenditure of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) for 2007-08 as compared with the revised expenditure for 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

- (a) The recurrent subvention for the HKSIL for elite training is about \$100 million per annum. In 2006-07, the provision for HKSIL has included an additional one-off funding allocation of \$74.3 million for the purpose of enhancing elite athletes training in anticipation of the coming major events.

Discounting this one-off grant, the provision for HKSIL in 2007-08 represents an increase of \$20 million. This is part of the allocation of additional recurrent expenditure of \$40 million announced in the Chief Executive's 2006-07 Policy Address to provide enhanced support for elite athletes in order to encourage and nurture more talented young people and disabled athletes to pursue a career in sports.

- (b) Reduced Subvention to HKADC in 2007-08 is the result of a cost-neutral transfer of \$41.09 million to Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to implement the Committee on Performing Arts' recommendation that subvention to the four major performing arts companies currently funded by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the six major performing arts groups funded by the HKADC should be unified under HAB.

This reduction in 2007-08 is partly offset by an increase of \$10 million in recurrent subvention to HKADC to support budding artists and small/medium arts groups.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB049

Question Serial No.

0495

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (8) Subvention: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council, Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited and Subvention for Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the reasons for the drastic decrease in the estimated income generated from donations, sponsorship and commercial activities of the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) in 2007 as compared with that of 2006.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Before January 2007, the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) was based in Yuen Wo Road in Sha Tin. HKSIL could generate income from its operations of a club membership scheme, a restaurant and a sports shop at its complex, renting out of carparks and facilities, and organising community sports training programmes to the public.

Since 2 January 2007, the headquarters of HKSIL, including the core administrative functions and supporting facilities for the elite athletes, have been temporarily relocated to the YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village (WKSJV) in Ma On Shan. The HKSIL considered that the facilities at the WKSJV available to HKSIL would not allow it to continue running its previous range of income-generating activities. Accordingly, HKSIL estimated that its income generated from commercial activities would decrease from \$15.6 million in 2006 to \$2.9 million in 2007.

Separately, HKSIL estimated that sponsorship and donation income would decrease from \$4.0 million in 2006 to \$1.9 million in 2007 mainly because of the cessation of a sponsorship programme in 2007, which was entered into by the then Hong Kong Sports Development Board in 2004 for a three-year period only.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB050

Question Serial No.

0565

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the research and educational projects on equal pay for work of equal value, has the Equal Opportunities Commission completed all the studies? Please list the main uses of the expenditure of \$78,000 in 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has completed its Study on Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value (EPEV) and released the results on 23 November 2006. The estimated expenditure of \$78,000 in 2006-07 was mainly for activities in connection with the release of the study report including printing of the reports.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB053

Question Serial No.

1547

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the implementation of the legislative programme of the Race Discrimination Bill in 2006-07, please advise the amount of expenditure and provide a breakdown. In the 2007-08 Estimates, has provision been made for conducting consultations on the Bill with the ethnic communities, employers and parties affected by the Bill, and for implementing publicity and educational programme? If yes, would the Administration please state the amount and a breakdown of expenditure and staff establishment involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Race Discrimination Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council on 13 December 2006 and \$412,000 was spent in 2006-07 to publicise the Bill and promote public understanding of the provisions in the Race Discrimination Bill. This was preceded by a full public consultation on legislating against racial discrimination in 2004-05. A breakdown of expenditure is as follows –

Items	Expenditure (\$)
Publication of explanatory booklets and translation of the booklet into ethnic minority languages	391,000
Advertisements in ethnic minority newspapers	14,000
Distribution of booklets and organisation of briefing sessions and public fora	7,000
Total	\$412,000

Since the Bill has been introduced into the Legislative Council, we do not expect significant additional expenditure in 2007-08. We shall continue to publicise the Bill, and upon enactment, the law as part of our on-going activities in public education and promotion of racial harmony whose estimated expenditure amounts to about \$10.42 million in 2007-08. In addition, we have earmarked \$6 million for allocating to the Equal Opportunities Commission to prepare for implementation of the new legislation.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB054

Question Serial No.

1548

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme in 2006-07 by amount of sponsorship, sponsored organisation, details of activity and target group.

Asked by : Hon. Albert HO Chun-yan

Reply :

We had sponsored about \$3.21 million¹ for 136 civic education projects in 2006-07 under the Community Participation Scheme by the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education. A list of the sponsored projects is at Appendix I.

Note 1: Of the 136 projects, 75 were funded by charity donations from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries with a total sponsorship of \$1.75 million.

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Community Participation Scheme 2006/07
Sponsored Projects

	Name of Organisation	Details of Activity	Target Group	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
1.	聖雅各福群會 灣仔綜合家庭服務中心	<p align="center">Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 鏡頭下，我的家 <p align="center">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p align="center">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 攝影學堂 - 招募義工 ◆ 攝影學堂 - 內地新來港人士篇 ◆ 攝影學堂 - 南亞新來港人士篇 ◆ 攝影學堂 - 齊來實踐篇 ◆ "我的家"攝影展 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ New arrivals ◆ Ethnic minorities 	11,663.00
2.	循道衛理中心 西灣河綜合青少年服務	<p align="center">Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「生之讚·無界限」生命大使訓練計劃 <p align="center">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Life education <p align="center">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「生之讚·無界限」兒童生命大使訓練 ◆ 「生之讚·無界限」青少年生命大使訓練 ◆ 「生之讚·無界限」生命大使嘉許禮暨綜合表演 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Ethnic minorities ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	28,850.00
3.	香港輪椅武術總會	<p align="center">Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 鼓「武」飛揚計劃 <p align="center">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p align="center">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「武」育全才 ◆ 以「武」會老友 ◆ 關愛弱老 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The elderly ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities 	42,350.00
4.	基督教協基會 元朗社會服務中心	<p align="center">Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「傳心傳意和諧家」計劃 <p align="center">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p align="center">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「傳心傳意和諧家」巡迴展 ◆ 「童心說話我要講」設計比賽 ◆ 「傳心傳意」親子義工計劃 ◆ 「傳心傳意和諧家」計劃分享會暨嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Students ◆ Women ◆ General public 	12,725.00

	Name of Organisation	Details of Activity	Target Group	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
5.	竹園區神召會 牛頭角長者鄰舍中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 和諧共繪生命簿·趣緻運動樂融融 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 推廣「和諧共融」的理念及宣傳「和諧共製生命簿·趣緻運動樂融融」 ◆ 「生命故事」專題講座及培訓 ◆ 製作「生命故事簿」及選舉 ◆ 「和諧共製生命簿·趣緻運動樂融融」頒獎典禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students 	27,200.00
6.	香港循理會 白普理德田長者服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 愛心起義，和諧社區 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 起義訓練 ◆ 愛心起義探訪 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The elderly 	8,450.00
7.	保良局 觀塘長者地區中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 老吾老以及鄰之老計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「人老?心不老?」教育工作坊 ◆ 老友 Live 電台 ◆ 「護老先鋒」義工課 ◆ 愛心贈曲奇 ◆ 我的小豆苗 ◆ 屋邨巡迴推廣及義工招募行動 ◆ 義工培訓班 ◆ 關愛聯盟 1+1 ◆ 「老吾老以及鄰之老計劃」總結典禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ General public 	39,670.00
8.	香港天水圍婦女聯合會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 齊創和諧新社區 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Human rights education ◆ Upholding the rule of law and social justice ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 愛心義工招募大行動 ◆ 小記者工作坊 ◆ 多國美食烹飪交流 ◆ 小天使舞出和諧社區 ◆ 長幼健體太極拳 ◆ 童心童真獻愛心 ◆ 話劇一街坊劇場 ◆ 商場匯演—和睦共聚嘉年華 ◆ 感言分享會及閉幕 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Women ◆ New arrivals ◆ Ethnic minorities ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ General public 	43,172.00

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9.	仁愛堂 仁愛堂香港台山商會長者鄰舍中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「護老童心」樂同行 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「護老童心」樂同行 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Women General public 	9,475.00
10.	鄰舍輔導會 深水埗家庭支援網絡隊	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 五湖四海匯香江 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 共融大使訓練計劃 社區遊購團 活動總結分享日營 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women New arrivals General public 	18,350.00
11.	保良局 何蔭棠中學	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand in Hand Serves the Community 2006-2007 "Stay With You" Social Service Program <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 視網膜病變資料展覽 講座及分享會 小組聚會及培訓 體驗視障之旅 沿途你我共分享之廚藝大比拼 沿途你我共分享之開心日營 愛心速遞站 I&II "與你同在"社區服務計劃嘉許禮 義工經驗分享報告 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Students People with disabilities 	40,700.00
12.	香港耆康老人福利會 荃葵青區長者綜合服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「荃葵青共創和諧社區」計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration Human rights education <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 耆青特工長者社區需要研究 耆青特工「福」澤社群 社會政策分析技巧工作坊暨長者地區委員會就職典禮 銀髮特工「無疆界」巡迴論壇 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly Students Women General public 	31,760.00

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13.	工聯康齡老人服務基金 工聯康齡翠屏長者中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 戲劇人生 — 每天愛您多一些 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Human rights education ◆ Upholding the rule of law and social justice <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 排劇及訓練 ◆ 社區推廣「防止虐老」訊息 ◆ 總結分享會暨大匯演 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The elderly ◆ General public 	25,320.00
14.	九龍社團聯會 青年義工團	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「耆」妙之旅 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「TEEN 耆有耆心」工作坊 ◆ 「耆」技無窮工作坊 ◆ 「耆」青之友 ◆ 「耆」妙樂聚黃大仙 ◆ 中秋「耆」「冰」 ◆ 「耆」樂同心(一)及(二) ◆ 「耆」妙之旅嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ General public 	24,300.00
15.	匡智會 匡智張玉瓊晨輝學校	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 樂土共融 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 朋輩計劃 ◆ 情義兩心知(家長工作坊) ◆ 愛心全接觸 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	11,800.00
16.	香港傷健協會 賽馬會沙田青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「融·晴」青少年精神健康支援計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 融晴精神健康社區推廣計劃 ◆ 融晴朋輩支援隊訓練計劃 ◆ 融晴義工服務訓練計劃—共融義工服務 ◆ 融晴義工服務訓練計劃—推廣精神健康服務 ◆ 融晴心靈大使 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ General public 	21,920.00

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17.	香港失明人互聯會 順利中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 愛心大使培訓計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 講座 ◆ 訓練工作坊 ◆ 探訪老人院 ◆ 慶功派對 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ People with disabilities 	13,920.00
18.	香港聖公會麥理浩夫人中心 林植宣博士老人綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 向生命致敬計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 長青大使訓練計劃 ◆ 長青生命劇場 ◆ 「向長者致敬」徵文比賽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students 	22,650.00
19.	香港聖公會麥理浩夫人中心 家庭活動及資源中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「情添家社，共建和諧」家庭互助計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「共融社區、共建和諧」展覽系列 ◆ 「和諧社區，公民同創」家庭日營 ◆ 「溫情互助，倍添和諧」環境保護及清潔運動 ◆ 「成長路，樂融融」互助工作坊 ◆ 「接納共融，您我同行」成長坊 ◆ 「家社共融互接納」社區教育合作計劃 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Family 	31,641.00
20.	香港聖公會福利協會 香港聖公會基愛長者鄰舍中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「愛得精彩」共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「愛得精彩」義工工作坊 I 及 II ◆ 「愛出彩虹」笑盈營 ◆ 「愛心關懷」義工工作坊 III ◆ 「愛心關懷」探訪日 ◆ 「愛得精彩」義工檢討會 V 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Women ◆ General public 	15,600.00
21.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會新翠少年中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 童聲、同戲 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 童聲、同戲---義工訓練 ◆ 童聲、同戲---玩具募集大行動 ◆ 童聲、同戲---交流活動及服務 ◆ 童聲、同戲---同樂日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	12,590.00

	Name of Organisation	Details of Activity	Target Group	Amount of Sponsorship (\$)
22.	基督教香港信義會 天恩展能服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 有你有我至型 Show <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 《形象由我創工作坊》 ◆ 《潮流無限 TOUCH》 ◆ 《有你有我至型 SHOW: 時裝比賽》 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	35,650.00
23.	香港中華基督教青年會 觀塘會所	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「和諧社區齊創造」計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工培訓篇 ◆ 社區教育篇：學校教育 ◆ 社區教育篇：長者服務(健康檢查日) ◆ 推廣日暨嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	20,020.00
24.	浸會愛群社會服務處 精神健康綜合服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工力量 — 薪火相傳 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 小組課程/聚會 ◆ 放眼世界 ◆ 嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	20,400.00
25.	香港聖公會福利協會 湖景綜合復康服務 — 家居訓練及支援服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 同心『義』人行 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工訓練 ◆ 義工探訪 ◆ 義工檢討 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The elderly ◆ People with disabilities 	8,625.00
26.	東九龍青年社 /東九龍居民委員會青年部(合辦)	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 認識基本法，齊頌祖國心 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 基本法徵文比賽 ◆ 圖片展 ◆ 基本法才藝比賽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ General public 	21,420.00

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27.	真証傳播有限公司	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「家庭和諧與共融」 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「向生命致敬」短片創作比賽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ Working population ◆ General public 	13,200.00
28.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會石硤尾失明者中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 同心同行·關愛社群 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「同心同行·關愛社群」工作坊 ◆ 「同心同行·關愛社群」服務日 ◆ 「同心同行·關愛社群」共融體驗日暨展示日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	14,030.00
29.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會長青群康中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「相、建、樂」共融顯光華 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「相、建、樂」愛心服務講座 ◆ 「相、建、樂」愛心服務日 ◆ 「和諧共融、互相尊重」海報設計比賽 ◆ 「相、建、樂」社區體驗日暨頒獎典禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	20,120.00
30.	香港路德會社會服務處 路德會利東展能中心/宿舍	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「I.C.E.」計劃 (Integrated Community Enrichment) <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 畫出「共融」 ◆ 攜手「共融」 ◆ 鼓舞「共融」 ◆ 智者「共融」 ◆ 「I.C.E.」巡迴嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	19,475.00
31.	防止虐待兒童會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Project Teens: Violence Prevention <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Human rights education ◆ Child protection <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tennager Training Programme ◆ Explorative Survey ◆ Parent-teenager Interactive Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ General public 	40,530.00

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32.	聖母書院	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 光合作用的故事 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 工作坊 ◆ 院舍長者活動 ◆ 智障學童—共融天地 ◆ 你我同心 力量至強 ◆ 獨居長者清潔及探訪活動 ◆ 展覽製作—「共建和諧共融的社會」展覽 ◆ 計劃授勳禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ New arrivals ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	37,625.00
33.	香港基督少年軍 青少年領袖及義工培訓中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sharity 愛·共享 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 定期探訪 ◆ 心願樹 ◆ 關愛大行動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly 	49,050.00
34.	新婦女協進會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 性與人權發展計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Human rights education ◆ Upholding the rule of law and social justice <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工工作坊 ◆ 婦女人權意識提昇活動 ◆ 國際人權日嘉年華攤位展示 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Women ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ General public 	14,900.00
35.	香港基督教女青年會 沙田綜合社會服務處	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「和諧共融、情繫社區」義工服務計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關懷獨居長者支援網絡 ◆ 兒童院院童支援網絡 ◆ 弱勢兒童支援網絡 ◆ 南亞裔人士支援網絡 ◆ 譜出白話社區教育嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ The elderly ◆ Ethnic minorities ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ General public 	30,250.00

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36.	香港基督教女青年會 蝴蝶灣綜合社會服務處	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「凝融」互賞展新天 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 生命互通家連家 「融」愛延連傷健 「融」愛暖流 「男人心」家居維修服務 圓滿中秋 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly Students Women Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities Working population General public 	18,480.00
37.	香港基督教女青年會 將軍澳綜合社會服務處	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「攜手愛、共關懷」- 社區和諧共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 每人多行一步—和諧社區共融活動系列 風雨同路—耆青互聯網 風雨同路—婦女園地 風雨同行—少數族裔融入行動 風雨同行關心長者大行動 「攜手愛、共關懷」社區和諧共融計劃分享會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students Women New arrivals Ethnic minorities Disadvantaged groups General public 	13,050.00
38.	香港基督教女青年會 明儒松柏社區服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「社區融和互助」計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義工訓練 保健互助遊戲日 探訪獨居長期病患長者送暖行動 社區融和齊滙聚暨義工嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elderly Disadvantaged groups General public 	18,790.00
39.	香港基督教女青年會 屯門綜合社會服務處	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 『你我一心·和諧共融攜手創』計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 南亞裔青年功課輔導班 南亞裔婦女生活用語及文化互賞學習小組 中國 vs 南亞裔美食節 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Women Ethnic minorities 	4,600.00
40.	新生精神康復會 山景及天悅社區精神健康連網	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 共建社區·樂融融 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 精神健康之旅新體驗 精神健康遊戲坊 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People with disabilities General public 	15,730.00

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41.	基督教宣道會 華基堂青年中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 和諧天地 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 長幼繽紛騷 ◆ 破"隔"兒童 ◆ 傷健一家親 ◆ "童"舟共濟 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ New arrivals ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	12,840.00
42.	鄰舍輔導會 健樂服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「共融你、我、他 2006」 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 共融大使計劃 ◆ 義不容「遲」—傷健義工隊 ◆ 公民教育嘉年華暨嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	28,790.00
43.	真鐸學校 學校社工部	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 同「聲」同氣 — 卓越公民培育計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 基本法面面觀及繁簡對對碰 ◆ 「人生舞台」話劇匯演 ◆ 中華廚藝大比拼 ◆ 我愛中華書畫比賽暨展覽 ◆ 歷史文化考察之旅 ◆ 卓越公民選拔賽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students ◆ People with disabilities 	19,000.00
44.	香港小童群益會 南葵涌青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「童夢飛翔」和諧共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「童夢飛翔」多元訓練工作坊—義工訓練工作坊 ◆ 「童夢飛翔」探訪 ◆ 「童夢飛翔」獻社區訓練工作坊 ◆ 「童夢飛翔」社區服務日 1,2 ◆ 「童夢飛翔」嘉許日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly 	12,592.00

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45.	救世軍 屯門東青少年綜合服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「一家人」關愛社區計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「一家人」關愛社區工作坊 「一家人」關愛行動 「一家人」關愛社區計劃一分享會暨嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students Women New arrivals Ethnic minorities Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities Working population General public 	12,700.00
46.	救世軍 曦華樓	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 曦華顯笑臉 — 社區探訪計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義工訓練 社區探訪活動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elderly Students Disadvantaged groups General public 	8,540.00
47.	救世軍 牛潭尾社區發展計劃	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「愛我社區 資源共享」跨文化共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 認識互信篇 「愛我社區」服務篇 「資源共享」社區篇 經驗總結及嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Ethnic minorities General public 	10,050.00
48.	救世軍 大窩口青少年中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「凝聚伙伴力量、共建和諧社區」社區實踐計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「老少平安」社區健康教育義工服務 「家家友關懷」朋輩輔導計劃 「創意工房」師友實踐計劃 「大頭腦、細心眼」社區報館 「一家義 = 心」社區行動日暨共融社區體驗廊 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Women New arrivals Disadvantaged groups General public 	38,300.00
49.	基督教香港崇真會社會服務部 安怡幼兒學校及安基幼兒學校	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 温情滿載樂融融 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「和睦好鄰居」心意咭親子設計比賽 「做個好公民」招募計劃 送情行動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children The elderly People with disabilities 	8,200.00

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50.	基督教香港崇真會社會服務部 沙田綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「伴你同行創明天」計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧共融大使訓練工作坊 關懷之旅齊參與(一): 兒童之家 關懷之旅齊參與(二): 醫院病童 關懷之旅齊參與(三): 聽覺受損人士 關懷之旅齊參與(四): 濫用精神藥物者 關懷之旅齊參與(五): 新來港家庭 和諧共融巡迴展 「伴你同行創明天」計劃—義工嘉許禮暨嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children New arrivals Disadvantaged groups General public 	36,500.00
51.	無國界義工	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧使者 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義工工作坊 義工服務(探訪獨居/安老院長者) 嘉許日 製作特刊 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly 	25,100.00
52.	青衣居民聯會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「友伴同行、凝聚生命」跨代共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「友伴同行，凝聚生命」跨代共融計劃之「招募大行動」 「友伴同行，凝聚生命」跨代共融計劃之「尋找生命友伴」 「友伴同行，凝聚生命」跨代共融計劃之「當生命遇上生命」 「友伴同行，凝聚生命」跨代共融計劃之「讓生命綻放義彩」 「友伴同行，凝聚生命」跨代共融計劃嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly Women New arrivals People with disabilities General public 	36,880.00

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53.	匯知中學	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ “義”想“Teen”開盡展才華 — 青少年社會服務學習計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 心連心關懷行動 ◆ 編織頸巾傳暖意 ◆ 郊野義務工作 ◆ 上門清潔服務 ◆ "義"想"TEEN"嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Women ◆ New arrivals ◆ Ethnic minorities ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ Working population ◆ General public 	41,145.00
54.	深青社	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「文化展共融」青少年社區探索計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「文化展共融」青少年社區探索計劃—編採工作訪 ◆ 「文化展共融」青少年社區探索計劃—社區樂悠遊 ◆ 「文化展共融」青少年社區探索計劃—社區藝墟 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ New arrivals ◆ Ethnic minorities ◆ General public 	12,474.00
55.	香港基督教服務處 幸福長者鄰舍中心及深水埗東青少年綜合服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「友心人」計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工訓練 ◆ 工作坊 ◆ 探訪服務 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	4,700.00
56.	循道衛理中心 輔導及就業綜合服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「晴昕活現」之社區共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「晴昕」義工訓練系列 ◆ 愛心探訪系列 ◆ 「好鄰舍」增值技巧訓練 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Women ◆ Working population 	22,375.00

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57.	傷聚義工組織	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 傷健相見體驗計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 傷健相見—義工訓練營 傷健相見—分享會 傷健相見—一路通社區巡查 傷健相見—一人一句分享會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Students People with disabilities 	13,190.00
58.	香港中華基督教青年會 康怡會所(綜合青少年服務)	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「關愛共融」— 社區融和計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「關愛共融」中學義工訓練營 「關愛共融」義工服務 「關愛共融」學校關懷日 「人人為我；我為人人」和諧共融運動工作坊 「人人為我；我為人人」機構推廣日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities General public 	21,830.00
59.	仁濟醫院 王華湘中學	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 畫出快樂音符：幼兒顯才華社區服務計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration Caring about the disadvantaged group <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「畫出快樂音符」戲劇演練 「畫出快樂音符」作品展覽嘉獎儀式 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters Students Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities 	4,550.00
60.	中華基督教禮賢會香港區會 禮賢會彩雲綜合青少年服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 『發揮香港精神、齊建和諧社區』- 多媒體公民教育推廣計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 小組活動 考察活動 社區展覽暨才藝綜合晚會 多媒體 DVD 光碟 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Students Working population General public 	21,900.00
61.	香港聾人福利促進會 將軍澳綜合服務中心-社交及康樂中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「和諧生活@TKO」 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 無聲的關注 傷健共融生活海報設計比賽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students Women People with disabilities Working population General public 	9,490.00

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62.	香港聾人福利促進會 新界綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 耆樂聾融 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 家訪 環保學堂 環保社區齊參予 共融咭片齊齊創 《耆樂聾融》同樂日暨分享會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly People with disabilities General public 	24,387.00
63.	香港明愛 明愛賽馬會黃大仙青少年綜合服務	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 巴里網路·共融社區計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「公民教育專題」婦女廣東話班 「非凡女人共融社區」婦女烹飪班 「非凡女人共融社區」HENNA 畫教授班 「非凡女人共融社區」婦女互助小組 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women Ethnic minorities Disadvantaged groups General public 	14,700.00
64.	香港聖公會福利協會 香港聖公會馬鞍山(北)青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rainbow Path <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 彩虹大使訓練篇 社區齊參與篇 朋輩支援計劃 義能量@密密織計劃 社區推廣嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Disadvantaged groups General public 	38,650.00
65.	香港聖公會福利協會 香港聖公會馬鞍山(南)青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「生命連繫」社區共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「生命連繫」社區天使訓練工作坊 「生命連繫」社區天使關懷行動 「生命連繫」社區採訪隊 獨心述·讀心術 我與區議員有約 「生命連繫」社區關愛宣揚行動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities 	31,410.00

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66.	基督教家庭服務中心 賽馬會順天跳躍青年坊	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「融」「和」跳躍在觀塘 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「共融」知多啲! 「社區共融」書籤設計比賽 互動互勵齊齊學 同創新搞作 「融」「意」說出心底話 樂也「融」融嘉年華暨頒獎禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters New arrivals Ethnic minorities Disadvantaged groups General public 	35,790.00
67.	鄰舍輔導會 興東·彩東宿舍	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「情義你我知」義務工作計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「情義你我知」義務工作計劃之培訓工作坊 「情義你我知」義務工作計劃之生活體驗活動 「情義你我知」義務工作計劃之義務特工隊 「情義你我知」義務工作計劃之活動回饋篇 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elderly Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities General public 	13,600.00
68.	鄰舍輔導會 悠然·欣然居庭	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「伴我齊共行」體驗計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 工作坊共融活動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students People with disabilities General public 	7,400.00
69.	基督教協基會 黃埔綜合青少年服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U GIVE 計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration Fostering national perspective and promoting national citizenship <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U GIVE 計劃—訓練篇 U GIVE 計劃—交流篇 U GIVE 計劃—問卷調查 U GIVE 計劃—發報會 U GIVE 計劃—文化大笪地 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Students Ethnic minorities General public 	42,450.00

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70.	基督教家庭服務中心 勵志中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 以《愛·凝·融》婦女計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 愛護·自己(三)之《放眼世界》 凝聚·家庭(一)之《親子對對碰日營》 凝聚·家庭(一)之《這是我的一切》專題工作坊 融入·社區(一)之《現代女性面面觀》專題講座 融入·社區(二)之《豐盛好媽媽》嘉許計劃 融入·社區(三)之《豐盛好媽媽》嘉許禮暨社區推廣日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women Disadvantaged groups General public 	30,692.50
71.	大坑坊眾福利會 大坑青年中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「傷健魔術團」計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 魔術訓練課程 「傷健魔術團」交流日 「傷健魔術團」表演活動 網頁製作 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters People with disabilities 	19,160.00
72.	香港聖公會福利協會 康恩園	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 傷健創藝服務團 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sing Sing Sing Choir Team Shall We? Dancing Team Groovy Drumming Team Loving Cookery Horticultural Group Carnival Fusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People with disabilities General public 	37,550.00
73.	救世軍 華富長者中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「3G 共融在南區」 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義工表演訓練課程 社區推廣活動及展板宣傳 跨代關愛展板宣傳 探訪獨居長者 探訪智障學童 幼兒戶外活動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Women 	48,290.00

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74.	循道衛理楊震社會服務處 何文田青少年綜合發展中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 「童」心起動互融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 走訪弱勢社群訪活動 ◊ 「童」心起動互融計劃之大哥哥大姐姐 ◊ 家庭日營 ◊ 共融義工小組 ◊ 成立「一人一顆心」計劃 ◊ 布偶話劇小組 ◊ 互融書籤及口號設計比賽 ◊ 拉闊愛之旅 ◊ 影集製作 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Children ◊ Youngsters ◊ The elderly ◊ Students ◊ Disadvantaged groups 	40,100.00
75.	香港中華基督教青年會 柴灣會所	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 關愛共融在社區 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 多元文化及美食大集會 ◊ 中文多樂趣學堂 ◊ 英文樂趣多學堂 ◊ 關愛樂同行(一) ◊ 關愛樂同行(二) ◊ 長者服務日 ◊ 傷健同樂日 ◊ 香愛地球村教育營 ◊ 多元文化在香港社區教育日 ◊ 多元文化在香港(展覽及問答遊戲) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Children ◊ Youngsters ◊ The elderly ◊ Students ◊ New arrivals ◊ Ethnic minorities ◊ Disadvantaged groups ◊ People with disabilities ◊ General public 	35,200.00
76.	鄰舍輔導會 天瑞鄰里康齡中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 公公婆婆講故事 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 工作坊/藝術訓練坊 ◊ 公公婆婆講故事巡禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Children ◊ The elderly 	7,610.00
77.	瑪利諾修院學校 (中學部)	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Care & The City <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 義務工作培訓坊 ◊ 和諧院舍一家親—院舍長者活動日 ◊ 獨居長者服務 ◊ 護苗成長新一代 ◊ 手作仔傳萬家—視障人士共融日 ◊ 小太陽—智障兒童服務 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Children ◊ Youngsters ◊ The elderly ◊ Students ◊ New arrivals ◊ Disadvantaged groups ◊ People with disabilities ◊ Working population 	29,906.00

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78.	香港仔街坊福利會社會服務中心 賽馬會黃志強長者地區中心	<p>Project name</p> <p>「愛自己，愛家庭，跨代共融齊護老」計劃</p> <p>Project theme</p> <p>Harmony and integration</p> <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工訓練 ◆ 關心護老秘笈製作 ◆ 電話慰問 ◆ 護老者探訪 ◆ 專題講座 ◆ 跨代共融護老展繽紛 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Women 	22,300.00
79.	仁濟醫院 香港佛光協會展能中心暨宿舍(二院)	<p>Project name</p> <p>「共融大使行動 — 溝通·關懷·愛」</p> <p>Project theme</p> <p>Harmony and integration</p> <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工培訓 ◆ 分享講座 ◆ 共融服務活動 ◆ 街展 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	25,680.00
80.	基督教香港信義會 屯門青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <p>「CARE」小记者之『童·聲·顯關懷』計劃</p> <p>Project theme</p> <p>Harmony and integration Social Participation</p> <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ CARE 小记者發佈會暨頒獎禮 ◆ 社區關懷行動 ◆ 研習成果展覽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children 	27,560.00
81.	香港青少年服務處 賽馬會麗城綜合青少年服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <p>拉闊和“孩”天地</p> <p>Project theme</p> <p>Harmony and integration</p> <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 多角度和“孩”家庭平台 ◆ 和“孩”共處 ◆ 和“孩”共舞 ◆ 拉闊和“孩”家庭多面體 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ General public 	27,060.00
82.	香港特別行政區傑出學生聯會	<p>Project name</p> <p>香港青年論壇 2006 - 共建和諧社會</p> <p>Project theme</p> <p>Harmony and integration</p> <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 工作坊(一)不同性傾向之間的和諧共融 ◆ 工作坊(三)種族融和與包容 ◆ 工作坊(四)宗教文化與衝突 ◆ 香港青年論壇 2006 訓練營 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students 	21,615.00

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83.	香港聖公會福利協會 香港聖公會沙田青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 星星之『伙』觸動與關懷社區共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工訓練營 ◆ 義工訓練工作坊 ◆ 精益求精學者計劃 ◆ 小小小導遊 ◆ 義賣活動嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ New arrivals ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ Working population ◆ General public 	24,050.00
84.	民協社會服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 和諧共創“深”天地 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「打破溝通障礙---英語」訓練課程 ◆ 「文化分享，和諧共處」工作坊 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students ◆ New arrivals ◆ Ethnic minorities ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ General public 	9,960.00
85.	香港青年協會 獅子會大埔青年空間	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關愛·能量匯聚 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工工作坊 1&2 ◆ 義工探訪 1&2 ◆ 義工總結會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Women ◆ New arrivals 	20,100.00
86.	香港青年協會 賽馬會建生青年空間	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 攜手創 建融和 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 走訪期 ◆ 培訓期訓練一：走訪技巧 ◆ 培訓期訓練二：認識智障服務 ◆ 培訓期訓練三：認識聽障服務 ◆ 培訓期訓練四：手語學習 ◆ 體驗期活動一：青年與智障人士共融活動 ◆ 體驗期活動二：青年與聽障人士共融活動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	21,050.00

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87.	香港青年協會 隆亨青年空間	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 和諧天地 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 壹承歷奇義工訓練營 ◆ 長青無界限 ◆ 暖在"院"中 ◆ 愛上小孩 ◆ 清潔關懷行動 ◆ Sing for Harmony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	29,595.00
88.	香港青年協會 賽馬會天耀青年空間	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關懷顯共融，社區樂融融 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「共融大使」義工訓練計劃 ◆ 「智仁勇」少年獎勵計劃 ◆ 「親善」探訪計劃 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Women ◆ New arrivals ◆ General public 	10,600.00
89.	香港青年協會 杏花邨青年空間	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 愛心義滿分 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「愛心義滿分」義工訓練 ◆ 溝通齊滿 fun 日營 ◆ 秋日共同樂 ◆ 社區多體驗 ◆ 義工嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	11,340.00
90.	香港青年協會 坪石青年空間	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 年青夢飛翔、共建和諧路 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關社義工大使訓練 ◆ 關社義工大使訓練營 ◆ 社區活動(一)文化之旅 ◆ 社區活動(三)公民之旅 ◆ 社區活動(四)環保之旅 ◆ 二手文具、玩具募集大活動 ◆ 活動檢討日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ General public 	22,370.00

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91.	香港中文大學 崇基扶輪青年服務團	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關懷弱小共融互樂 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 探訪活動 ◆ 教學活動 ◆ 遊覽中文大學 ◆ 戶外學習及聖誕聯歡會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	1,950.00
92.	香港善導會 九龍東社會服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 薪火行動 — 社區和諧共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Upholding the rule of law and social justice <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工訓練 ◆ 義工服務 ◆ 展覽及嘉許活動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	20,920.00
93.	香港公教婚姻輔導會 西區綜合家庭服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ e.c.Solar 社區正能量計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ e.c.Solar 正能量工作坊 ◆ e.c.Solar 和諧共建日 ◆ e.c.Solar 正能量兒童教室 ◆ e.c.Solar 正能量戶外體驗 ◆ e.c.Solar 正能量長者日 ◆ e.c.Solar 社區正能量計劃分享營 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	18,900.00
94.	香港中華基督教青年會 佐敦會所	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 『信、有愛』共融大使計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 義工訓練 ◆ 共融服務 ◆ 檢討分享 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	8,600.00

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95.	鄰舍輔導會 深水埗康齡社區 服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 社區共融樂安居 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 善用源樂安居 ◆ 重建新社區關懷探訪—石硤尾邨 ◆ 外展健康檢查站 ◆ 寒冬探訪顯關懷—石硤尾邨 ◆ 中秋關懷探訪—白田邨 ◆ 社區服務大巡禮 ◆ 義工嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Women ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ Working population ◆ General public 	34,120.00
96.	基督教宣道會 長亨長者鄰舍中 心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 童心·護愛·繫「耆」家 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 童心·護愛·繫「耆」家—服務推廣 ◆ 「『童』言『耆』語互關懷」—祖父母親職訓練 ◆ 「『童』言『耆』語互關懷」—三代同堂同樂日 ◆ 「護」愛同行—「護」愛同心工作坊 ◆ 童心·護愛·繫「耆」家—和諧快樂聚「耆」家小冊子 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The elderly 	9,170.00
97.	生命工場	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「分色分析」行動 — 我想共鳴 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 全港四格漫畫大賽 ◆ 巡迴和諧學校漫畫展及工作坊 ◆ 全港多媒體創意發聲大賽 ◆ 巡迴和諧學校裝置及錄影公映 ◆ 社會事件欣賞指數 ◆ 我想共鳴多媒體展覽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ General public 	52,000.00
98.	香港青少年服務處 賽馬會方樹泉綜 合青少年服務中 心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「十分·愛」共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 愛·凝聚 (宣傳站) ◆ 愛·裝備 (義工訓練) ◆ 愛·尋找 (義工訓練) ◆ 愛·平等 (唐氏綜合症兒童服務) ◆ 愛·諒解 (聾啞人士服務) ◆ 愛·包容 (弱能人士服務) ◆ 「十分·愛」共融計劃嘉許禮暨嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ New arrivals ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ Working population ◆ General public 	27,290.00

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99.	香港青少年服務處 賽馬會大埔青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 活出愛天 Home <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 青年人對社會時事關注狀況調查 「親親小"鞋"子」—義工訓練篇 「親親小"鞋"子」—服務篇 「我愛我們在一起」—智障人士訓練 「我愛我們在一起」—智障人士服務篇 「我愛我們在一起」—智障人士與青年聯合訓練 「我愛我們在一起」—服務特殊教育兒童訓練篇 「我愛我們在一起」—特殊教育兒童服務篇 「Home 中松柏」服務長者篇 「Home 中種籽」兒童培育篇—入校互動小「講」場 「和諧共融」社區關注日 「活出愛天 Home」生活點滴集 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students Disadvantaged groups General public 	25,360.00
100.	香港唐氏綜合症協會 白普理家長資源中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「老」友齊獻「心」— 社區共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「老」友齊來手牽手—《老友握握手》 「老」友齊來手牽手—《開心山頂玩一番》 「老」友齊來手牽手—《社區精兵特日》 「老」友齊來手牽手—《社區精兵服務日》 「老」友特工闖一闖—《特工朋友，say hello》 「老」友特工闖一闖—《特工隊特訓日》 「老」友特工闖一闖—《特工延愛探訪日 I》 「老」友特工闖一闖—《特工延愛探訪日 II》 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly People with disabilities 	11,180.00
101.	香港中華基督教青年會 天平長者鄰舍中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 愛心工程 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「愛心工程」義工訓練 童心月餅坊 伴你同行 打開心窗 愛心工程義工嘉許禮 光碟製作 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly Women Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities General public 	12,209.00

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102.	九龍城區居民聯會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「長幼共融在社區」計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 青年及長者訓練工作坊 耆青樂和坊 探訪獨居長者開支 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters The elderly 	5,875.00
103.	香港耆康老人福利會 東區長者地區中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「長者社區記者」展和諧推廣計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 大記者小記者非常系列工作坊 刊物出版及社區推廣 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elderly Students General public 	7,675.00
104.	新青年論壇	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 青年社會觀察行動 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration Human rights education Upholding the rule of law and social justice National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 青年社會觀察行動 Part One — 啟動宣傳及培訓活動 青年社會觀察行動 Part Two — 資料搜集、採訪、拍攝及短片製作 青年社會觀察行動 Part Three — 首影禮暨畢業禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Students 	53,000.00
105.	香港傷健協會 / 坪洲長者暨青少年鄰舍中心合辦	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 坪洲跨代關愛樂和諧 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧大使訓練小組 和諧大使訓練日營 和諧大使南丫島探訪活動 和諧大使傷健探訪活動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children The elderly Students Women Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities General public 	9,180.00
106.	循理會 屯門青少年綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 青春起義 06 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義力無窮比賽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters 	65,000.00

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107.	中華錫安傳道會 青少年就業培訓 及創藝發展中心	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 天下無雙—隻待青年社區和諧共融計劃 <p style="text-align: center;">Project name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 計劃起動典禮暨宣傳雙週 ◆ 青年外展活動(尋找隱青) ◆ 青少年義工訓練營 ◆ 青少年義務工作 1~募捐禮物 ◆ 青少年義務工作 2~探訪老人院 ◆ 青少年義務工作 3~長者科技之旅 ◆ 青少年義務工作 4~傷健共融日營 ◆ 天下無雙--隻待青年社區和諧共融計劃嘉許典禮 ◆ 專題研討報告書 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	18,375.00
108.	香港路德會社會 服務處 路德會新翠長者 中心	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關愛家庭創和諧 <p style="text-align: center;">Project name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 社區展覽 ◆ 社區活動 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ The elderly ◆ General public 	6,405.00
109.	基督教協基會 屯門青少年綜合 服務中心	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「樂容融」社區共融計劃 <p style="text-align: center;">Project name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「樂容融」和諧工作坊 ◆ 和諧共融「社區小記者」訓練 ◆ 「齊齊關心」探訪行動 ◆ 「大手牽小手」親子探訪行動 ◆ 「樂容融」年曆咭設計比賽及填色比賽 ◆ 「樂容融」社區創作場 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ New arrivals ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	20,600.00
110.	香港神託會 連青網絡—香港 神託會青少年綜 合服務中心	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 融聚愛 <p style="text-align: center;">Project name</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「融聚愛」—青少年小組 ◆ 「融聚愛」—領取綜援人士小組 ◆ 「融聚愛」—融合活動 ◆ 「融聚愛」—分享愛 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	10,620.00

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111.	香港社區組織協會 民權教育中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關懷貧困人士 – 「第二安全網」之旅 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 社區問卷調查及發佈 ◆ 第二安全網論壇暨展覽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Women ◆ New arrivals ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ Working population ◆ General public 	25,600.00
112.	安徒生會 竹園中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 活在獅子山下的力量 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Human rights education <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 關懷行動 ◆ 傷健互關懷 ◆ 長幼劇社 ◆ 凝聚親子力量 ◆ 長幼社區樂共融 ◆ 權利大江南北 ◆ 人權論壇 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Women ◆ Disadvantaged groups ◆ People with disabilities ◆ General public 	20,100.00
113.	中華基督教會 全完中學	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「服務社區」領袖先鋒計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Human rights education ◆ Upholding the rule of law and social justice ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law ◆ Environmental protection <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「愛·實踐」長者探訪及義工訓練計劃一中二 ◆ 小老師計劃一中三 ◆ 「鄰舍關懷大使」計劃一中五 ◆ 探訪耆英院舍服務一中六 ◆ 耆英節日樂融融一中七 ◆ 旁聽立法會會議 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ The elderly ◆ Students ◆ Disadvantaged groups 	18,200.00

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114.	香港小童群益會 馬鞍山東青少年 綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 融情樂聚社區計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 工作坊 ◆ 機構走訪 ◆ 研習拍攝比賽 ◆ 首映禮、頒獎典禮暨嘉年華 ◆ 光碟及資料套 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students 	30,990.00
115.	香港神託會 生命教育計劃	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 認「色」社區共融計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 齊玩齊笑 FUN 紛日 ◆ 香港自在遊 ◆ 探訪活動 ◆ 共融嘻哈 SHOW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Ethnic minorities 	13,925.00
116.	香港浸會大學 學生事務處領袖 素質中心浸大義 務特工隊	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 燃希行動 06' <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 認識祖國 ◆ 魔術展潛能 ◆ 手工奇藝坊 ◆ 綠色新一代 ◆ 中秋齊來識香港 ◆ 衝上雲霄 ◆ 擴闊眼界 ◆ 繽紛匯演嘉年華 ◆ 老當益壯 ◆ 齊聚中秋，其樂融融 ◆ 劇中乾坤 ◆ 我猜我猜我猜猜猜 ◆ 嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students 	8,700.00
117.	香港聖公會福利 協會 香港聖公會主教 堂社會服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「和諧家庭樂融融」社區推廣計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harmony and integration ◆ Harmonious family <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「家庭和諧愛心大使」訓練計劃 ◆ 「和諧家庭樂融融」填色比賽 ◆ 「和諧家庭樂融融」關心家人心意卡設計比賽 ◆ 「和諧家庭樂融融」攝影比賽 ◆ 「和諧家庭樂融融」社區推廣計劃嘉許禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ Women ◆ General public 	14,360.00

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118.	香港聖公會福利協會 聖馬提亞綜合服務賽馬會青幹線	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 和諧社區之 – 「一滴水」生命建立計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「油樂園」探訪義工隊 「社區互助維修裝嵌」小組 「愛心溫暖遍社群」活動 「中秋關愛暖社群 2006」活動 滋潤生命心聲·街站 資源共享計劃 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters The elderly Students New arrivals Disadvantaged groups People with disabilities General public 	47,200.00
119.	柴灣區街坊福利會 社區綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 「關懷 teen 世代」關懷新移民服務計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 新 teen 義工訓練工作坊 小冊子製作 社區一天遊 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters New arrivals 	3,000.00
120.	香港大學學生會 法律學會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 天下為公 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upholding the rule of law and social justice <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Exhibiton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students General public 	10,000.00
121.	香港心理衛生會 康翠宿舍	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 共融兩手牽 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 愛心義工大召募 繪出我的心 重心重真併我心 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youngsters Working population General public 	19,300.00
122.	中國基督教播道會 彩福堂鄰舍家庭服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 彩雲翠林樂毗鄰 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and integration <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 義工訓練 共融活動日 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People with disabilities 	3,885.00
123.	香港兒童權利委員會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Child's Eye View of the UNCRC <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human rights education <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Child's Eye View of the UNCRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Youngsters Students General public 	54,850.00

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124.	香港中華基督教青年會 顯徑會所	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「兒童議員」培訓計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Human rights education <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「兒童議員」訓練日營 ◆ 走訪區議員及機構 ◆ 競選活動 ◆ 選舉投票日 ◆ 兒童需要問卷調查 ◆ 發佈會及兒童論壇 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children 	34,259.00
125.	屯門區婦女會 香港崇德社湖景綜合服務中心	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 童心權益「晴」尋獎勵計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Human rights education <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 小組活動(了解兒童權利) ◆ 探訪獨居長者 ◆ 討論兒童權利問題 ◆ 權益工作坊 ◆ 活動回顧及頒獎 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children 	23,350.00
126.	國際特赦組織香港分會有限公司	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「沒有旁觀者的世界」-讓青年認識並關心人權 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Human rights education <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 人權教育工作坊及講座 ◆ 專題研習比賽 ◆ 人權故事徵文比賽及文集出版 ◆ 國際人權日嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ General public 	39,200.00
127.	香港中華基督教青年會 葵青及荃灣青少年外展社會工作隊	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 法律精英傳動計劃 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Upholding the rule of law and social justice <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 法律精英傳動計劃 ◆ 探訪懲教署院舍 ◆ 探訪裁判法院 ◆ 探訪警署 ◆ 探訪滅罪委員會 ◆ 法律傳動小冊子製作 ◆ 百法百眾終極挑戰賽 ◆ 百法百眾社區嘉年華 ◆ 檢討會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ General public 	19,595.00

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128.	學友社 公民視域	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 第十五屆全港中學生十大新聞選舉 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Upholding the rule of law and social justice <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 新聞評述比賽 ◆ 社評評述比賽 ◆ 徵文比賽 ◆ 社會與傳媒—專題研習活動 ◆ 頒獎典禮暨十五周年茶會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students 	41,900.00
129.	香港童軍總會 東九龍第 61 旅	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 認識基本法 你我都有責 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 巡迴展覽 ◆ 巡迴展覽暨頒獎禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ General public 	28,020.00
130.	中山大學法律系 香港同學會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 第七屆「基本法」網上問答比賽及推介活動 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 學校講座 ◆ 第七屆「基本法」網上問答比賽頒獎禮暨公開講座 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ General public 	42,420.00
131.	全港各區工商聯	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "知"法"識"法"普通話"基本法演講比賽 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "知"法"識"法"普通話"基本法演講比賽決賽 ◆ "知"法"識"法"普通話"基本法演講比賽初賽(觀塘/荃灣/葵青/黃大仙/深水埗/新界北區/東區/沙田/九龍城) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students 	60,000.00
132.	香港小童群益會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「從十一五規劃探討中國國情」全港中學生專題研習比賽 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 啓動禮暨專題講座 ◆ 專題講座暨專題研習工作坊(一)及(二) ◆ 專題研習比賽 ◆ 頒獎禮暨對談會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students 	53,050.00

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133.	香港新一代文化協會、香港新一代之友	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 新一代公民大使培育及推廣計劃 2006 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 國慶營—「營」識祖國 ◆ 拜訪中國外交部駐香港特別行政區特派員公署 ◆ 互動講座：「中國政治體制改革及發展前瞻 ◆ 參觀基本法圖書館 ◆ 「中國在世界舞台的角色」互動講座 ◆ 「關心香港心、關心香港事」—模擬立法會議論事 ◆ 成果分享暨嘉許典禮 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students 	43,538.00
134.	香港青年協進會	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「認識祖國、認識香港」問答比賽 2006 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 問答比賽決賽 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students ◆ Working population ◆ General public 	39,620.00
135.	香港基督教女青年會 西環綜合社會服務處	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 字字珠「基」 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 基本法講座活動 ◆ 全港基本法定向比賽 ◆ 全港網上基本法問答比賽 ◆ 基本法大使小組 ◆ 字字珠「基」嘉年華 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students 	29,200.00
136.	香港基本法推介 聯席會議	<p>Project name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 「識法」滿校園 <p>Project theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ National education and promotion of the Basic Law <p>Sponsored activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 講座及工作坊 ◆ 領袖訓練營 ◆ 校園推廣基本法及國情教育計劃 ◆ 結業禮暨分享會 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Youngsters ◆ Students 	27,325.00

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Question Serial No.

1549

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the manpower deployed by the Home Affairs Bureau to handle enquiries and complaints on racial relations? Of the 439 enquiries received in 2006, how many cases are still outstanding? Please list the areas of complaints.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Race Relations Unit of the Home Affairs Bureau has a total of four officers who are deployed, among their other duties, for handling enquiries and complaints on race relations.

In 2006, the Unit handled a total of 439 cases. Of these, 421 were enquiries for information and 18 were complaints alleging racial discrimination. Of the 18 complaint cases, 16 have been resolved and the remaining two cases are presently under investigation. The key areas of complaint were as follows :

Nature of complaint/allegation	Number of complaints
Denial or differential treatment in provision of goods and services	7
Discriminatory terms of employment or recruitment criteria	6
Verbal assault or unwelcome conduct and attitude	3
Derogatory publication in newspapers	2
Total	18

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Question Serial No.

1552

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please explain why the Equal Opportunities Commission fails to conclude about 20% of the complaint cases within six months. Please list the cases which are not concluded within six months in 2006-07 and state the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2006, 142 cases could not be concluded within six months. They usually involve more complicated issues and the complainants and/or the respondents required more time to provide relevant information to the Equal Opportunities Commission in connection with the investigation of these cases. It is considered not appropriate to disclose details of these cases under investigation.

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Question Serial No.

1553

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Of the provision for the Equal Opportunities Commission, what are the estimated expenditure and staff establishment for preparing the implementation of the Race Discrimination Bill, including the drafting of the code of practice? What are the specific preparation work?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The Government has committed to providing one-off funding of \$6M to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) for its preparatory work in respect of implementation of the Race Discrimination Bill. Meanwhile, EOC has deployed its existing staff in the following preparation works –

- (a) preparation of the code of practice against racial discrimination;
- (b) strengthening liaison with ethnic minorities; and
- (c) organizing staff training for implementation of the Bill.

We will separately work out with the EOC its annual recurrent provision required for implementing the Bill after its enactment.

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Question Serial No.

1554

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the investigations undertaken by the Equal Opportunities Commission of its own accord in 2006, please provide information, by ordinance, on the number of such investigations, subject matters of the cases, and the reasons for initiating the investigations.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2006, the Equal Opportunities Commission has initiated investigation of its own accord into 59 incidents of alleged discrimination largely due to media reports on issues which might have contravened the three anti-discrimination ordinances or upon receipt of information from informants who were unwilling to lodge a formal complaint. 22 of them were related to sex discrimination and 37 were on disability discrimination. In terms of the subject matters of the cases, 3 investigations were on discriminatory advertisement, 13 on recruitment, 20 on access to premises, 23 on provision of goods, services, facilities and others.

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Question Serial No.

1555

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide a breakdown, by ordinance, of the number of cases successfully resolved through conciliation by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC). Please give details of the number and ranks of EOC staff for conciliation services. What is the average cost of processing cases resolved through conciliation?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The breakdown, by ordinance, of the number of complaints successfully resolved through conciliation by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in 2006 is as follows -

	SDO	DDO	FSDO	Total
No. of complaints successfully conciliated	62	89	6	157

SDO: Sex Discrimination Ordinance

DDO: Disability Discrimination Ordinance

FSDO: Family Status Discrimination Ordinance

Apart from handling complaint cases, the EOC also initiated investigation of its own accord to follow-up media reports on incidents which may have contravened the existing anti-discrimination ordinances and information provided by informants who are unwilling to lodge a formal complaint. Among such cases handled by the EOC in 2006, 43 cases were successfully resolved through conciliation, of which, 19 were related to SDO and 24 to DDO.

The Operations Division, consisting of 1 Director, 2 Chief Officers, 4 Senior Officers, 3 Officers and 6 Assistant Officers at present, is responsible for handling all enquiries and complaints. Its total staff cost incurred in 2006 was \$10.79M. As the Division is responsible for handling both enquiries and complaints and undertaking investigations into all complaints received, the EOC does not have separate cost estimates for cases resolved through conciliation.

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Question Serial No.

1556

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the Equal Opportunities Commission will conduct a formal investigation on accessibility for disabled persons in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the size of the investigation, the facilities to be covered, the provision earmarked and the implementation timetable.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) commenced the “Formal Investigation on Accessibility in certain Publicly Accessible Premises” in December 2006. The purpose of the investigation is to inspect a selection of premises built, owned or managed by Housing Authority, Housing Society, the Link Management Ltd, and the Government with specific reference to the legal requirement of providing accessible facilities to persons with a disability in a non-discriminatory manner, and to promote equality of opportunity between persons with disability and persons without a disability. The investigation includes the inspection of 60 selected sites, identifying difficulties encountered by persons with a disability, evaluating how the requirement of non-discriminatory accessibility has been achieved in such buildings, identifying improvement works required, etc. The investigation, which will last for 12 months’ time, is expected to be completed by end of 2007. An initial budget of \$500,000 has been earmarked by EOC for the project.

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Outcome/Progress	Number of Cases
<p>Action completed of which :</p> <p>(a) Suspected contravention unsubstantiated</p> <p>(b) Parties concerned had undertaken improvement actions on their own initiative</p> <p>(c) Parties concerned had taken heed of PCPD's advice on recommended practice of handling personal data</p> <p>(d) Follow-up investigation completed by PCPD with enforcement notice served on data user</p>	<p>65</p> <p>11</p> <p>50</p> <p>3</p> <p>1</p>
<p>Investigation in progress</p>	<p>14</p>

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Question Serial No.

1558

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the
Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Among the cases handled by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data in 2006, are there any cases taken to court? If yes, please inform us of the number and details of such cases, as well as the cost of processing each case.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Of the cases handled by the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) in 2006, three cases were brought before the Magistrates' Courts. One case involved contravention of an enforcement notice served on the data user by PCPD, while the remaining two cases were related to contravention of section 34 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance in that the data users concerned failed to cease to use the personal data of the data subjects in direct marketing despite the request of the latter.

The costs in processing these cases were charged against PCPD's annual subvention. No separate breakdown on cost incurred for individual cases has been kept.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB063

Question Serial No.

0538

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the financial year 2007-08, has the Government any specific initiatives to facilitate the ethnic minority residents to integrate into society? If yes, please give details of (a) the initiatives; (b) the target ethnic minorities; and (c) the estimated number of people benefited.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to organise activities and provide support service to promote integration of ethnic minority persons into society. The specific initiatives planned for 2007-08 include –

Initiatives	Target Group	Estimated no. of beneficiaries
Equal Opportunities (Race) Funding Scheme to promote awareness and to encourage contact between the minorities and the majority population	Ethnic minorities in general and other members of the public	23 700
Mobile Information Service to distribute information kits at the Airport	Ethnic minorities, mainly foreign domestic helpers arriving in Hong Kong	66 000
Publication and updating of Service Guide Books in minority languages	Ethnic minorities of all races	100 000
Cross-cultural Learning Programme to provide Cantonese lessons and mentorship programmes to minority youth	Non-Chinese speaking youth, mainly South Asian minorities students	715
Cantonese and English classes for ethnic minorities	Minority adults	1 300
Harmony Scholarship to recognise schools that have made effort in diversifying their enrolment	Students studying in schools with sizeable ethnic minority students	36
Radio programmes in Bahasa Indonesia, Urdu and Nepali	Indonesians, Pakistanis and Nepalese	73 000

Initiatives	Target Group	Estimated no. of beneficiaries
A variety show to showcase the culture of ethnic minorities	Ethnic minority communities and the general public	20 000
Two Community Support Teams to provide “self-help” services to Pakistanis and Nepalese	Pakistanis and Nepalese	6 370
Two Community Development Teams for Ethnic Minorities from South Asia	Ethnic Minorities residents	27 000
School talks for public education on racial harmony and equality	Students and teachers	7 600
Racial relations hotline	Ethnic minorities and members of public with complaints or enquiries on racial relations	500

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HAB064

Question Serial No.

0837

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In response to my question in 2006, the Administration indicated that following the announcement to discontinue the Invitation for Proposals process of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project on 21 February 2006, the need for the three supernumerary directorate posts to perform the relevant duties would be under review. Would the Administration inform the Committee of:

- (a) the results of the review and the expenditure involved;
- (b) the expenditure and staffing provision earmarked by the Administration for matters relating to WKCD in 2006-07; and
- (c) the estimated expenditure and staffing provision, as well as the work objectives of the Administration, for matters relating to WKCD in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

- (a) The three supernumerary directorate posts were originally planned for creation under Head 138 : Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (HPLB) in 2006-07. Following the discontinuation of the Invitation for Proposals process in early 2006 and the subsequent transfer of policy responsibility of the WKCD project from HPLB to Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), these posts had not been created in HPLB.
- (b) In April 2006, a dedicated secretariat was created in HAB to provide the necessary support to the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities (CACF) of the West Kowloon Cultural District (the Consultative Committee) and its three Advisory Groups. The secretariat was set up through internal re-deployment of manpower resources within HAB and staff on loan from other Bureaux and Departments. At present, the secretariat has a total of 12 civil servants. The expenses incurred in 2006-07 in respect of the WKCD project is about \$9.6 million, covering staff costs, departmental expenses and funding required for the engagement of a Financial Advisor for the Development of the WKCD and Related Matters.

- (c) In light of the latest progress, the Consultative Committee is expected to complete its work around mid-2007. Having received the recommendations of the Consultative Committee, the Administration would consider how best to formulate proposals in the latter half of 2007 for establishing an independent statutory body to take forward the WKCD Development Project. The long-term resources requirements for the WKCD Development Project will be drawn up in the context of deliberating on how the Project should be taken forward.

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HAB065

Question Serial No.

1276

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The matters requiring special attention in 2007-08 include the review of the policy on built heritage conservation with a view to drawing up a series of improvement measures. Please explain in detail the required resources, staffing arrangement, work targets and timetable.

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

We are conducting a review on the built heritage conservation policy with a view to formulating a holistic approach and effective improvement measures. Subject to the results of the on-going public engagement exercise, we expect to be able to announce the improvement proposals in the latter half of 2007. The review is being undertaken by a team in the Bureau which comprises one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B, one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, one Chief Curator, one Chief Executive Officer and one Senior Executive Officer, with each of them devoting varying portions of their total working hours (for different subject areas) towards this exercise.

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HAB066

Question Serial No.

1278

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under this Programme, the revised estimate for 2006-07 has increased by 307.1% compared to the original estimate (i.e. an increase from the original estimate of \$22.4 million to the revised estimate of \$91.2 million). Would the Bureau please explain in detail the reasons, the manpower involved and their ranks?

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

The increase is mainly due to the provision for non-recurrent projects, namely the injection of funds into the culture portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) (\$40 million), the injection of funds into the Arts Development Fund (ADF) (\$20 million), as well as the engagement of Financial Advisor for the Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District and Related Matters (\$4.2 million). The provision does not involve any human resources.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB068

Question Serial No.

2449

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the Administration will continue to promote the rights of children in 2007-08. Please provide information on the specific policy and work as well as the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to promote public education on the rights of children through the Children's Rights Unit (CRU) and the Children Rights' Forum (CRF). The CRF was set up in 2005 to provide a platform for children's rights organizations and children's representatives to exchange views with the Government on children's rights. In addition, the CRU will continue to provide funding support to community projects, e.g. the Children's Rights Education Funding Scheme. The total estimated expenditure on promoting children's rights in 2007-08 is about \$960,000.

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Question Serial No.

2450

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the promotion of human rights, various human rights treaties monitoring bodies have requested the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government to set up a human rights commission. Please advise this Committee of the Administration's plan and work direction in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

Hong Kong already has in place an extensive mechanism for protection of human rights. The rights of individuals are clearly enshrined in the laws. The constitutional and legal provisions are firmly underpinned by the rule of law, an independent judiciary, statutory bodies and institutions, and a comprehensive legal aid system. Moreover, the effectiveness of the existing mechanism and the work of the Government and these bodies are continually and closely monitored by the Legislative Council, the public, including particularly the media. We do not see an obvious need for establishing a human rights institution to supersede existing mechanisms and have no plans or timetable for the establishment of such in the immediate future.

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HAB070

Question Serial No.

2451

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the increase in the provision for 2007-08 is mainly due to the increased provision for the promotion of equal opportunities and human rights. Please provide the details.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In 2007-08, the increase in the provision for promotion of equal opportunities and human rights under Programme (2) is estimated to be \$4.1M. This increase is attributable to –

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| (a) Funding of community development teams targetted at ethnic minorities in Yuen Long and Yau Tsim Mong | \$2.6M |
| (b) Enhancement of language training programmes and after-school support services for ethnic minority youth | \$0.6M |
| (c) Printing and publication of service guidebooks in ethnic minority languages | \$0.2M |
| (d) Expansion of radio programmes for ethnic minorities, in Urdu and Nepali | \$0.7M |

Total

\$4.1M

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Reply Serial No.

HAB071

Question Serial No.

0451

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the estimated expenditure for 2007-08 under this Programme is \$56 million, representing a 116.5% increase as compared with the revised estimate for 2006-07. Would the Administration provide the work items under this Programme and explain the sharp increase in expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

The responsibilities of the Bureau under Programme (4) District and Community Relations are to :

- (a) formulate and develop policy in respect of the District Administration Scheme; the community building programme; building management; gambling; wills; advisory and statutory bodies; licensing of hotels, guesthouses, clubs and bedspace apartments; design of postage stamps; and opinion gauging;
- (b) oversee the management of Chinese temples and Chinese permanent cemeteries; administration of trust funds for which the trustee is The Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated; and management of the properties of The Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated;
- (c) co-ordinate major celebration activities;
- (d) undertake housekeeping functions for the Home Affairs Department; and
- (e) oversee the policy and resources allocation on community development work.

The increase of 116.5% in 2007-08 Estimate when compared with the 2006-07 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the increased provision for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, including the setting up of a Celebrations Coordination Office on a time-limited basis.

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HAB072

Question Serial No.

0452

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under this programme, the Administration will oversee the implementation of the pilot scheme in 4 districts commencing in 2007 to involve District Councils in the management of district facilities, and enhance the work of the Government in districts through the Steering Committee on District Administration. Would the Administration provide details of the district management work and the district facilities involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

One of the recommendations of the 2006 District Councils (DC) Review was to launch a pilot scheme on 1 January 2007 to involve DCs in the management of district facilities in four selected districts before full implementation in all 18 districts from the next DC term commencing 1 January 2008. These district facilities include district libraries, community halls, leisure grounds, sports venues and swimming pools/beaches.

The pilot scheme seeks to encourage the development of a more participatory model in managing district facilities and in promoting partnership in order to ensure that district activities and programmes will better meet district needs. Each pilot DC would be given an additional allocation of \$3 million for 2007-08 to implement various community involvement projects and capital works funding of \$5 million to implement district minor works projects.

Specifically, the management of district facilities involving the pilot DCs consists of –

- (a) considering and endorsing proposals relating to the operation, management and maintenance of the facilities;
- (b) discussing and endorsing proposals on programmes and activities to be undertaken at the facilities; and
- (c) prioritising works projects to improve and upgrade existing facilities or to establish new facilities to be funded from the district facility capital works block vote.

Separately, a high-level Steering Committee on District Administration has been set up under the chairmanship of the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs to help resolve cross-departmental district problems more effectively. The Steering Committee has held its first meeting in January 2007 and has identified several district management issues for priority attention.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB073

Question Serial No.

0556

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In this programme, while the revised estimate for 2006-07 is \$91.2 million, which is 307.1% higher than the original estimate of \$22.4 million, the estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is 39.3% lower than the revised estimate for 2006-07. Will the Government:

- (a) explain in detail why there is such a substantial increase in the revised estimate for 2006-07, and provide a list of items involved and their total human resources and actual expenditure; and
- (b) explain in detail why there is a decrease of 39.3% in the estimated financial provision for 2007-08, and provide a list of items involved and their financial arrangements?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

- (a) The increase in the 2006-07 revised estimate is mainly due to the injection of funds into the culture portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) (\$40 million), the injection of funds into the Arts Development Fund (ADF) (\$20 million), as well as the engagement of Financial Advisor for the Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District and Related Matters (\$4.2 million). The provision does not involve any manpower resources.
- (b) The decrease in the estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is mainly due to the lapse of the one-off effect of the injection of funds into ASDF and ADF mentioned above, partly offset by the increase in provision for cultural initiatives and creation of five posts mainly for the purpose of handling the funding responsibility for major performing arts groups, and strengthening support for the review on built heritage conservation policy in 2007-08.

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HAB074

Question Serial No.

1863

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is noted that the Administration will enhance its co-operation with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education outside schools. What are the specific work plans and the estimated expenditure involved? There is a reduction in the number of civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme from 213 in 2002-03 to 136 in 2006-07. What are the reasons? What is the estimated expenditure for sponsoring organizations to carry out activities on civic education in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

In 2007-08, we will be working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to implement a series of activities to promote civic education outside schools. The estimated total expenditure is \$10,315,000. The major projects are as follows –

Activities	Estimated Expenditure (\$)
(1) Community Participation Scheme for subsidizing civic education activities organized by non-governmental/community organizations and for promoting certain core civic values at the district level	2,500,000 ¹
(2) Production of a new TV Announcement of Public Interest on national education	1,200,000
(3) TV Programme to promote harmonious community and corporate citizenship	600,000
(4) Survey on corporate citizenship with a view to preparing a handbook and building up a charter for corporate citizenship	260,000 ²

Activities	Estimated Expenditure (\$)
(5) Civic education telephone hotline stories	140,000
(6) Publicity/promotion projects to promote harmonious community, national education, and corporate citizenship (e.g. joining the Hong Kong Book Fair in 2007) and publications/education materials	4,965,000
(7) Promotion of the Basic Law through activities like competition and roving performance of interactive drama in secondary schools, and education materials/ teaching kits	650,000

The CPCE provides sponsorship for civic education activities organized by non-Government/community organizations through the Community Participation Scheme (the Scheme). Following a review of the Scheme in 2003, the CPCE decided to designate one major promotional theme each year for the purpose of inviting proposals beginning from 2004-05 so as to enhance the overall effectiveness of the Scheme. The budget for the Scheme remained more or less the same in the past few years and had in fact been increased starting from 2006-07 when the Scheme was also partially funded by charity donations from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP).

The number of sponsored projects will depend on the number of applications and the quality of the proposals. To facilitate interested organizations in preparing their applications, CPCE will organize a briefing session with sample cases, setting out the assessment criteria and the major topical theme designated by the CPCE. The total estimated expenditure for the Scheme in 2007-08 is \$5,500,000, inclusive of donations from the BMCP.

Note 1: The Scheme will be operated at an estimated total cost of \$5,500,000 with \$3,000,000 to be provided by the BMCP.

Note 2: The total estimated expenditure for the survey is \$1,296,800, with amounts of \$388,800 and \$648,000 settled in 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

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HAB075

Question Serial No.

1864

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There have been criticisms that Government subsidy to athletes is insufficient to attract elites to take up sports as a career. Will the Administration conduct a review to enhance the financial support to athletes? Does the Administration have any plan to strengthen the training of athletes and attract more elite athletes to take up sports as a career? If so, what are the specific details and estimated expenditure? If not, please state the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Chief Executive announced in the 2006-07 Policy Address that the Government would provide an additional funding of \$40 million annually from 2007-08 onwards to enhance the support for elite athletes. Funding would be provided in the key areas including education opportunities; career development; financial assistance; and athlete training and coaching support. To ensure the proper use of the additional resources, we are actively listening to and gauging the views from the stakeholders, including Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL), National Sports Associations, coaches and athletes.

In 2007-08, we will implement the relevant initiatives by phase with the necessary additional funding resources. Such funding will all be for direct benefits of elite athletes. Out of the \$40 million, about \$20 million would be allocated to enhance the direct financial support/training grants to athletes and hence placed as additional subvention to HKSIL which is the agent to disburse subsistence/training grants to elite athletes.

With a more comprehensive plan to support elite athletes, we expect that more young people with sports talent will be willing to take up sports as a career.

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Question Serial No.

1865

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicators for other performance measures in respect of recreation and sports promotion, the number of underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk assisted to take courses in the Outward Bound School dropped from 569 in 2005 to 430 in 2006. What are the reasons? What specific policies and plans does the Administration have to encourage these people to take part in the courses to achieve the target of 672 in 2007-08? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The annual subvention provided to the Outward Bound School (OBS) serves to assist an average of about 550 underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk (the target group) to take courses of OBS each year. In 2006, the OBS adopted a new programme planning strategy and re-scheduled some of the courses for the target group to the first quarter of 2007 with a view to providing better services. As such, the number of persons in the target group who took courses of OBS in 2006 was only 430, showing a drop of 139 persons as compared to 2005. It is expected that the number of participants taking courses of OBS will move up to 672 persons in 2007 (i.e. 103 persons above 569 in 2005).

In order to encourage the target group to take courses of OBS, OBS will provide tailor-made programmes for the target group. In addition, OBS would provide partially or fully subsidised places to individuals of the target group who can prove their needs of financial support.

The subsidy to be provided to the OBS for assisting the underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk to take OBS courses in 2007-08 is estimated to be \$1.771 million.

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Question Serial No.

1866

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated expenditure for 2007-08 increases substantially by \$30.3 million. The expenditure will mainly be used for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Please provide plans and details of the celebration activities and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Government will organise a wide variety of celebration events in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas from April to December 2007. They include ceremonial events, exhibitions and international conferences, cultural and sports events, district events, commissioning of infrastructure projects and celebration activities in the Mainland and overseas. Details of the celebration events will be announced towards the end of March 2007.

In 2007-08, an additional provision of around \$13 million has been earmarked under Head 53 Home Affairs Bureau Programme (4) District and Community Relations for work relating to the 10th Anniversary celebrations, including the setting up of a Celebrations Coordination Office (CCO). The increase under this Programme is also due to the transfer of a regular provision of \$8.8 million for the annual celebration of the establishment of the HKSAR from the Home Affairs Department to the Home Affairs Bureau, so that the planning and resources relating to the celebration are brought under one roof on this unique occasion. Of the total provision of \$21.8 million, it is estimated that about \$12.6 million is for staff cost, \$4.2 million for flag-raising ceremony, reception and banquet and \$5 million for project expenses. While staff cost and ceremonial events will be met by Government provision, we will encourage donations and sponsorship for other community participation events.

The CCO has been set up under the Home Affairs Bureau in January 2007 to coordinate the Government's efforts in organising ceremonial and major celebration events and to facilitate community involvement in the 10th Anniversary celebrations. There are at present 32 staff members in the CCO. Additional staff will be engaged to cater for operational needs as and when necessary.

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Question Serial No.

0998

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights if the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the protection for the rights of the individual, the 2007-08 Estimate increases by 30.2% as compared with the Revised Estimate in 2006-07. What areas will the increased expenditure be used?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The increase of 30.2% in the 2007-08 Estimate as compared with the 2006-07 Revised Estimate is mainly due to (i) provision of funds for initiatives for promotion of equal opportunities and human rights such as language classes and community development teams for ethnic minorities which are hitherto funded through internal redeployment of resources under Home Affairs Department's Head of Expenditure; (ii) increased cash flow requirements for non-recurrent projects which include activities under the "Hong Kong, Our Home" Campaign and production of publicity materials and other initiatives for promotion of human rights; and (iii) increase in operating expenses.

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Question Serial No.

0999

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There has been an increase in the number of data subjects and curriculum vitae in the Central Personality Index between 2005 and 2007. What are the categories of the new data subjects? What is the purpose of the Central Personality Index?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The Central Personality Index (CPI) maintained by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) serves as a central database of persons who are serving or have indicated interest and willingness to serve on government advisory and statutory bodies.

A total of 1 385 new data subjects and their curriculum vitae (CVs) have been added to the CPI between end 2005 and end 2006. They are categorised by sex and by profession at Annex.

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Categorisation of new data subjects included in Central Personality Index in 2006

Profession	Female	Male	Total
Accountancy	4	17	21
Agriculture and Fisheries	0	3	3
Architectural, Planning and Surveying	2	11	13
Arts and Culture	13	13	26
Banking and Financial Services	13	18	31
Business	9	35	44
Catering	6	13	19
Chinese Medicine	3	2	5
Education	44	50	94
Engineering	1	37	38
Hotel and Tourism	1	7	8
Human Resources	2	1	3
Import and Export	9	13	22
Information Technology	3	21	24
Insurance	7	14	21
Legal	10	22	32
Manufacturing Industry	4	25	29
Marketing	3	5	8
Medical and Health Services	13	27	40
Real Estate and Construction	4	27	31
Religious	1	4	5
Social Welfare	29	26	55
Sports	1	2	3
Tertiary Education	7	26	33
Transport and Logistics	0	35	35
Wholesale and Retail	9	21	30
Miscellaneous	56	88	144
Not specified	196	372	568
Total	450	935	1 385 (Note)

Note : While there were an addition of 1 385 new data subjects to the CPI between end 2005 and end 2006, there were deletion of 332 data subjects from the CPI during the same period, of which, 53 were removed from the CPI as requested by the data subjects, and 279 were deleted following an updating exercise conducted by HAB in 2006 to remove those data subjects who passed away in previous years.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB080

Question Serial No.

2444

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the anticipated progress of the work in taking forward the West Kowloon Cultural District project?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

In April 2006, the Government established the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities (CACF) of the West Kowloon Cultural District (Consultative Committee) and its three Advisory Groups to re-examine, with a view to re-confirming as appropriate, the needs for CACF as defined in the Invitation for Proposals (IFP) and other arts and cultural facilities to be provided in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD), as well as the financial implications of developing and operating these facilities. The Consultative Committee and its three Advisory Groups have been working earnestly on their respective tasks since their establishment. The Performing Arts and Tourism Advisory Group and the Museums Advisory Group have respectively completed their deliberations and submitted their reports to the Consultative Committee. The Financial Matters Advisory Group based on recommendations of the two Advisory Groups is finalising its financial assessment and will submit a report to the Consultative Committee in due course. In light of the latest progress, the Consultative Committee is expected to complete its work around mid-2007. Having received the recommendations of the Consultative Committee, the Administration would consider how best to formulate proposals in the latter half of 2007 for establishing an independent statutory body to take forward the WKCD Development Project.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB081

Question Serial No.

2122

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In regulating authorised horse race, football betting and lotteries, what are the details of the work and the expenditure involved in 2006-07? What are the details of the relevant work and expenditure involved in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is responsible for the formulation and implementation of gambling policy, as well as the regulation of authorized gambling activities, including authorized horse race, football betting and lotteries. We work closely with the Betting and Lotteries Commission (the Commission) to ensure that authorized horse race and football betting and lotteries is properly regulated in accordance with the licence conditions and the legislative framework. In 2006-07, the relevant work was undertaken by a team comprising an Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1, an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, a Senior Administrative Officer, and an Executive Officer in the Bureau, as part of their duties.

The HAB will continue to work closely with the Commission to ensure that authorized horse race and football betting and lotteries are properly regulated. The manpower and resources devoted to this area of work in 2007-08 will be comparable to those in 2006-07.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB082

Question Serial No.

2123

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding public education on gambling-related issues, counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as research on the impact of gambling, what were the details of the work and the expenditure involved in 2006-07? What are the work plans and the estimated expenditure involved in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) which the Government set up in 2003 to finance preventive and remedial measures to address gambling-related problems, helped to finance the operation of the two pilot gambling counselling and treatment centres at about \$7 million. The Fund also financed public education programmes against gambling at about \$5 million. These programmes include the commissioning of the “Watching soccer but no betting” (睇波不賭波) campaign during the World Cup 2006 which aimed to promulgate the negative impact of gambling to all schools, parents and teachers in Hong Kong.

In 2007-08, we will continue to implement measures to address gambling-related problems, including prevention, counselling and treatment as well as other remedial services for problem and pathological gamblers. We plan to launch campaigns in schools and districts to educate the youths on the adverse consequences of gambling. We will also launch a new series of public education programme, including production of new posters, banners, and TV and radio Announcements in Public Interests to alert the public on gambling-related problems, as well as to remind them not to take part in any illegal gambling activities. We have yet to firm up the detailed budget but these programmes will be financed from the Fund.

To provide better assistance to the problem and pathological gamblers, we have commissioned two non-governmental organizations to operate two small-scale gambling counselling centres from 2007 to 2008 on pilot basis, in addition to the two large scale pilot centres which have been in operation since 2003. The two new pilot centres will adopt a community-based approach, and focus particularly on gambling problems in connection with youth, ethnic minority, women and elderly. These will also be financed from the Fund. The estimated expenditure on the four pilot counselling centres will amount to about \$10 million for the year 2007-08.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB083

Question Serial No.

2683

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has often been criticized for lavish spending in social activities. Has the Administration examined the estimates provided by EOC and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data before submitting the estimated provision under this Programme? If yes, what are the approving criteria?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) are required to submit their annual estimates of expenditure to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). In considering the level of subvention for the two bodies, HAB will take into account a number of factors including -

- (a) the overall government budgetary situation;
- (b) the existing operating expenditure of the two bodies;
- (c) price adjustments, if any, to reflect changes in the cost of providing existing services by the two bodies;
- (d) the additional cost for complying with any new statutory requirements; and
- (e) any surplus of income over expenditure of the two bodies in the previous year.

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HAB084

Question Serial No.

2684

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the
Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Estimates submitted by the Government do not provide the breakdown of the estimated expenditure of the two statutory bodies. Would the Government provide the relevant information such as the estimated expenditure on remuneration, operational expenses and function area?

Asked by : Hon.TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The estimated recurrent expenditures of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) in 2007-08 broken down by remuneration and operational expenses are as follows :

Items	Estimated Expenditures (\$M)	
	EOC	PCPD
Remuneration	53.40	25.42
Operational expenses	16.92	9.79
Total	70.32*	35.21

*The total financial provision to the EOC in 2007-08 is \$71.4M which comprises the recurrent expenditure of \$70.32M and \$1.064M for two non-recurrent projects (namely research and educational projects on equal pay for work of equal value; and production of sector targeted training modules) under items 145 &155 of subhead 700.

The estimated expenditures broken down by function area are as follows :

Function Area	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	
	EOC	PCPD
Enforcement	24.33	15.01
Publicity and Promotion	20.26	3.68
Administration (including overhead)	25.73	16.52
Total	70.32	35.21

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Reply Serial No.

HAB085

Question Serial No.

2685

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the two statutory bodies under this Programme consider deploying resources to study and establish a more transparent internal audit mechanism?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The Director of Audit has been empowered under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) and Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 480) respectively to conduct an examination into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) have expended their resources in performing their respective functions and exercising their powers.

Both the PCPD and EOC have no plan to establish an internal audit mechanism.

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Question Serial No.

2686

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Are there any changes in the establishment of the two bodies under the Programme in 2007-08?
If yes, please give details of the changes and the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

At present, the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) is served by 73 staff, including 65 staff on agreement terms and 8 temporary staff; while the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) is served by 53 staff, including 32 staff on agreement terms and 21 temporary staff. The staffing support for the EOC and PCPD in 2007-08 will remain the same.

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HAB087

Question Serial No.

2695

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (3) Information Policy

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Estimate under this Programme in 2007-08 is higher than the Revised Estimate in 2006-07, but significantly lower than the Original Estimate in 2006-07. Does the discrepancy mean that a mistake is made in the Estimate under this Programme in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The decrease in the 2006-07 Revised Estimate as compared with the 2006-07 Original Estimate is mainly due to a reduction in operating expenses to reflect the updated requirements for the Programme. The provision for 2007-08 Estimate is maintained at a comparable level to that of the 2006-07 Revised Estimate.

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HAB088

Question Serial No.

2696

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (3) Information Policy

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Government provide information on the work plans under this Programme and a breakdown of the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

A provision of \$7.5 million is proposed under this Programme in 2007-08 to cover salary and departmental expenses relating to the formulation and development of policy in respect of information, assisting bureaux and departments to comply with the Code on Access to Information (the Code), promoting the dissemination of Government information on the Internet, and undertaking housekeeping functions for the Information Services Department. In 2007-08, we shall continue to provide advice and guidance to bureaux and departments on matters related to compliance with the Code and promote the use of the Internet for dissemination of Government information.

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Question Serial No.

2697

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Expenditure under this programme will increase in 2007-08. One of the reasons is that the provision for sports promotion will increase. Would the Government provide the specific details of these promotion plans and the estimated expenditure on them?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The provision on recreation and sports in 2007-08 is \$16.8 million higher than the revised estimate in 2006-07. Discounting the one-off injection of \$40 million into the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2006-07, the increase of resources in 2007-08 is around \$56.8 million. The additional resources are provided mainly to take forward the initiatives announced by the Chief Executive in his 2006-07 Policy Address. Key activities include:-

- (i) joining hands with all sectors in the community to prepare for the staging of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events;
- (ii) enhancing the support to elite athletes; and
- (iii) planning the development of a Multi-purpose Stadium Complex in Kai Tak.

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Question Serial No.

2698

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There will be a net creation of five posts under this programme. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the rank and number of posts created and deleted, and the reasons for the creation/deletion?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

Of the additional five posts to be created in 2007-08, one Administrative Officer and two Executive Officers I would provide support for the planning and implementation of various recreation and sports initiatives as announced in the 2006-07 Policy Address. These initiatives include the redevelopment of Hong Kong Sports Institute; planning the development of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex in Kai Tak; enhancing the support to elite athletes; and providing a platform for and assisting the sports sector to engage business partners in organising international sports events.

The other two posts to be created in 2007-08 are time-limited Chief Executive Officer posts (up to end 2008). They would help strengthen the support necessary for the Home Affairs Bureau to discharge its role in co-ordinating essential Government functions in connection with the organisation of the 2008 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events.

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Question Serial No.

2699

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The expenditure under this Programme is more than double, due to the organization of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China. Would the Administration please provide details of the activities and the estimated expenditure for each activity?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Government will organise a wide variety of celebration events in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas from April to December 2007. They include ceremonial events, exhibitions and international conferences, cultural and sports events, district events, commissioning of infrastructure projects and celebration activities in the Mainland and overseas. Details of the celebration events will be announced towards the end of March 2007.

In 2007-08, an additional provision of around \$13 million has been earmarked under Head 53 Home Affairs Bureau Programme (4) District and Community Relations for work relating to the 10th Anniversary celebrations, including the setting up of a Celebrations Coordination Office (CCO). The increase under this Programme is also due to the transfer of a regular provision of \$8.8 million for the annual celebration of the establishment of the HKSAR from the Home Affairs Department to the Home Affairs Bureau, so that the planning and resources relating to the celebration are brought under one roof on this unique occasion. Of the total provision of \$21.8 million, it is estimated that about \$12.6 million is for staff cost, \$4.2 million for flag-raising ceremony, reception and banquet and \$5 million for project expenses. While staff cost and ceremonial events will be met by Government provision, we will encourage donations and sponsorship for other community participation events.

The CCO has been set up under the Home Affairs Bureau in January 2007 to co-ordinate the Government's efforts in organising ceremonial and major celebration events and to facilitate community involvement in the 10th Anniversary celebrations. There are at present 32 staff members in the CCO. Additional staff will be engaged to cater for operational needs as and when necessary.

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Question Serial No.

2378

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the reasons for the increase of 30.2% in the 2007-08 estimated expenditure when compared with the Revised Estimate? Please give a detailed breakdown.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The increase of 30.2% in the 2007-08 Estimate as compared with the 2006-07 Revised Estimate is mainly due to (i) provision of funds for initiatives for promotion of equal opportunities and human rights such as language classes and community development teams for ethnic minorities which are hitherto funded through internal redeployment of resources under Home Affairs Department's Head of Expenditure; (ii) increased cash flow requirements for non-recurrent projects which include activities under the "Hong Kong, Our Home" Campaign and production of publicity materials and other initiatives for promotion of human rights; and (iii) increase in operating expenses. The increase in expenditure accounted for by these items in 2007-08 are as follows –

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|-------|---|--------|
| (i) | Promotion of Equal Opportunities and Human Rights | \$4.1M |
| (ii) | Non-recurrent Projects | \$1.7M |
| (iii) | Operating Expenses | \$4.6M |

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HAB093

Question Serial No.

2461

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (8) Subvention: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council, Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited and Subvention for Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Provision for 2007-08 is 36.1% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. Please explain in detail the expenditure items involved.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

- (a) The amount of subvention under this Programme in 2007-08 is \$592.1 million, which is 36.1% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. The subvented organisations and the respective amounts of subvention are:

Name of Subvented Organisation	Amount of Subvention in 2007-08 \$ million	Amount of Subvention in 2006-07 (Revised Estimate) \$ million
Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited	121.3	175.6
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	173.4	162.1
Hong Kong Arts Development Council	70.1	97.4
Ten Major Performing Arts Groups	227.3	-
Total	592.1	435.1

(b) Details of expenditure are:

(i) **Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL)**

The recurrent subvention for the HKSIL for elite training is about \$100 million per annum. In 2006-07, the provision for HKSIL has included an additional one-off funding allocation of \$74.3 million for the purpose of enhancing the elite training programmes in anticipation of the coming major events. Discounting this one-off allocation, the recurrent subvention to HKSIL in 2007-08 has increased significantly reflecting the Government's commitment to support elite athletes. As announced in the Chief Executive's 2006-07 Policy Address, the Government will allocate an additional \$40 million recurrent funding each year from 2007-08 to provide enhanced support for our elite athletes in order to encourage and nurture more talented young people and disabled athletes to pursue a career in sports. We have earmarked about \$20 million from the additional funding to HKSIL as subvention for disbursement to athletes for enhancing the direct financial support/training grants to athletes.

(ii) **Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA)**

Subvention to HKAPA in 2007-08 has included additional funding for the continued development of the Full-time Diploma / Advanced Programmes in Chinese Traditional Theatre (Cantonese Opera); the introduction of a part-time course in the current Full-time Diploma / Advanced Diploma Programme in Chinese Traditional Theatre; and the establishment of a "Performing Arts Teaching Unit".

(iii) **Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC)**

Reduced Subvention to HKADC in 2007-08 is the result of a cost-neutral transfer of \$41.09 million to Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to implement the Committee on Performing Arts' recommendation that subvention to the four major performing arts companies currently funded by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the six major performing arts groups funded by the HKADC should be unified under HAB.

This reduction in 2007-08 is partly offset by an increase of \$10 million in recurrent subvention to HKADC to support budding artists and small/medium arts groups.

(iv) **Subvention for Major Performing Arts Groups**

This new item under HAB reflects the unified funding arrangement for major performing arts groups as mentioned above. The new arrangement is to prepare the ground for the development of a new set of common funding assessment criteria and the introduction of a new funding mechanism for the groups in 2009.

The \$227.3 million in 2007-08 will be earmarked to fund the activities of the above mentioned ten major performing arts groups, namely, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Hong Kong Dance Company, Hong Kong Repertory Theatre, Chung Ying Theatre, Hong Kong Ballet, City Contemporary Dance Company, Hong Kong Sinfonietta, Theatre Ensemble, and Zuni Icosahedron. Apart from encashing the in-kind support hitherto provided by LCSD to some performing arts groups, the transfer is by and large a cost neutral one.

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Question Serial No.

2462

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Provision for 2007-08 is 20% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. Please explain in detail the expenditure items involved.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The provision on recreation and sports in 2007-08 is \$16.8 million higher than the revised estimate in 2006-07. Netting off the one-off injection of \$40 million into the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund, the effective increase of resources in 2007-08 would be around \$56.8 million. The additional resources are provided mainly to take forward the initiatives covered by the Chief Executive in his 2006-07 Policy Address. Key activities include:-

- (i) joining hands with all sectors in the community to prepare for the staging of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events;
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Question Serial No.

2463

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate in 2007-08 increases by 25.9% over the revised estimate in 2006-07. Please give a detailed breakdown.

Asked by : Hon. James TIEN Pei-chun

Reply :

The provision for 2007-08 is 25.9% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. This is mainly due to-

- (a) the provision of \$10.25M for commissioning the Centre for Youth Development in 2008. The expenditure includes charges on water, electricity, gas, security and management, and publicity and promotional items; and
- (b) the cash flow requirement of \$3M for non-recurrent youth development projects such as a youth exchange programme for youths from Hong Kong and the Mainland.

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Question Serial No.

2693

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The provision for the Home Affairs Bureau in 2007-08 is 116.5% higher than the Revised Estimate for 2006-07. Please give a detailed breakdown.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

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In 2007-08, an additional provision of around \$13 million has been earmarked under Head 53 Home Affairs Bureau Programme (4) District and Community Relations for work relating to the 10th Anniversary celebrations, including the setting up of a Celebrations Coordination Office (CCO). The increase under this Programme is also due to the transfer of a regular provision of \$8.8 million for the annual celebration of the establishment of the HKSAR from the Home Affairs Department to the Home Affairs Bureau, so that the planning and resources relating to the celebration are brought under one roof on this unique occasion. Of the total provision of \$21.8 million, it is estimated that about \$12.6 million is for staff cost, \$4.2 million for flag-raising ceremony, reception and banquet and \$5 million for project expenses. While staff cost and ceremonial events will be met by Government provision, we will encourage donations and sponsorship for other community participation events.

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HAB097

Question Serial No.

2694

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the organisation of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2007-08, please advise the total amount of expenditure and provide a breakdown.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

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Question Serial No.

1201

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated expenditure for the Programme “District and Community Relations” under the Home Affairs Bureau in 2007-08 will be increased by 116.5% as compared with 2006-07. Would the Administration inform this Committee of :

- (a) the details of the increase of the estimated expenditure?
- (b) the provision for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and the number and details of the activities to be organized.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The increase of 116.5% in the 2007-08 Estimate as compared with the 2006-07 Revised Estimate is mainly due to the increased provision for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR.
- (b) To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, the Government will organise a wide variety of celebration events in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas from April to December 2007. They include ceremonial events, exhibitions and international conferences, cultural and sports events, district events, commissioning of infrastructure projects and celebration activities in the Mainland and overseas. Details of the celebration events will be announced towards the end of March 2007.

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HAB099

Question Serial No.

1202

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The provision for Rights of the Individual for the Home Affairs Bureau in 2007-08 is \$11M higher than the Revised Estimate in 2006-07. Would the Administration inform this Committee of :

- (a) the reasons for the increase;
- (b) the respective amount earmarked for the promotion of equal opportunities and human rights, and non-recurrent projects in the provision for 2007-08;
- (c) the non-recurrent projects involved.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The increase of 30.2% in the 2007-08 Estimate as compared with the 2006-07 Revised Estimate is mainly due to (i) provision of funds for initiatives for promotion of equal opportunities and human rights such as language classes and community development teams for ethnic minorities which are hitherto funded through internal redeployment of resources under Home Affairs Department's Head of Expenditure; (ii) increased cash flow requirements for non-recurrent projects which include activities under the "Hong Kong, Our Home" Campaign and production of publicity materials and other initiatives for promotion of human rights; and (iii) increase in operating expenses.
- (b) The respective amounts earmarked for the promotion of equal opportunities and human rights, and for non-recurrent projects in the provision for 2007-08 are \$9.56M and \$2.06M.
- (c) The non-recurrent projects include two activities under the "Hong Kong, Our Home" Campaign, namely the organisation of the Hong Kong Harmonious Family Drive and the International Association on Community Development Hong Kong Conference 2007, as well as initiatives such as production of publicity materials and other initiatives for promotion of human rights.

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HAB100

Question Serial No.

1675

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the provision for youth development programme will be increased by 25.9%. Would the Administration please advise-

- (a) What are the projects covered by the increased provision?
- (b) What is the estimated allocation for the Centre for Youth Development? What is its main work?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The increased provision for 2007-08 under youth development programme is mainly due to the provision for commissioning the Centre for Youth Development (CYD) in 2008, and the cash flow requirement for non-recurrent youth development projects such as youth exchange programme for youths from Hong Kong and the Mainland.
- (b) The estimated allocation for the CYD is \$10.25M in 2007-08. The Centre aims to serve as a focal point for territory-wide youth development activities in Hong Kong, with facilities and venues for promoting youth development and training.

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Question Serial No.

1678

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (6) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2006-07, regarding the indicator in respect of the number of underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk taking Outward Bound School courses, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) why the actual number of assisted persons taking courses in 2006 has decreased by 139 as compared to 2005? Please provide the number of underprivileged persons, disabled persons and young people at risk involved respectively?
- (b) what is the estimated expenditure on this item for 2007-08?
- (c) why does the Administration still estimate the number of assisted persons to be 672, despite of the fact that the actual number of assisted persons is decreased from 569 in 2005 to 430 in 2006?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Reply to (a) and (c):

The annual subvention provided to the Outward Bound School (OBS) serves to assist an average of about 550 underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk (the target group) to take courses of OBS each year. In 2006, the OBS adopted a new programme planning strategy and re-scheduled some of the courses for the target group to the first quarter of 2007 with a view to providing better services. As such, the number of persons in the target group who took courses of OBS in 2006 was only 430, showing a drop of 139 persons as compared to 2005. It is expected that the number of participants taking courses of OBS will move up to 672 persons in 2007 (i.e. 103 persons above 569 in 2005).

The numbers of underprivileged persons, disabled persons and young people at risk taking OBS courses in 2006 are as follows –

Underprivileged Persons	232
Disabled Persons	64
Young people at risk	134
Total	430

Reply to (b):

The subsidy to be provided to OBS for assisting the underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk to take OBS courses in 2007-08 is estimated to be \$1.771 million.

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HAB103

Question Serial No.

1679

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In this programme, the revised estimate for 2006-07 is increased by over three times as compared with the original estimate. Would the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the reasons for such substantial increase?
- (b) how will the increased amount of the revised estimate be spent? What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The increase in the revised estimate for 2006-07 over the original estimate is mainly due to increased expenditure on non-recurrent projects.
- (b) The increased expenditure can be accounted for by the injection of funds into the culture side of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (\$40 million), the injection of funds into the Arts Development Fund (\$20 million), and the engagement of Financial Advisor for the Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District and Related Matters (\$4.2 million).

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HAB104

Question Serial No.

1680

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08 that the Equal Opportunities Commission will examine the feasibility of establishing an Equal Opportunities Tribunal. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure on examining the feasibility of establishing an Equal Opportunities Tribunal?
- (b) When will the relevant study begin and be completed?
- (c) Will the result of the study be made public? If yes, when?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The examination on the feasibility of establishing an Equal Opportunities Tribunal mainly entails the establishment of a working group which would be served by the existing manpower of the Equal Opportunities Commission.
- (b) The study, already commenced in July 2006, is expected to be completed in 2008.
- (c) The outcome of the study will be made public after its completion.

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Question Serial No.

0961

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (7) Culture

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the respective amount of resources earmarked for the promotion of creative industries in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07? How is the effectiveness? What is the expenditure and the projects to be launched for the promotion of creative industries in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

The actual expenditure on the promotion of creative industries in 2004-05 and 2005-06 was \$10.53 million and \$10.00 million respectively. The revised estimate for similar activities in 2006-07 is \$11.24 million.

The promotional activities organised in the past few years have been effective in raising public awareness and interest in the importance of creative industries to the economic and cultural development of Hong Kong.

One indicator of the promotional impact is the year-on-year rising attendance figures at the Asia Cultural Cooperation Forum (ACCF), which is organised by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) since 2003 to provide a platform for experience-sharing in the development of creative industries and build up the momentum in regional cultural cooperation. Apart from official participants, the Forum has seen a rising trend of participation by members of the public from the attendance of 2 000 at ACCF 2003 to nearly 4 000 at ACCF 2006. ('Body Movies in Hong Kong' which was the largest public engagement session under ACCF 2006 attracted a spectator number of 250 000.)

For 2007-08, the HAB has included \$9.50 million under Head 53 to organise or sponsor activities to promote creative industries. Notable examples of the proposed activities include -

- (i) **The 5th Asia Cultural Cooperation Forum 2007** – As in the past, this cultural event will continue to enhance partnership between governments and facilitate and promote private sector collaboration. The Forum this year will be held in July.
- (ii) **Hong Kong Music Fair 2008** – It is one of the eight events under the Entertainment Expo. It provides a platform for industry players to network, promote and explore business opportunities and new directions of the music industry.

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HAB107

Question Serial No.

2574

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the details of the programme for promoting civic education outside schools in the financial year 2007-08? What is the estimated provision?

Asked by : Hon WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

In 2007-08, we will be working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to implement a series of activities to promote civic education outside schools. The estimated total expenditure is \$10,315,000. The major projects are as follows –

Activities	Estimated Expenditure (\$)
(1) Community Participation Scheme for subsidizing civic education activities organized by non-governmental/community organizations and for promoting certain core civic values at the district level	2,500,000 ¹
(2) Production of a new TV Announcement of Public Interest on national education	1,200,000
(3) TV Programme to promote harmonious community and corporate citizenship	600,000
(4) Survey on corporate citizenship with a view to preparing a handbook and building up a charter for corporate citizenship	260,000 ²
(5) Civic education telephone hotline stories	140,000
(6) Publicity/promotion projects to promote harmonious community, national education, and corporate citizenship (e.g. joining the Hong Kong Book Fair in 2007) and publications/education materials	4,965,000

Activities	Estimated Expenditure (\$)
(7) Promotion of the Basic Law through activities like competition and roving performance of interactive drama in secondary schools, and education materials/ teaching kits	650,000

Note 1: The scheme will be operated at an estimated total cost of \$5,500,000, with \$3,000,000 to be provided by the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries.

Note 2: The total estimated expenditure for the survey is \$1,296,800, with amounts of \$388,800 and \$648,000 settled in 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

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Question Serial No.

2575

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (2) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How much resources will be allocated for promoting awareness of racial harmony and equality and also equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations through publicity and educational measures? Are there any changes in the strategy on resources allocation in comparison with that in 2006-07? What are the major public programmes in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

In 2007-08, a total of \$11.92 million will be allocated for promoting awareness of racial harmony and equality and also equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations. The strategy on resource allocation for 2007-08, which remains the same as that in 2006-07, will continue to focus on promoting integration and harmony in the community, through public education and provision of support services to the ethnic minorities. Our specific initiatives planned for 2007-08 include –

I. For promoting racial harmony and equality

- (a) Equal Opportunities (Race) Funding Scheme for funding community projects to promote racial harmony;
- (b) Mobile Information Service for ethnic minorities arriving at the Airport;
- (c) Publication and updating of Service Guide Books in minority languages;
- (d) Cross-cultural programme to provide Cantonese lessons and mentorship programmes for young persons in the ethnic minority communities;
- (e) Cantonese and English classes for ethnic minorities;
- (f) Harmony Scholarship to recognize schools that have made effort in diversifying their enrolment;
- (g) Ethnic Minority Radio Programmes in three key minority languages, namely Bahasa Indonesia, Urdu and Nepali;
- (h) A variety show to promote understanding and appreciation of ethnic minority cultures;
- (i) Two Community Support Teams to provide “self-help” services to Pakistanis and Nepalese;
- (j) Two Community Development Teams for Ethnic Minorities from South Asia;
- (k) School talks for public education on racial harmony and equality; and
- (l) Maintaining a race relations hotline.

II. For promoting equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations –

- (a) Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme for funding community projects;
- (b) Organizing an Awareness Day together with members of the Sexual Minorities Forum which the Government established to promote equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations;
- (c) Maintaining a hotline service for enquiries and complaints in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity; and
- (d) Launching other publicity and education programmes such as poster campaigns.

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Question Serial No.

2576

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The statutory and charitable funds income has increased due to a number of equity disposal made during the year. The income of \$193m almost doubles that of \$66m in 2005. For what reasons and under what circumstances will equity disposal be made?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

The investment decisions including the disposal of equities are made by the committees appointed under the respective ordinances or trust deeds which established these statutory and charitable funds; or by the financial institutions appointed by the respective committees, having regard to a wide range of factors including the prevailing market situation, performance of individual investment instruments, and the overall investment portfolio of the funds concerned.

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Question Serial No.

2577

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under this Programme, provision for 2007-08 is \$30.3M (116.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. It is mainly for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. Does the Administration have any specific plan to conduct public education on gambling-related issues, provide counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as conduct research on the impact of gambling? How much resources will be required? What is the percentage of the expenditure involved against the increased provision?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is responsible for the formulation and implementation of gambling policy, as well as the regulation of authorized gambling activities, including authorized horse race, football betting and lotteries. In 2006-07, the relevant work was undertaken by a team comprising an Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1, an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, a Senior Administrative Officer, and an Executive Officer in the Bureau, as part of their duties. The manpower and resources devoted to this area of work in 2007-08 will be comparable to those in 2006-07 and therefore does not contribute to the significant increase in provision under Programme 4.

The Government separately established in 2003 the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) to finance preventive and remedial measures to address gambling-related problems. The expenditure of the Fund is separately accounted for and does not feature as part of the General Revenue Account under Programme 4.

In 2006-07, the Fund supported programmes to address gambling-related problems at a total cost of \$12 million. We expect that similar resources will be made available in 2007-08. In 2007-08, we will continue to implement measures to address gambling-related problems, including prevention, counselling and treatment as well as other remedial services for problem and pathological gamblers. We plan to launch campaigns in schools and districts to educate the youths on the adverse consequences of gambling. We will also launch a new series of public education programme, including production of new posters, banners and, TV and radio Announcements in Public Interests to alert the public on gambling-related problems, as well as to remind them not to take part in any illegal gambling activities. We have yet to firm up the detailed budget but these programmes will be financed from the Fund.

To provide better assistance to the problem and pathological gamblers, we have commissioned two non-governmental organizations using the Fund to operate two small-scale gambling counselling centres from 2007 to 2008 on pilot basis, in addition to the two large scale pilot centres which have been in operation since 2003. The two new pilot centres will adopt a community-based approach, and focus particularly on gambling problems in connection with youth, ethnic minority, women and elderly. The estimated expenditure on the four pilot counselling centres will amount to about \$10 million for the year 2007-08.

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Question Serial No.

2578

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (5) Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Provision for 2007-08 is \$17.5M higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. This is mainly due to increased provision for the operation and maintenance of the Centre for Youth Development (CYD) and the cashflow requirement for a non-recurrent project. Please set out the annual expenditure on the operation and maintenance of CYD and give details of the increased cash flow requirement of the non-recurrent project.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

We plan to commission CYD in 2008 and based on some previous estimates, have included a provision of \$10.25M in 2007-08 for operating CYD, covering charges on water, electricity, gas, security and management, and publicity and promotional items. However, this is a very preliminary estimate and is subject to change in the light of the finalised operational mode of the Centre.

The cash flow requirement in 2007-08 of the non-recurrent youth development project, comprising a youth exchange programme for youths from Hong Kong and the Mainland, is estimated at about \$3M.

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Question Serial No.

1545

Head : 53 – Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will enhance the work of the Government in districts through the newly formed Steering Committee on District Administration. What is the estimated operational expenses of the Steering Committee in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

The newly established Steering Committee on District Administration, which provides a forum for top management in various government departments to exchange views on issues of mutual concern and resolve district management issues that cut across different bureaux / departments, is serviced by the Home Affairs Department with existing staff resources.

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Question Serial No.

1546

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Bureau

Programme : (4) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the exploration of the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of the Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC), is there any proposal for new sites? If yes, please give information on their locations and areas as well as when the Administration will consult the District Councils about the sites?

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries is in the process of identifying suitable sites for development of new columbarium facilities with relevant bureaux/ departments. The relevant District Councils will be consulted as and when suitable sites have been identified.

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Question Serial No.

0464

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Department will set up an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit on 1 April 2007 to continue to provide support services for small estate beneficiaries to handle small estate and properties. What are the details? What would be the establishment of the unit? How many cases are expected to be handled in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department will set up an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit on 1 April 2007 and take over from the Inland Revenue Department the provision of the following services for estate beneficiaries upon application –

- (a) issuing a Confirmation Notice for the administration of a small estate wholly made up of money not exceeding \$50,000 in aggregate value;
- (b) issuing a Certificate for Necessity of Release of Money from the bank accounts of the deceased person to meet the funeral expenses of the deceased person; or the maintenance of former dependants of the deceased person;
- (c) issuing a Certificate for Necessity of Inspection of Bank Deposit Box and sending officers to witness the inspection of safe deposit boxes and the preparation of an inventory of their contents; and
- (d) issuing an Authorization for Removal from Bank Deposit Box any specified documents and/or articles.

The Unit will be situated on the 3rd floor of Southorn Centre, Wan Chai. It will have a staff of 23 executive and clerical grade officers. The Inland Revenue Department handled about 25,000 enquiries and processed about 4,600 applications for the above services during March 2006 – February 2007. We expect a similar caseload in 2007-08.

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HAB115

Question Serial No.

0467

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The 2007-08 estimate for this subhead records a 10.4% increase over the revised estimate for 2006-07. One of the reasons is the additional provision for the implementation of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Please provide details of the activities and their estimated expenditure in this specific category of work.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

In 2007-08, \$23.976 million has been earmarked under Head 63 Home Affairs Department Programme (2) Community Building for celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). With this allocation as well as community sponsorship, the department will organise 5 territory-wide and over 60 district-based activities with emphasis on community involvement and working towards the objective of building a harmonious and cohesive community. Details of the five territory-wide celebration activities are as follows –

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Estimated budget</u> (HK\$ million)
1. Photo Competition	To organise a photo competition and stage a roving exhibition of the winning entries in the 18 districts	0.7
2. Bunting Design Competition	To organise bunting design competition for members of the public to express their creativity and talent in celebrating the 10th Anniversary and arrange bunting display in the 18 districts	1.71
3. Tree Planting and Greening in the 18 Districts	To organise tree planting and greening activities in the 18 districts	1.62

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Estimated budget</u> (HK\$ million)
4. Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions	To organise a series of 20 cultural and arts competitions	0.18
5. Territory-wide Building Management Quiz Competition	To organise a quiz in newspaper for members of the public and a game show on TV for Owners Corporations invited	0.58

As the district-based activities are under preparation, detailed information including schedules and estimated budget of individual activities are not available at this stage.

Planning of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR is still in progress. More activities may be organized within the earmarked provision.

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HAB116

Question Serial No.

0589

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The actual average usage rate of multi-purpose halls in community centres was 80.7% in 2006 and the estimated average usage rate is 80% in 2007. Please give a breakdown of the usage rate of these multi-purpose halls in 2006 by district.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

A breakdown of the usage rates of multi-purpose halls in our community centres in 2006 by district is given in the table attached. The usage rates are worked out on the basis of the total available time-slots including non-peak hours such as mealtimes and early mornings.

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Usage Rates of Multi-purpose Halls in Community Centres in 2006

District	Usage Rate in 2006
Eastern	70.8%
Southern	65.3%
Kwun Tong	71.9%
Sham Shui Po	74.4%
Wong Tai Sin	85.4%
Yau Tsim Mong	N.A. (The multi-purpose hall in Henry G. Leong Community Centre was closed in 2006 for renovation)
Kwai Tsing	76.2%
Sai Kung	81.4%
Sha Tin	88.3%
Tai Po	88.6%
Tsuen Wan	84.5%
Tuen Mun	92.6%
Yuen Long	87.2%

Usage Rates of Multi-purpose Halls in Community Halls in 2006

District	Usage Rate in 2006
Central & Western	54.4%
Eastern	65.6%
Southern	47.7%
Wan Chai	57.8%
Kwun Tong	73.1%
Sham Shui Po	79.6%
Wong Tai Sin	78.2%
Yau Tsim Mong	74.6%
Kwai Tsing	73.9%
North	45.1%
Sai Kung	76.4%
Sha Tin	88.3%
Tai Po	82.4%
Tsuen Wan	81.1%
Tuen Mun	83.2%
Yuen Long	75.5%

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HAB118

Question Serial No.

0591

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): Community
Building

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Administrative Region, the Administration will organize a number of territory-wide activities, including Tree Planting Day, Bunting Design Competition and Photo Competition, as well as over 50 district-based activities. Please inform this Committee the details of the activities, time schedule and expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

In 2007-08, \$23.976 million has been earmarked under Head 63 Home Affairs Department Programme (2) Community Building for celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). With this allocation as well as community sponsorship, the department will organise 5 territory-wide and over 60 district-based activities with emphasis on community involvement and working towards the objective of building a harmonious and cohesive community. Details of the five territory-wide celebration activities are as follows –

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Estimated budget</u> (HK\$ million)	<u>Schedule</u>
1. Photo Competition	To organise a photo competition and stage a roving exhibition of the winning entries in the 18 districts	0.7	November 2006 – June 2007
2. Bunting Design Competition	To organise bunting design competition for members of the public to express their creativity and talent in celebrating the 10th Anniversary and arrange bunting display in the 18 districts	1.71	March 2007 – July 2007

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Estimated budget</u> (HK\$ million)	<u>Schedule</u>
3. Tree Planting and Greening in the 18 Districts	To organise tree planting and greening activities in the 18 districts	1.62	April 2007 – May 2007
4. Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions	To organise a series of 20 cultural and arts competitions	0.18	December 2006 – July 2007
5. Territory-wide Building Management Quiz Competition	To organise a quiz in newspaper for members of the public and a game show on TV for Owners Corporations invited	0.58	July 2007 – September 2007

As the district-based activities are under preparation, detailed information including schedules and estimated budget of individual activities are not available at this stage.

Planning of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR is still in progress. More activities may be organized within the earmarked provision.

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Question Serial No.

1595

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicator “DC minor environmental improvement projects”, the estimated number of projects in 2007 is 218, which is 18 projects fewer than the actual figure of 236 projects in 2006 and represents a decrease of 8%. Please inform this Committee the reasons for the decrease.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

Under the relevant District Council review recommendation, government will provide resources for the four pilot districts (Sai Kung, Tuen Mun, Wan Chai and Wong Tai Sin) to implement district minor works with a dedicated block vote in 2007-08. Consequently, the Minor Environmental Improvement (MEI) programme for these four pilot districts will cease in 2007-08 as such improvement projects would be carried out under their district minor works programme, and the total number of MEI projects (to be implemented in the remaining 14 non-pilot districts only) would show a decrease in 2007.

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Question Serial No.

1596

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicator "local public works (maintenance) projects", the estimated number of projects in 2007 is 463, which is 20 projects fewer than the actual figure of 483 projects in 2006 and represents a decrease of 4%. Please inform this Committee of the reasons for the decrease.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The Local Public Works (Maintenance) vote is used for carrying out maintenance of local public works in rural areas of the New Territories and for emergency repairs arising from natural disasters. When planning these projects, we have to take into account relevant factors such as the need for repair and maintenance, technical issues and priorities of projects, etc. Hence, the number of projects implemented may vary from year to year.

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Question Serial No.

1597

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicator “rural public works projects”, the estimated provision in 2007 is \$120M, which is \$15M more than the actual expenditure of \$105M in 2006 and represents an increase of 14.3%. Please inform this Committee of the reasons for the increase.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The objective of Rural Public Works (RPW) programme is to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas of the New Territories in response to local demand. Projects may include the construction of footpaths, drainage systems, sitting-out areas and rainshelters, etc. The planning and implementation of projects of different nature involve different time frames. Hence, the number of projects implemented and the level of expenditure involved under the RPW programme will vary each year depending on the need, and the scope and nature of projects proposed by the rural community. The estimated expenditure for 2007 is derived based on the spending pattern of the past years (as the actual expenditure for 2005 is \$121 million).

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Question Serial No.

1641

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the indicators under this Programme, the actual number of Rural Public Works projects in 2006 was 99, 41 projects (-29%) fewer than the 2006 estimate of 140. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the significant reduction in the number of such projects?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The objective of the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme is to enhance the infrastructure and living environment of the rural areas of the New Territories in response to local demand. Implementation of RPW projects is affected by various factors such as the scale and nature of the projects, site constraints, any local objections, land ownership and technical problems etc. In 2006, due to the aforementioned factors, there was a small slippage for some 40 projects which would be completed in the first quarter of 2007. Home Affairs Department will closely monitor these projects to ensure their timely completion.

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HAB124

Question Serial No.

1593

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that a total of \$150 million has been earmarked for the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the Programme) for five years starting from 2006-07. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

1. Whether the annual estimate of a mere \$30 million is sufficient?
2. Whether there are changes in the estimate for the Programme in 2007-08 as compared with 2006-07?
3. What are the measure and plans for the Programme to capitalise on the resources of the business sector, social welfare sector and education sector?
4. What are the specific plans and objectives of the Programme in the coming year, such as the number of enterprises benefitted or the number of new job opportunities?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

A total of \$150 million has been earmarked for five years starting 2006-07 to strengthen district-based poverty alleviation work. To implement this initiative, the Home Affairs Department launched the Programme in June 2006. Under the Programme, non-government organisations and district associations may apply for grants to implement projects that would create employment opportunities for the disadvantaged groups or promote social enterprises.

So far, we have approved 41 projects which will create an estimated 750 employments and involve an estimated cashflow requirement of \$10 million in 2006-07. The estimated provision for the Programme in 2007-08 is \$45 million, comprising mainly the cashflow requirement of the 41 approved projects and the new successful applications in the year.

Under the Programme, we have encouraged collaborations among different sectors of the community in initiating projects leading to job opportunities for the disadvantaged groups in the districts. Of the approved projects, there are cases of collaboration with the business sector in the provision of catering services, with the social welfare sector in the provision of health care services, and with the Employment Retraining Board in the provision of retraining courses to employees of approved projects.

In 2007-08, applications for grants from the Programme will continue to be open all year round to enable worthwhile projects to obtain grants for implementation. To facilitate applications, we held a briefing session in February 2007 to share experience with 300 representatives from non-government organisations and district bodies on the application process and the preparation of practical proposals. Interested parties have been encouraged to submit proposals for grants under the Programme. The Programme Secretariat will monitor the progress of the approved projects and, where appropriate, arrange mentors to provide support and advice to the grantees on the implementation of their projects.

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HAB125

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Question Serial No.

0207

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated number of District Council consultations on district and territory-wide issues by the Administration in 2007-08 is significantly fewer than the actual number recorded in 2005 and 2006. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Government is firmly committed to consulting the District Councils (DCs) on district and territory-wide issues.

The number of DC consultations varies from year to year. We expect a smaller number in 2007 as the operation of DCs will be suspended from early October in preparation for the 2007 DC Election until the commencement of the new term (2008-2011).

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HAB126

Question Serial No.

0208

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will conduct an evaluation study of the pilot scheme before embarking on the full implementation of the recommendations in the 2006 District Council Review in the 18 districts. Please inform this Committee:

- (a) When will the results of the study be available and whether the Administration will promulgate the results and consult the public?
- (b) If the pilot scheme is implemented, will a separate budget and provision be sought? If so, please give details.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) One of the recommendations of the 2006 DC Review was to launch a pilot scheme on 1 January 2007 to involve DCs in the management of district facilities in four selected districts before the full implementation of the recommendations of the DC Review in all 18 districts from the next DC term.

The Administration has engaged a tertiary institution to conduct an evaluation study of the effectiveness of the pilot scheme. The study team is expected to complete its evaluation by the end of 2007 and would present its findings to the relevant stakeholders, including the Legislative Council and the 18 DCs.

- (b) The Administration has considered it necessary to provide additional resources to the pilot DCs for discharging their enhanced role in the management of district facilities. Each pilot DC would be given an additional allocation of \$3 million for 2007-08 to implement various community involvement projects and \$5 million to implement district minor works projects. We have issued new guidelines to the pilot districts for implementing these projects.

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HAB128

Question Serial No.

0708

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the analysis of financial provision for the Home Affairs Department (HAD), the overall estimated expenditure of HAD in 2007-08 is 11.4% higher than that in 2006-07, but the estimate for Programme (3) "Local Environmental Improvements" is more or less the same as the original estimate in 2006-07. Will this have any implications on the time awaiting implementation of the local environmental improvement projects? How many projects are there on the waiting list? Will the estimate be adjusted so as to implement more minor works projects in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In 2007, the total estimated expenditure under the Home Affairs Department's minor works programmes (including District Council (DC) minor environmental improvement projects, local public works (maintenance) projects, Rural Public Works projects and Urban Minor Works projects) is \$204.3 million. This represents an increase of 6.4% when compared with the actual expenditure (\$192.1 million) in 2006. In 2007, we plan to implement 886 projects, representing an increase of five projects over 2006.

In addition, under the recommendations of the 2006 DC Review, the Government will set up a dedicated block vote with a provision of \$20 million in 2007-08 for the four pilot districts (Sai Kung, Tuen Mun, Wan Chai and Wong Tai Sin) to implement minor works projects initiated by DCs.

In view of the above, it is likely that more local environmental improvement projects will be implemented in 2007-08.

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HAB129

Question Serial No.

0709

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As regards the analysis of financial provision for the Home Affairs Department, please give the main reason for the decrease of 3.5% in the revised estimate over the original estimate in 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The provision for the 2006-07 revised estimates of \$1,217.0 million is \$43.8 million or 3.5% lower than the 2006-07 original estimates of \$1,260.8 million. This is mainly due to reduced expenditure on civil service salaries, decreased operating expenses, and reduced cashflow requirements for implementing the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme and community involvement projects, partly offset by increased provision for the employment of temporary staff and honoraria for District Council members.

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HAB131

Question Serial No.

1587

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Is the provision for “Honoraria for members of committees” under Departmental Expenses wholly for the honoraria for District Council members? If not, what is the provision for the honoraria for members of other committees in 2007-08? Please also provide information on the number of the committees involved and the level of honorarium for each member.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The sum of \$235,629,000 under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, earmarked for “Honoraria for members of committees” for 2007-08, will be used solely to cover the honorarium, Operating Expenses Allowance and Miscellaneous Expenses Allowance for members of the 18 District Councils (DCs). Details of the entitlement of each DC member under this Subhead are as follows -

Item	Amount (per month)
Honorarium	\$17,350
Operating Expenses Allowance	\$18,306
Miscellaneous Expenses Allowance (with effect from 1 January 2008)	\$4,000

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Question Serial No.

1588

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate in 2007-08 is \$1,293,190,000, representing a 10.4% increase over the revised estimate in 2006-07. Please inform this Committee how much of the increased provision will be used for organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and how it will be allocated to the 18 District Councils.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In 2007-08, the proposed provision for the Home Affairs Department is \$1,355.3 million, 11.4% higher than the revised Estimate for 2006-07. Within the proposed provision, \$23.976 million has been earmarked under Programme (2) Community Building for celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). With this allocation as well as community sponsorship, the department will organise five territory-wide and over 50 district-based activities with emphasis on community involvement and working towards the objective of building a harmonious and cohesive community.

The resources for organising district-based celebration activities will be allocated to the 18 District Offices upon approval of their proposals.

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HAB133

Question Serial No.

1589

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate in 2007-08 is \$1,293,190,000, representing a 10.4% increase over the revised estimate in 2006-07. Please inform this Committee how much of the increased provision will be allocated for implementing the recommendations of the 2006 District Council Review.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The additional provision under Subhead 000 Operational expenses for 2007-08, as compared to 2006-07, for implementing the recommendations of the 2006 District Council (DC) Review is set out below -

Item	Additional Provision for 2007-08
(a) Staff costs to provide additional support to the DCs	\$7,195,000
(b) Improvements in the remuneration for DC members	\$20,629,000
(c) Additional resources for DCs to undertake community involvement projects	\$12,000,000
Total:	\$39,824,000

In addition, a new dedicated block vote has been set up under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, Head 707-Subhead 7016CX, to provide resources for DCs in the four pilot districts (Sai Kung, Tuen Mun, Wan Chai and Wong Tai Sin) to implement district minor works which may include minor environmental improvement (MEI) projects. A provision of \$20 million will be made available to the four pilot DCs in 2007-08 for the aforementioned purposes. With this new dedicated vote, the previous funding arrangements for MEI and urban minor works in the pilot districts would cease in 2007-08.

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HAB134

Question Serial No.

1590

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 654
Local public
works (block
vote)

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated expenditure in 2007-08 is \$33,325,000, representing a slight decrease as compared with the revised estimate of \$33,500,000 in 2006-07. What are the reasons for the decrease?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Local Public Works (Maintenance) vote is used for carrying out maintenance of local public works in rural areas of the New Territories and for emergency repairs arising from natural disasters. When planning these projects, we have to take into account relevant factors such as the need for repair and maintenance, technical issues and priorities of projects, etc. Hence, the estimated expenditure may vary from year to year. The estimated provision of \$33.325 million for 2007-08 only represents a marginal difference of 0.5% when compared with the revised estimate of \$33.500 million for 2006-07.

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HAB135

Question Serial No.

1591

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 654 Local
public works
(block vote)

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With the provision for 2007-08, how many projects for maintenance of local public works in rural areas will be carried out? Please give specific details of the maintenance projects.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Local Public Works (Maintenance) vote is used for carrying out maintenance of local public works funded by this Department in rural areas of the New Territories and for emergency repairs arising from natural disasters. In 2007, we plan to implement 463 projects with an estimated expenditure of \$33.5 million under this vote. These include maintenance of drainage channels, stream embankments, footpaths and village notice boards. Urgent remedial works to damaged works caused by rainstorms and typhoons are carried out as and when required.

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HAB136

Question Serial No.

1592

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 654
Local public
works (block
vote)

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the provision under this subhead, what is the amount earmarked for emergency repairs resulting from natural disasters? From past experience, what is the expenditure incurred in emergency repairs resulting from natural disasters each year?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Local Public Works (Maintenance) vote is used for carrying out maintenance of local public works in rural areas of the New Territories and for emergency repairs arising from natural disasters. The estimated provision for the Local Public Works (Maintenance) vote in 2007-08 is \$33.325 million, of which about 18% (i.e. about \$6 million) has been earmarked for emergency repairs of damages caused by natural disasters such as rainstorms and typhoons. By virtue of the unanticipated nature of emergency repairs, this amount is deliberately set on the generous side to cater for unexpected circumstances. As we move on during the year, we will closely monitor the expenditure having regard to the actual circumstances and, where appropriate, we will re-deploy parts of the provision to other maintenance works to ensure optimal utilization of the provision concerned.

From past experience in 2005-06 and 2006-07, the expenditure incurred for emergency repairs resulting from natural disasters was in the range of \$600,000 to \$800,000 each year.

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Question Serial No.

1913

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the main reasons for the difference of 5.6% between the revised estimate and the original estimate in 2006-07? What are the main reasons for the increase of 14.8% in the 2007-08 estimate over the 2006-07 revised estimate?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The revised estimate of \$492.5 million for Programme (2) Community Building is \$29.1 million or 5.6% lower than the original estimate of \$521.6 million for 2006-07. This is mainly due to reduced cashflow requirements for implementing the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme having regard to the number of applications approved in 2006-07, and reduced provision for community building projects in the light of the latest spending position of District Council funds.

The provision of \$565.4 million for 2007-08 is \$72.9 million or 14.8% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. This is mainly due to additional cashflow requirements for the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme, celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit and the implementation of new community building initiatives.

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Question Serial No.

1914

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the promotion of road safety and the monitoring of the provision of services for new arrivals from the Mainland to facilitate their integration into the community, please inform this Committee of the work targets and planned objectives of these two areas of work in 2007-08, as well as the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

Apart from the Hong Kong Police Force, district-based road safety promotional activities such as carnivals, exhibitions and talks are mainly carried out through working groups under District Councils or committees under District Offices. In addition to following the theme laid down by the Road Safety Council under the Hong Kong Police Force, i.e. Smart Driving with Courtesy, individual districts may have their own work objective having regard to their circumstances. The main target of these activities is to promote road safety and reduce accidents; and to work towards the vision of 'Zero Accidents on the Road, Hong Kong's Goal'. As the working groups and committees have yet to plan their activities for 2007-08, details of the district-based road safety promotional activities and the budget are not available at this stage.

For 2007-08, the Home Affairs Department has earmarked around \$2 million to carry out programmes aiming at facilitating the early integration of new arrivals from the Mainland into the community. These include the publication of a handbook to provide new arrivals with information about various public services available to them. In addition, a wide range of community education programmes and territory-wide publicity campaigns will be organised to promote a harmonious community.

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Question Serial No.

1915

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme to promote sustainable poverty prevention and alleviation efforts at district level, the Administration has earmarked a total of \$150 million for the Programme for 5 years starting from 2006-07. Please inform this Committee of the expenditure incurred and details of implementation since the launch of the Programme in June 2006:

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

Since the launch of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (“the Programme”) in June 2006, we have received 82 applications. Among them, 41 applications have been approved involving a total grant of some \$38 million. These projects are being implemented in various districts including Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung. They will create some 750 employment opportunities for the socially disadvantaged.

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Question Serial No.

1916

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): Community
Building

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the rates exemption applications processed, the estimated caseload in 2007-08 is the same as the actual figure in 2006. Please inform this Committee whether all the applications submitted in 2006-07 were processed within the year. Are there any outstanding applications? If yes, how many? What was the expenditure for processing these applications in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In 2006-07, we have received 1 191 rates exemption applications (up to end February 2007). Of these, we have completed processing of 529 applications and the remaining 662 applications are being processed and pending further information to be provided by the applicants or relevant government departments.

In 2006-07, the expenditure incurred for processing rates exemption is \$1.9 million, the same level as that of 2005-06.

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Question Serial No.

1859

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has closed the four Building Management Resource Centres at Central, Yau Ma Tei, Shatin and Tsuen Wan. Some of the work on building management is taken up by the District Building Management Liaison Teams set up in the 18 districts by the Home Affairs Department. Would the Administration allocate additional resources to the liaison teams accordingly in view of their increased workload? What is the expenditure involved? What will be the future use of the premises of the four resource centers?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

Between 1998 and 2003, we set up a total of four Building Management Resource Centres (BMRCs) to offer building management services to the public. To cater for specific district needs, we have also set up since 2001 dedicated District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) under the 18 District Offices to handle building management matters in the respective districts.

After accumulating years of experience, we consider that the DBMLT mechanism is a more suitable and effective means of providing building management services to the public. We also note that the Hong Kong Housing Society has started to operate Property Management Advisory Centres (PMACs) across the territory to provide one-stop building management and maintenance service to the public. In order to better utilise public resources, we closed the BMRCs on 31.12.2006. The staffing resources released from the BMRCs are used to cope with the increased workload arising from the implementation of the recommendations of the 2006 DC Review and strengthen the building management team of the Department

The Government's policy on building management remains unchanged and the provision of our services to owners' corporations and the property owners would not be affected. The DBMLTs of the 18 District Offices would continue to provide outreach service on building management matters. These include assisting property owners to incorporate under the Building Management Ordinance, attending owners' meetings to give advice and assistance, organizing training courses and workshops and providing informal mediation to help resolve disputes among owners.

As regards the arrangement for the vacant sites of the BMRCs, the two centres in Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan are Government offices and have been returned to the Government Property Agency for re-allocation. The BMRC (Kowloon) was located on private premises and the tenancy agreement with the private owner has been terminated upon closure of the centre. The site on Hong Kong Island is at The Center, which is the property of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). We are still using part of the site as a Public Enquiry Service Centre for the District Office (Central & Western). We are considering the possibility of using the remaining space as a PMAC by the Hong Kong Housing Society.

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Question Serial No.

1860

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the research conducted by the Administration in respect of the regulation of properties management agents, has the first phase been completed? What are the results? When will the second phase commence? What is the scope of it? What is the total expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In order to have a more informed deliberation on whether, and if so, how a regulatory regime for property management companies should be established, we have launched a phased consultancy study on the subject. We are now conducting the first phase study which is mainly a fact-finding exercise focusing on the following three areas:

- (a) the present situation of the property management industry in Hong Kong;
- (b) the overseas practices in regulating property management companies; and
- (c) the regulatory regime for other comparable industries / professionals in Hong Kong.

It is expected that the first phase study will be completed around June 2007. The consultancy fee for the first phase study is \$595,000. Based on the result of the first phase study, we will engage a consultant to conduct the second phase of the study, the objective of which will be to assess the need for a regulatory scheme.

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Question Serial No.

2703

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2006, the Administration launched the Community Used Clothes Recycling Bank Scheme to tackle the problem of on-street clothes cages. What are the expenditure involved in 2007-08, the number of staff deployed for the work and the anticipated number of used clothes to be collected?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

"Community Used Clothes Recycling Bank" is a community participation scheme launched by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2006-07. With HAD's one-off sponsorship for the banks' capital cost, non-profit making organizations manage the recycling banks scheme. Hence, the government does not need to reserve fund for the scheme in 2007-8 and there is no need for additional manpower resources. Under the scheme, HAD District Offices have liaised with the relevant departments and identified around 170 convenient off-street locations (such as parks, entrances to community centres and sports centres, etc.) for placing collection banks operated by non-profit making organizations. The scheme has shown good progress. In 2006, the scheme managers experienced some 25% increase (compared with 2005) in the total amount of used clothes collected from all sources, including those collected under the scheme. We envisage this trend may continue in 2007.

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Question Serial No.

1702

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicators “District Council minor environmental improvement projects” and “local public works (maintenance) projects” under this Programme, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the work, expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (b) the reason why the estimated expenditure and number of projects in 2007 are lower than the actual figures in 2005 and 2006, and the reason why the figure in 2006 is lower than that of 2005.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

District Councils (DCs) are provided with funds to implement Minor Environmental Improvement (MEI) projects. The actual number of projects implemented in a year is decided by DCs which are responsible for identifying possible projects, deciding their scale, priorities, and implementation timetable and monitoring their progress. Hence, the number of MEI projects implemented in a year and the corresponding expenditure will vary from year to year.

In 2007, the estimated number of MEI projects is 218 which is smaller than those in 2006. This is because in accordance with the recommendations in the 2006 DC Review, the Government has earmarked additional resources of \$20 million for the four pilot districts (Sai Kung, Tuen Mun, Wan Chai and Wong Tai Sin) to implement district minor works with a dedicated block vote under the Capital Works Reserve Fund in 2007-08. The MEI programme for these four districts will cease in 2007-08 under the new arrangement as such improvement projects would be carried out under their district minor works programme. As the projects to be implemented would be decided by the respective DCs during the course of the year, details of the projects and the manpower to be involved are not available at this stage.

The Local Public Works (Maintenance) vote is used for carrying out maintenance of local public works in rural areas of the New Territories and for emergency repairs arising from natural disasters. When planning these projects, we have to take into account relevant factors such as the need for repair and maintenance, technical issues and priorities of projects, etc. Hence, the estimated expenditure and the required manpower may vary from year to year.

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Question Serial No.

1703

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the minor works provided under this Programme, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) a breakdown by district of the categories of works to be carried out in 2007 and the expenditure involved; and
- (2) whether outsourcing of these works to social enterprises has been considered.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

(1) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) implements four minor works programmes, namely, Rural Public Works (RPW), Urban Minor Works (UMW), Local Public Works (LPW) and Minor Environmental Improvement (MEI) under Programme (3) Local Environmental Improvements. As details of projects under these programmes in 2007 would be decided by District Councils (for MEI programme) or the District Working Groups (for RPW and UMW programmes) during the course of the year, we do not have the breakdown of the projects by districts at this stage. For reference purpose, the total estimated expenditure of the above four programmes by districts in 2007 is as follows:

District	Central and Western	Eastern	Kowloon City	Kwun Tong	Southern	Sham Shui Po	Wan Chai	Wong Tai Sin	Yau Tsim Mong
Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	3.90	5.90	4.73	5.40	3.98	2.10	2.12	4.53	6.50

District	Islands	Kwai Tsing	North	Sai Kung	Shatin	Tai Po	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long
Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	24.50	12.89	25.46	19.69	3.20	23.02	8.47	15.62	32.31

(2) HAD's minor works projects are implemented by the department's contractors. Inclusion in the contractors lists is subject to a set of requirements and criteria and having regard to the qualifications, financial capacity and experience of the contractors, etc. We will consult the relevant policy bureau on the feasibility of outsourcing minor works to social enterprises.

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Question Serial No.

1704

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the indicator “Urban Minor Works projects” under this Programme, the 2007 estimate of the number of projects is 80, which is more or less a 27% increase comparing with 63 projects in 2006. However, the expenditure decreases from \$31.2 million in 2006 to \$30 million in 2007, representing a decrease of nearly 4%. Please state the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The objective of the Urban Minor Works (UMW) programme is to improve local facilities, living environment and hygienic conditions of the urban areas in response to local needs. Projects may include the construction of rainshelters, sitting-out areas, installation of directional signs and implementation of greening and beautification works. Hence, the number of projects implemented and expenditure incurred under the UMW programme will vary each year depending on the scope and nature of projects proposed by the local community. This explains the differences in the number of projects and expenditure involved in 2006 and 2007.

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Question Serial No.

1705

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4): Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under this Programme. the Administration will process permits for non-charitable fund-raising activities. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) details of the work, the expenditure and manpower involved: and
- (b) the number of permits issued for non-charitable fund-raising activities and the number of complaints received in 2006.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for processing applications for fund-raising activities for non-charitable purposes. Upon receipt of an application, HAD will circulate it to the relevant bureaux and departments such as the Police, the Lands Department, the Social Welfare Department as well as the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority for comments. The final recommendation will be submitted to the Home Affairs Bureau for consideration and issue of a permit as appropriate.

The relevant work is undertaken by an Administrative Officer and an Executive Officer who have a wide range of duties including the processing of such applications.

- (b) A total of eight permits for fund-raising activities for non-charitable purposes were issued in 2006 and no complaints were received.

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The reasons for a decrease in the number of inspections made in 2006 are as follows –

- (a) With the introduction of the multi-year licence scheme under HAGAO in 2001, many hotels/guesthouses have been issued with a 36-month licence in 2002. As a result, the licences of many hotels/guesthouses were renewed in 2005 and fewer renewal applications were received in 2006.
- (b) In preparation for the World Trade Organisation Sixth Ministerial Conference held in December 2005, OLA conducted additional inspections to combat unlicensed operations. This also explains why the number of inspections in 2005 is higher.

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Question Serial No.

1707

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the implementation of the Singleton Hostel Programme in 2007-08, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following –

- (a) the details of the work and the expenditure and manpower involved;
- (b) the number, location, charging standard, occupancy rate and residency requirement of small to medium-sized singleton hostels at present; and
- (c) the number and details of complaints or requests for assistance due to the phasing out of these hostels and the measures to help the lodgers affected.

Asked by : Hon. Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

Reply :

A Singleton Hostel Programme (SHP) was introduced in 1991 by the Home Affairs Department to ensure that no lodgers of bedspace apartments were rendered homeless as a result of the implementation of the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance, Cap.447. Under the programme, a number of small/medium-sized hostels and two large-sized purpose-built hostels have been provided for singletons.

The small/medium-sized hostels which are converted from private tenements in urban areas are managed by the Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS). The two large-sized purpose-built hostels, namely Sunrise House in Sham Shui Po and High Street House in Sai Ying Pun, are managed by the Salvation Army and Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council respectively. The Government will not provide any direct funding for the management of these singleton hostels in 2007-08.

Singletons who are under 60 years of age earning a monthly salary of not more than \$9,900 and living in an apartment of less than 5.5m² for more than six months are eligible to apply for a place in the hostels under SHP. Compassionate cases referred by the Social Welfare Department or other non-governmental organizations are also accepted when there are vacancies in the hostels.

The Sunrise House and High Street House provide accommodation to 580 lodgers and the latest average occupancy rate is 82%. Since 2005-06, these two large-sized purpose-built hostels have been operating on a self-financing basis.

The small/medium-size hostels converted from private tenements in urban areas, such as Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Wan Chai and Eastern, have been managed by AVS since 1991. The monthly service charge for hostels managed by AVS is \$430 per person.

In 2004, the Administration reviewed the demand for the SHP. As there had been a decrease in the number of bedspace apartments (BSAs) and the Sunrise House and High Street House should be sufficient to cater for the needs of BSA lodgers, the Administration decided to render all possible assistance to the lodgers in the small/medium-sized hostels and help re-locate them in the Sunrise House or High Street House or other accommodation of their choice and gradually phase out the small/medium-sized hostels in four years starting from 1 April 2005.

In December 2004, the Chinese Temples Committee approved an allocation of HK\$8m from the General Chinese Charities Fund for funding the recurrent expenses for the management of hostels by AVS from 2005/06 to 2008/09, and completing the phasing-out programme by March 2009. There were then some 160 lodgers residing at 26 small/medium-sized hostels managed by AVS. At the end of December 2006, there remained 11 small/medium-sized hostels with 87 lodgers. We have not received any complaints from lodgers about the closure of these hostels.

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Question Serial No.

1708

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicator of the research, surveys or study projects examined under this Programme, please provide details (including objectives, organizations responsible for conducting the research/surveys, amount of provision, dates of announcement and results of public consultations) of the research, surveys or study projects in respect of the Urban Renewal Authority, the Housing Authority Sub-Committees and the District Councils.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The indicators under this Programme are mainly related to planning proposals referred by the relevant authority for advice on local consultation or assessment of likely public reaction, e.g. outline zoning plans, development permission area plans or other planning or development projects under the purview of the Town Planning Board. As regards the relevant boards and committees of the Urban Renewal Authority, the Housing Authority and the District Councils (DCs), Home Affairs Department representatives attend their meetings and provide views on the development proposals from the community perspective as appropriate. From time to time, the aforesaid Authorities may conduct research or surveys relating to their development proposals by engaging independent consultants or obtaining views directly from the general public, DCs or Legislative Council. Hence, we do not have details regarding the research, surveys or study projects conducted by them.

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Question Serial No.

1709

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the Administration will ensure that the planning of major infrastructure projects will take account of local views and sentiments in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the work, expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (b) the specific measures to take account of local sentiments and whether the effectiveness of such measures has been assessed.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) assists relevant bureaux and departments in the monitoring of the planning and development of the territory and the related public consultations. Assessments of local views are based on District Officers' knowledge of the districts and views collected from local residents. For major infrastructure and development projects, consultations such as special meetings with respective District Councils, Rural Committees and Area Committees are arranged as appropriate. Forums are also held for relevant departments to explain project details to residents if necessary. HAD representatives also sit on relevant boards and committees relating to the planning of development proposals. The aforesaid arrangements ensure that local views and sentiments are taken into account by relevant bureaux and departments when planning infrastructure and development projects.

The financial provision for this programme in 2007-08 is \$17.1 million which is mainly related to the staff and administrative costs involved. Staff of HAD HQ and the District Offices undertake the work as part of their normal duties under Programme (5) Territory Planning and Development. There is no breakdown on the expenditure and manpower involved for this particular duty and there is no dedicated staff establishment set aside for this area of work.

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Question Serial No.

1883

Head : 63 – Home
Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicators for District Council consultations for territory-wide issues and district issues under this Programme, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the work and the expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (b) Why is the estimated number in 2007 lower than the actual figures in 2005 and 2006, and the actual figure in 2006 is lower than that of 2005?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In 2007-08, the District Councils (DCs) will continue to be consulted on district and territory-wide issues that may affect the well-being of the community. We do not however keep separate financial accounts for DC consultations.

We expect a smaller number of consultations in 2007 as the operation of DCs will be suspended from early October in preparation for the 2007 DC Election until the commencement of the new term (2008-2011).

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Question Serial No.

1884

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will continue to advise and assist other departments in arranging public consultation on district and territory-wide issues. Please inform this Committee of :-

- (a) the details of the work, and the expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (b) the public consultation to be conducted in 2007-08 and the dates and details of such consultation.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Administration will continue to consult the District Councils and the public on both district and territory-wide issues. These include issues that may affect the well-being of the community such as transport and housing issues. We do not however keep separate financial accounts for these consultations.

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Question Serial No.

1885

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will conduct an evaluation study of the pilot scheme before the full implementation of the recommendations in the 2006 District Council Review in the 18 districts. Please inform this Committee of :

- (a) the details of the work and the expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (b) whether the Administration will consider, in the evaluation study, expanding the District Councils as cores of district governance in order to groom political talents.

Asked by : Hon. Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

Reply :

- (a) One of the recommendations of the 2006 DC Review was to launch a pilot scheme on 1 January 2007 to involve the District Councils in the management of district facilities in four selected districts before the full implementation of the recommendations of the DC Review in all 18 districts from the next DC term.

The Administration has engaged a tertiary institution to conduct an evaluation study of the effectiveness of the pilot scheme. The study team would obtain feedback from stakeholders and evaluate the process of involving DCs in the management of district facilities and in the organization of district programmes in collaboration with other sectors of the community aiming at a wide range of social objectives.

The study team has commenced work since end 2006 and has closely followed the progress of the four pilot DCs. It is expected to complete its evaluation by the end of 2007 and would present its findings to the relevant stakeholders, including the Legislative Council and the 18 DCs. The cost of the evaluation study is \$800,000.

- (b) In enhancing the role of DCs in the management of district facilities and providing them with additional resources to better meet local needs, we believe this would help encourage more of those people with political aspirations to participate in district affairs.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB155

Question Serial No.

1886

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicators under this Programme in respect of district activities, activities at district level held by District Fight Crime Committees, the respective number of participants and etc., please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what are the details of the expenditure and manpower for the activities; and
- (b) why is that the estimated number of activities and/or participants are lower than the actual numbers in 2005-06, and the actual numbers in 2006 are lower than those in 2005?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) District campaign activities and District Fight Crime Committee (DFCC) activities are organised by Home Affairs Department and its District Offices and DFCCs in collaboration with District Councils, local organisations and government departments as appropriate. As regards 2007-08, these activities are being planned by the aforementioned parties and details such as number of activities, expenditure and manpower involved are not available at this stage. Nevertheless, in 2007, smaller number of district campaign activities may be organised as we need to deploy some resources to organise over 50 major district events to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. Nevertheless, these activities will also promote community building and cohesion.
- (b) In 2006, 1 568 district campaign activities were organised (six activities less than those in 2005). As regards 2007, as over 50 major district activities will be organised to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, we expect that less smaller scale district campaign activities will be organised. Hence, the estimated number of activities (1 500) and participants (1.8 million) in 2007 would be slightly less than those (1 568 activities with 1.9 million participants) in 2006.

When planning their activities, DFCCs would take into account relevant factors such as the latest crime situation in the districts. In 2005 and 2006, the 18 DFCCs organised a total of 440 and 417 activities respectively. These were higher than their original estimate of 350. In 2007, we estimate that 380 district activities will be organised by DFCCs, i.e. 30 activities more than the estimates in 2005 and 2006.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB156

Question Serial No.

1887

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme. Please give information on:

- (a) the work plans for the Programme, and the expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (b) the details of plans, the districts concerned, the target groups, the work types and the expenditure involved of approved projects.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In 2007-08, we will continue implementing the Programme to promote sustainable poverty prevention and alleviation efforts at district level that help enhance self-reliance, targeting socially disadvantaged groups. The estimated provision for the Programme in 2007-08 is \$45 million, comprising mainly the cashflow requirement of the approved projects in 2007-08 and new successful applications in the year. It also covers the expenses of the Programme Secretariat (comprising four full-time/part-time staff and other administrative costs). Details of the approved projects under the Programme are set out at Annex for reference.

In 2007-08, we will continue to encourage interested non-government organisations and district organisations to apply for grants from the Programme for implementing projects that would benefit the socially disadvantaged groups. The Programme Secretariat will also monitor the progress of the approved projects and, where appropriate, arrange mentors to provide support and advice to the grantees in the implementation of their projects.

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**Details of the approved 41 projects under
the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme
(as at March 2007)**

(A) Distribution of projects :

<u>Urban Districts</u>		<u>New Territories Districts</u>	
Central & Western	0	North	1
Kowloon City	0	Tsuen Wan	0
Sham Shui Po	2	Kwai Tsing	2
Wong Tai Sin	2	Sai Kung	1
Eastern	2	Tuen Mun	5
Southern	1	Islands	3
Yau Tsim Mong	3	Sha Tin	1
Kwun Tong	2	Tai Po	1
Wan Chai	1	Yuen Long	5
Sub-total	13	Sub-total	19
 Territory-wide projects :	 3	 Projects serving more than one districts :	 6

(B) Major target groups :

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| - new arrivals | - former mental patients |
| - women | - street sleepers |
| - single parent families | - ex-prisoners |
| - people with low education level / skills /
income | - ethnic minorities |
| - unemployed people | - disabled persons |
| - Comprehensive Social Security
Assistance recipients / families | - fishermen |
| | - poor elderly |

(C) Nature of business

Business Type	No. of projects
Household services / Fitting out works	4
Retail	8
Massage / Health care / Beauty care	6
Catering / Cafeteria	8
Recycling / Sales of used items	3
Guided tour	3
Elderly services	3
Others	6
Total :	41

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Reply Serial No.

HAB158

Question Serial No.

1889

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will organise a number of territory-wide activities to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the names, details, expenditure and manpower involved regarding these activities;
- (b) the measures to ensure grassroot participation in these activities; and
- (c) the measures to ensure that these activities would not affect civic events organised by other groups.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) In 2007-08, \$23.976 million has been earmarked under Programme (2) Community Building for celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR. With this allocation as well as community sponsorship, the department will organise 5 territory-wide and over 50 district-based activities with emphasis on community involvement and working towards the objective of building a harmonious and cohesive community. Details of the five territory-wide celebration activities are as follows –

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Estimated budget</u> (HK\$ million)
1. Photo Competition	To organise a photo competition and stage a roving exhibition of the winning entries in the 18 districts	\$0.7
2. Bunting Design Competition	To organise bunting design competition for members of the public to express their creativity and talent in celebrating the 10th Anniversary and arrange bunting display in the 18 districts	\$1.71
3. Tree Planting and Greening in the 18 Districts	To organise tree planting and greening activities in the 18 districts	\$1.62

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| 4. Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions | To organise a series of 20 cultural and arts competitions | \$0.18 |
| 5. Territory-wide Building Management Quiz Competition | To organise a quiz in newspaper for members of the public and a game show on TV for Owners Corporations invited | 0.58 |

As the district-based activities are under preparation, detailed information including estimated budget of individual activities are not available at this stage. Planning of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR is still in progress. More activities may be organised within the earmarked provision. These celebration activities will be organised through existing manpower resources and temporary contract staff.

- (b) Our objectives of organising territory-wide and district-based activities for celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR are to enhance community involvement and promote a harmonious and cohesive community. The celebration activities will be widely publicised to arouse public awareness. Moreover, of these celebration activities, many are free admission and some are targeted at disadvantaged groups.
- (c) In organising the celebration activities, we will not interfere with community activities organised by other community and district-based organisations.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB161

Question Serial No.

2384

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the annual financial provision allocated to each of the 18 District Councils in 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

Home Affairs Department allocates funds to the 18 District Offices each year to enable the District Councils to implement district projects with a view to organising community involvement projects to encourage public participation in community affairs and improving the local environment. A breakdown of the allocations for 2005-06 and 2006-07 by district is as follows -

District Office	Allocation for 2005-06 (\$)	Allocation for 2006-07 (\$)
Central & Western	7,550,000	7,550,000
Eastern	11,600,000	11,600,000
Kowloon City	8,150,000	8,150,000
Kwun Tong	11,800,000	11,800,000
Sham Shui Po	8,900,000	8,900,000
Southern	6,550,000	6,550,000
Wan Chai	5,850,000	5,850,000
Wong Tai Sin	9,900,000	9,900,000
Yau Tsim Mong	9,800,000	9,800,000
Islands	6,450,000	6,450,000
Kwai Tsing	13,650,000	13,650,000
North	7,950,000	7,950,000
Sai Kung	8,500,000	8,500,000
Sha Tin	13,650,000	13,650,000
Tai Po	8,250,000	8,250,000

District Office	Allocation for 2005-06 (\$)	Allocation for 2006-07 (\$)
Tsuen Wan	9,600,000	9,600,000
Tuen Mun	11,850,000	11,850,000
Yuen Long	11,700,000	11,700,000

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Question Serial No.

2385

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the details and a breakdown of the annual subventions to New Territories organisations in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Please also list the recipient organisations and the respective subventions received.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

The annual subventions to New Territories organizations in 2005-06 were \$6.585 million. The revised estimate of the subventions in 2006-07 are \$6.899 million. The minor difference in the subventions in the two years reflects that the subventions for some items (e.g. renovation, rates) may vary each year depending on the circumstances of the recipient organizations. Details of the subventions in the two years are as follows -

Names of Recipient Organization	Subventions in 2005-06 (Actual) (\$'000)	Subventions in 2006-07 (Revised Estimate) (\$'000)
Heung Yee Kuk	1,950	1,950
Rural Committees	3,806	3,903
Village Offices	790	1,007
Federation of Societies in Tsuen Wan District	39	39
Total	6,585	6,899

Subventions to New Territories organizations are to facilitate operation of these organizations in providing services for the rural community. The subventions are provided to meet recurrent expenses, such as rates and government rent.

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A. Subventions to District Sports Associations in 2005-06 and 2006-07

Subvented bodies	Subvention earmarked for 2005-06 (\$)	Subvention earmarked for 2005-06 (\$)
Central & Western District Recreation & Sports Association	95,000	95,000
Eastern District Recreation & Sports Advancement Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Kowloon City District Recreation and Sports Council	95,000	95,000
Kwun Tong Sports Promotion Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Sham Shui Po Sports Association	95,000	95,000
Southern District Recreation and Sports Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Wan Chai District Arts, Cultural, Recreational & Sports Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Wong Tai Sin District Recreation & Sports Council	95,000	95,000
Mongkok District Cultural Recreation & Sports Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Yaumatei and Tsimshatsui Recreation & Sports Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Islands District Sports Association	95,000	95,000
Kwai Tsing District Sports Association	95,000	95,000
North District Sports Association	95,000	95,000
Sai Kung District Sports Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Sha Tin Sports Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Tai Po Sports Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
The Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports & Recreation Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Tuen Mun Sports Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Yuen Long District Sports Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Subtotal:	1,805,000	1,805,000

B. Subventions to District Arts Associations in 2005-06 and 2006-07

Subvented bodies	Subvention earmarked for 2005-06(\$)	Subvention earmarked for 2005-06(\$)
Central & Western District Association for Culture and Arts	95,000	95,000
Eastern District Arts Council	95,000	95,000
Kowloon City District Arts and Culture Council	95,000	95,000
Kwun Tong District Culture and Recreation Promotion Association	95,000	95,000
Sham Shui Po Arts Association Limited	71,250	71,250
Shamshuipo Council for the Promotion of Cultural & Recreational Services Ltd.	23,750	23,750
Southern District Arts and Culture Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Wan Chai District Arts, Cultural, Recreational & Sports Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Wong Tai Sin District Arts Council	95,000	95,000
Yau Ma Tei and Tsim Sha Tsui Culture and Arts Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Arts Subvention Committee of the Islands District Office	95,000	95,000
Kwai Chung & Tsing Yi District Cultural & Arts Co-ordinating Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
North District Arts Advancement Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Sai Kung Cultural & Recreation Advancement Limited	32,340	32,340
Tseung Kwan O Cultural & Recreational Centre	31,330	31,330
Sai Kung Cultural Centre	31,330	31,330
Sha Tin Arts Association Ltd.	95,000	95,000
Tai Po Arts Advancement Association	95,000	95,000
Tsuen Wan Culture & Recreation Co-ordinating Association Limited	95,000	95,000
Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association	95,000	95,000
Yuen Long District Arts Committee	95,000	95,000
Sub-total:	1,710,000	1,710,000

	2005-06	2006-07
Total Amount (A+B):	3,515,000	3,515,000

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Reply Serial No.

HAB165

Question Serial No.

2388

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, 75 posts will be created to strengthen the support for 18 District Councils (DCs). What are the details of the distribution of the posts and the establishment? How will the support for DCs benefit from the manpower increase?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Department will create an additional 75 posts in its headquarters and 18 District Offices. Details are as follows-

(a) 47 posts of the Liaison Officer, Executive Officer and Clerical grades for implementing the recommendations arising from the 2006 DC Review-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer II	18
Liaison Officer I	10
Assistant Clerical Officer	18
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(b) 28 posts of the Clerical grade for strengthening clerical support for the District Councils-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Clerical Officer	3
Assistant Clerical Officer	11
Clerical Assistant	14
	28

The additional staff will provide better administrative support to the DC Secretariats and assist the DCs in discharging their enhanced role in the management of district facilities as well as implementing various new initiatives under the 2006 DC Review.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB166

Question Serial No.

1711

Head : 63 – Home
Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the estimated numbers of District Council (DC) consultations on territory-wide issues and district issues are 490 and 2 500 respectively in 2007-08, which are lower than the actual numbers in 2005 and 2006. What are the reasons? How will the Administration ensure that public views on territory-wide and district issues are adequately reflected?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The number of consultations with the DCs varies from year to year. We expect a smaller number in 2007 as the operation of DCs will be suspended from early October in preparation for the 2007 DC Election until the commencement of the new term (2008-2011).

The Government is firmly committed to consulting DCs on district and territory-wide issues that may affect the well-being of the community.

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(b) Programme (2) Community Building

A total of 23 posts of the Executive Officer and Clerical grades will be created for the establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit in HAD Headquarters to provide support services to estate beneficiaries in handling small estate and properties-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	2
Senior Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	12
Clerical Assistant	6
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(c) Programme (3) Local Environmental Improvements

A total of 3 posts of the Architect grade will be created in HAD Headquarters to help implement works projects arising from the recommendations of the 2006 District Council Review-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Senior Architect	1
Architect	2
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Reply Serial No.

HAB168

Question Serial No.

1000

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government aims to promote community involvement activities and public participation in community affairs. Why is it that the numbers of district campaign activities and participants reduced yearly from 2005 to 2007?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

Under Programme (2) Community Building, our policy objectives are to develop policy in respect of community building and to promote community involvement activities and public participation in community affairs. Community involvement activities are initiated by both this Department (including the 18 District Offices) and local organisations.

In 2006, 1 568 district campaign activities were organised by the Department, which is six less than that in 2005. In 2007, over 50 major district activities will be organised to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. Hence, we expect that the estimated number of district campaign activities in 2007 (i.e. 1 500) will be less than those in 2006. Nevertheless, we envisage that local organisations will initiate a large number of activities to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR this year. This will compensate, to a considerable extent, the reduced number of activities to be launched by us.

The number of participants in district campaign activities is a new indicator introduced this year. As it is expected that local organisations will launch a large number of district activities to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, we expect that the total number participants of our own district campaign activities in 2007 (i.e. 1.8 million) will be 5% lower than that in 2006 (i.e. 1.9 million).

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tertiary educational institutions will launch Hong Kong's first SE management training course in mid-2007. The training course, involving an expenditure of about \$1 million, is targeted at the middle-management of NGOs who are running SEs or interested in running SEs. Depending on the effectiveness of the training course, CoP will consider promoting SE training in the university curriculum. The CoP has also sponsored the SE Challenge 2007 (社會企業挑戰盃 2007) organised by the Chinese University of Hong Kong to promote the concept of SE to university students. The estimated cost of the event is about \$0.8 million.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB171

Question Serial No.

0015

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the creation of 101 non-directorate posts in 2008, please provide information on the respective work units or policy areas under which the posts are to be created and the ranks and duties of these posts. (Please list by types of duties the number of staff in different ranks involved and their respective pay levels.)

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Department will create an additional 101 non-directorate posts for Programmes (1), (2) and (3) of Policy Area 19 District and Community Relations. The number of staff to be created under each of the programmes by rank and salary scale is given below-

(a) Programme (1) District Administration

A total of 75 posts will be created under this Programme, including –

(i) 47 posts of the Liaison Officer, Executive Officer and Clerical grades for implementing the recommendations of the 2006 District Council Review-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Salary Scale (\$)</u>
Senior Executive Officer	1	45,240 – 69,615
Executive Officer II	18	16,165 – 33,355
Liaison Officer I	10	34,920 – 43,940
Assistant Clerical Officer	18	8,675 – 18,915
	47	

(ii) 28 Clerical grade posts for strengthening clerical support for the District Councils-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Salary Scale (\$)</u>
Clerical Officer	3	19,860 – 25,340
Assistant Clerical Officer	11	8,675 – 18,915
Clerical Assistant	14	7,674 – 14,330
	28	

(b) Programme (2) Community Building

The following 23 posts of the Executive Officer and Clerical grades will be created for the establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit to provide support services to estate beneficiaries in handling small estate and properties-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Salary Scale (\$)</u>
Senior Executive Officer	1	45,240 – 69,615
Executive Officer I	2	34,920 – 43,940
Senior Clerical Officer	2	26,540 – 33,355
Assistant Clerical Officer	12	8,675 – 18,915
Clerical Assistant	6	7,674 – 14,330
	<u>23</u>	

(c) Programme (3) Local Environmental Improvements

The following 3 posts of the Architect grade arising from the recommendations of the 2006 District Council Review will be created to help implement works projects –

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Salary Scale (\$)</u>
Senior Architect	1	72,135 – 83,105
Architect	2	33,355 – 69,615
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Since 2005-06, these two purpose-built hostels have been operating on a self-financing basis. The Government will not provide any direct funding for the management of all these singleton hostels in 2007-08.

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HAB173

Question Serial No.

0034

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the provision for Community Building and Local Environmental Improvements in 2007-08, please inform this Committee of the works projects in Tai Po, the North District, Sai Kung and Shatin etc., and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

Under Programme (3) Local Environmental Improvements, we implement three minor works programmes in the New Territories (including North, Sai Kung, Shatin and Tai Po districts), namely, Rural Public Works (RPW) programme, Local Public Works (Maintenance) programme and Minor Environmental Improvement (MEI) programme.

The estimated number of projects and expenditure for the abovementioned minor works programmes in the four districts concerned in 2007 are as follows –

	North	Sai Kung	Shatin	Tai Po
Estimated Expenditure (\$M)	25.46	19.69	3.20	23.02
No. of Projects	109	74	17	83

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HAB174

Question Serial No.

1603

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2007-08, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will create 75 posts to strengthen the support for the 18 District Councils. Would the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the breakdown of the 75 new posts by rank, function and district;
- (b) the breakdown of the number of staff filling existing vacancies in 2006-07 by rank, division/unit and district as well as the total expenditure involved;
- (c) the establishment of the Liaison Officer grade of HAD in 2007-08; and
- (d) the measures to ease staff's work pressure in response to their feedback that there is serious manpower shortage in the department and workloads are expected to increase substantially in the coming year because of the 10th Anniversary celebration activities.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) In 2007-08, HAD will create an additional 75 posts in the HAD Headquarters and the 18 District Offices. These include 47 posts of Liaison Officer, Executive Officer and Clerical grades for implementing the recommendations arising from the 2006 District Council Review and 28 Clerical grade posts for strengthening the clerical support for the District Councils. A table showing the rank, function and distribution of the 75 posts to be created is at **Annex I**.
- (b) A breakdown of the number of vacancies filled in 2006-07 by rank and district is set out in **Annex II**. The annual salary cost for these 25 staff is \$10.7 million.
- (c) The establishment of 425 posts in the Liaison Officer grade as at 1 April 2007 will be increased by 10 to 435 in 2007-08.

(d) We will create 101 posts in 2007-08 to strengthen the manpower support for the Department. Moreover, we will employ additional NCSC staff to ensure the provision of sufficient manpower for coping with a short-term increase in workload arising from the conduct of celebration activities of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR.

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Annex I of Reply to Question Serial No. 1603

Breakdown of the 75 new posts to be created in 2007-08

Function	Liaison duties	Executive support		Clerical duties			
Rank	Liaison Officer I	Senior Executive Officer	Executive Officer II	Clerical Officer	Assistant Clerical Officer	Clerical Assistant	Total
(I) Headquarters		1		1	4	2	8
(II) District Offices – Urban Districts							
Central and Western	1		1		1	2	5
Eastern	1		1		2		4
Kowloon City	1		1	1	2	1	6
Kwun Tong	1		1		2		4
Southern	1		1	1	2		5
Sham Shui Po			1		1		2
Wan Chai			1		2		3
Wong Tai Sin			1		1	1	3
Yau Tsim Mong			1		1	1	3
(III) District Offices – New Territories Districts							
Islands	1		1		1	1	4
Kwai Tsing	1		1		1		3
North	1		1		1	1	4
Sai Kung			1		2	1	4
Sha Tin	1		1		1		3
Tai Po	1		1		1	1	4
Tsuen Wan			1		1	1	3
Tuen Mun			1		2	1	4
Yuen Long			1		1	1	3
Total	10 ^{Note}	1	18	3	29	14	75

Note:

To implement the recommendations in the 2006 District Council Review, we plan to provide one Liaison Officer I for each of the 18 District Offices. To achieve this target, we will create 10 Liaison Officer I posts in 2007-08 while the other 8 Liaison Officer I posts, one each for Sham Shui Po, Wan Chai, Wong Tai Sin, Yau Tsim Mong, Sai Kung, Tsuen Wan, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long District Offices will be provided through internal redeployment.

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Vacancies filled in 2006/07

Rank \ District	SAO	SEO	EOI	EO II	LO II	SOLO	OLO I	OLO II	ACO	CA	ASO	WSI	Total
Central & Western										1			1
Kowloon City					2								2
Kwun Tong	1	1							1				3
Sai Kung							1						1
Sham Shui Po							1						1
Sha Tin	1				1								2
Tuen Mun					1								1
Yau Tsim Mong					1								1
Headquarters		3	2	1		1	1	1	2		1	1	14
	2	4	2	1	5	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	25

Legend

SAO = Senior Administrative Officer

SEO = Senior Executive Officer

EO I = Executive Officer I

EO II = Executive Officer II

LO II = Liaison Officer II

SOLO = Senior Official Languages Officer

OLO I = Official Languages Officer I

OLO II = Official Languages Office

ACO = Assistant Clerical Officer

CA = Clerical Assistant

ASO = Assistant Supplies Officer

WSI = Works Supervisor I

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Reply Serial No.

HAB175

Question Serial No.

1138

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the specific measures to ensure that local environmental improvement projects are implemented and completed on schedule?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

We have established mechanisms to oversee the implementation of minor works projects so as to ensure that the projects will be completed within the planned schedule. Under the Rural Public Works (RPW) and the Urban Minor Works Programmes, District Working Groups (DWGs) are set up in each district to identify projects and monitor their implementation. In addition, there are two central Steering Committees (SCs) to oversee project implementation in the New Territories and urban districts respectively. DWGs are chaired by non-officials and comprise representatives of the relevant District Councils, Area Committees, Rural Committees (for NT districts), and relevant government departments. The SCs are chaired by the Director of Home Affairs and comprise DWG Chairmen, representatives of Heung Yee Kuk (for the RPW SC) and relevant government departments.

As regards Minor Environmental Improvement projects, they are funded by District Councils who would identify and prioritise the projects and oversee their implementation.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB176

Question Serial No.

1581

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

After the closure of the 4 Building Management Resource Centres, building management programmes have decreased and the expenditure in this respect should reduce accordingly. Please specify the savings to be achieved. What are the reasons for an increase rather than a decrease in expenditure under this Programme in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

Between 1998 and 2003, we set up a total of four Building Management Resource Centres (BMRCs) to offer building management services to the public. To cater for specific district needs, we have also set up since 2001 dedicated District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) under the 18 District Offices to handle building management matters in the respective districts.

After some years of experience, we consider that the DBMLT mechanism is a more suitable and effective means of providing building management services to the public. Furthermore, the Hong Kong Housing Society has started to operate Property Management Advisory Centres (PMACs) across the territory to provide a one-stop building management and maintenance service to the public. In order to better utilise public resources, we decided to close the BMRCs on 31.12.2006.

The staffing resources released from the BMRCs are used to further strengthen the district administration and building management work of the Department. There are also savings of \$2.3m per annum on rental and running costs arising from the closure of the BMRCs.

The Government's policy on building management remains unchanged and the provision of our services to owners' corporations and property owners would not be affected. The DBMLTs of the 18 District Offices would continue to provide an outreach service on building management matters. These include assisting property owners to incorporate under the Building Management Ordinance, attending owners' meetings to give advice and assistance, organizing training courses and workshops and providing informal mediation to help resolve disputes among owners

The increase in expenditure under this Programme is mainly due to additional cashflow requirements for the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme, celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit and the implementation of new community building initiatives.

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HAB177

Question Serial No.

1582

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please list out the estimated expenditure for each of the following new items:

- (a) Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme;
- (b) Celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and
- (c) Establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The estimated expenditure for the following items in 2007-08 will be –

- | | | |
|-----|---|--------------|
| (a) | Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme | \$45 million |
| (b) | Celebration activities for the 10 th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region | \$24 million |
| (c) | Establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit | \$6 million |

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Reply Serial No.

HAB178

Question Serial No.

1583

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The average usage rate of multi-purpose halls in community halls is only 73% in 2006. Would the Administration review the situation for ways to boost the usage rate?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community halls are worked out on the basis of the total available time-slots, including non-peak hours such as mealtimes and early mornings. Although the average usage rate of such halls is 72.7%, the multi-purpose halls in certain districts are fully booked for Saturdays, Sundays and other peak periods, e.g. evening hours on weekdays.

Nevertheless, to ensure that our multi-purpose halls in existing and older community halls are well maintained, we have undertaken a renovation programme for 18 community halls in the past 12 months. We will also upgrade 2 community halls by installing or replacing facilities such as stage lighting, PA systems and air-conditioning units in 2007-08.

In respect of new community halls, we have produced and distributed promotion materials to local organizations and potential hirers.

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HAB179

Question Serial No.

1584

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

While there are complaints from the public that it is difficult to book community halls, their usage rate is not 100%. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The usage rates of the multi-purpose halls in our community centres and community halls are worked out on the basis of the total available time-slots, including non-peak hours such as mealtimes and early mornings. Although the average usage rates of such halls in our community centres and community halls are 80.7% and 72.7% respectively, the multi-purpose halls in certain districts are fully booked for Saturdays, Sundays and other peak periods, e.g. evening hours on weekdays.

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HAB180

Question Serial No.

1585

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As many buildings have already formed owners' corporations, the work of the Home Affairs Department in this aspect has decreased. What is the expenditure on such work in 2007-08? Is there any reduction in the resources required comparing with 2005 and 2006? In this connection, will the Administration review the operation and staff deployment of the department?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

There are about 40 000 private multi-storey buildings in Hong Kong. We have all along encouraged owners to incorporate under the Building Management Ordinance so as to facilitate building management and maintenance.

So far, we have successfully assisted owners of about 15 000 buildings to form owners' corporations (OC). There remain, however, some 25 000 buildings which do not have an OC and some 7 000 of them do not even have any form of management (e.g. an owners' committee, a Mutual Aid Committee or a property management company). We would continue to encourage and assist owners of these buildings to form OCs and step up the management of their buildings. In 2007, we plan to assist owners of about 350 buildings to incorporate under the Building Management Ordinance.

We do not keep a separate account of expenditure for the formation of OCs. Apart from the formation of OCs, we also attend owners' meetings to give advice and assistance, organize training courses and workshops and help mediate disputes over building management issues.

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HAB181

Question Serial No.

1586

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that 23 posts will be created in 2007-08. Please give details on:

- (a) the salary of each of the posts;
- (b) the duties of each of the posts; and
- (c) the reasons for creating these posts.

Asked by : Hon. Tam Heung-man

Reply :

A total of 23 new posts will be created in 2007-08 for the Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit to be set up on 1 April 2007 to provide the following services for estate beneficiaries upon application –

- (a) issuing a Confirmation Notice for the administration of a small estate wholly made up of money not exceeding \$50,000 in aggregate value;
- (b) issuing a Certificate for Necessity of Release of Money from the bank accounts of the deceased person to meet the funeral expenses of the deceased person; or the maintenance of former dependants of the deceased person;
- (c) issuing a Certificate for Necessity of Inspection of Bank Deposit Box and sending officers to witness the inspection of safe deposit boxes and the preparation of an inventory of their contents; and
- (d) issuing an Authorization for Removal from Bank Deposit Box any specified documents and/or articles.

A breakdown of the 23 posts by rank and pay scale is given below –

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Pay Scale</u>
1	Senior Executive Officer (SEO)	(\$ 45,240 - \$ 69,615)
2	Executive Officer I (EOI)	(\$ 34,920 - \$ 43,940)
2	Senior Clerical Officer (SCO)	(\$ 26,540 - \$ 33,355)
12	Assistant Clerical Officer (ACO)	(\$ 8,675 - \$ 18,915)
6	Clerical Assistant (CA)	(\$ 7,674 - \$ 14,330)

The SEO will head the Unit and oversee its daily operation. He/she will be assisted by the EOIs and SCOs in processing and approving applications for the various services provided by the Unit and in issuing certificates / authorizations / notices in respect of such services. The ACOs and CAs will provide the necessary support, including receiving applications and answering enquiries, checking details of the applications, making arrangements with the relevant parties for inspection of safe deposit boxes and assisting the applicants in preparing inventories of the contents of the safe deposit boxes.

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HAB182

Question Serial No.

2662

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under Programme (1), the provision for 2007-08 is 10.7% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. Please give detailed breakdown.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The provision of \$565.0 million under Programme (1) for 2007-08 is \$54.4 million or 10.7% higher than the revised estimate of \$510.6 million for 2006-07. This is mainly due to –

	(\$ million)
(a) increased provision for implementing the recommendations of the 2006 District Council (DC) Review	32.0
(b) creation of 47 posts arising from the 2006 DC Review	5.4
(c) creation of 28 posts to strengthen clerical support for DCs	4.5
(d) salary provision for staff filling existing vacancies and staff increments for existing staff and increased operating expenses	12.5
Total	54.4

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Question Serial No.

2663

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The provision for 2007-08 increases by 14.8% over the revised estimate in 2006-07. Please give a detailed breakdown.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The provision of \$565.4 million under Programme (2) Community Building for 2007-08 is \$72.9 million or 14.8% higher than the revised estimate of \$492.5 million for 2006-07. A breakdown is as follows –

	(\$) million
(a) additional cashflow requirement for the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme	35.0
(b) celebration activities for the 10 th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR	24.0
(c) establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit (including creation of 23 posts)	6.2
(d) implementation of new community building initiatives	11.3
(e) salary provision for staff filling existing vacancies and salary increments for existing staff and additional operating expenses	4.9
(f) reduced provision for the employment of temporary staff	-3.4
(g) reduced requirement for the upgrading of plant and equipment in community halls/centres	-5.1
Total	72.9

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Question Serial No.

2664

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the specific activities to be organised for celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

In 2007-08, \$23.976 million has been earmarked under Head 63 Home Affairs Department Programme (2) Community Building for celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). With this allocation as well as community sponsorship, the department will organise 5 territory-wide and over 50 district-based activities with emphasis on community involvement and working towards the objective of building a harmonious and cohesive community.

The five territory-wide celebration activities include photo competition, bunting design competition, tree planting and greening in the 18 districts, youth cultural and arts competition and territory-wide Building Management Quiz Competition. The district-based activities are under preparation.

Planning of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR is still in progress. More activities may be organised within the earmarked provision.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB185

Question Serial No.

1600

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

At present, how many staff and how much resources in the Home Affairs Department (HAD) are deployed for the coordination of building management matters? Please advise the number of requests for assistance to form owners' corporations, mutual aid committees or owners' committees received in 2005 and 2006 respectively as well as a breakdown of the number of successful cases. At present, how many buildings have not yet formed these bodies? In 2007, how much resources will HAD allocate for assisting owners of buildings to form these bodies to better manage their buildings and what is the anticipated number of successful cases?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

It has always been the Government's policy to encourage owners of private multi-storey buildings to form owners' corporations (OCs) to facilitate effective building management. Since 2001, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has set up dedicated District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) under the 18 District Offices to handle these matters in the respective districts. At present, there are around 400 Liaison Officers in the District Offices, of whom about 25% are engaged in building management duties. The DBMLTs would continue to provide an outreach service to owners and residents on building management matters. These include assisting owners to incorporate under the Building Management Ordinance, attending owners' meetings to give advice and assistance, organizing training courses and workshops and help mediate disputes.

There are about 40 000 private multi-storey buildings in Hong Kong. To date, we have successfully assisted owners of about 15 000 buildings to form OCs. There remain, however, some 25 000 buildings which do not have an OC and some 7 000 of them do not even have any form of management (e.g. an owners' committee, a Mutual Aid Committee (MAC) or a property management company). We would continue to encourage and assist owners of these buildings to form OCs and step up the management of their buildings. In 2007, we plan to assist owners of about 350 buildings to incorporate under the Building Management Ordinance.

In 2005 and 2006, we successfully assisted 410 and 354 buildings respectively to form OCs. We also assisted residents of 66 and 56 buildings in 2005 and 2006 respectively to form MACs.

In 2005 and 2006, we received 13 411 and 13 628 enquiries respectively about building management matters. Out of them, 909 and 666 were enquiries related to OC formation.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB186

Question Serial No.

1601

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many requests for assistance concerning building management matters were received in 2005 and 2006 respectively? Please provide a breakdown, by department and nature of cases, of the relevant referrals made by the Home Affairs Department in 2006.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

In 2005 and 2006, we received 13 411 and 13 628 enquiries respectively about building management matters.

A total of 155 cases were referred to the relevant departments for follow-up action in 2006. A breakdown is summarised as follows:

Department	Nature of Cases	No. of Referral Cases
Buildings Department	Building maintenance and safety, including unauthorised building works	77
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Water Supplies Department, Environmental Protection Department and Buildings Department	Water seepage, drainage problems, hygiene problems and noise nuisance, etc	68
Hong Kong Police Force	Security matters and performance of security guards	10

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HAB187

Question Serial No.

1602

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Has the Home Affairs Department set aside resources to tie in with the implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

It has always been the Government's policy to encourage and assist owners to form owners' corporations (OCs) to achieve effective building management. The Home Affairs Department has taken on the role of "facilitator" in this aspect. We seek to adopt various measures, including the provision of a statutory framework and other support services, to assist owners in discharging their responsibilities to properly manage and maintain their buildings.

Our efforts in helping owners to form OCs would facilitate the implementation of the proposed Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS). We will work closely with the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau on the matter, using our existing staff resources to assist owners in complying with the requirements under the proposed MBIS.

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Question Serial No.

1687

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The two indicators about consultation with District Councils (DCs) by the Home Affairs Department decrease year by year. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the reason for the decrease in DC consultations on territory-wide issues?
- (b) What is the reason for the decrease in DC consultations on district issues?
- (c) What was the actual expenditure of DC consultations in 2005 and 2006 and what is the estimated expenditure in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Government is firmly committed to consulting the District Councils (DCs) on district and territory-wide issues.

The number of DC consultations varies from year to year. We expect a smaller number in 2007 as the operation of DCs will be suspended from early October in preparation for the 2007 DC Election until the commencement of the new term (2008-2011).

We do not however keep separate financial accounts for these consultations.

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HAB189

Question Serial No.

1688

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is noted that the Home Affairs Department has taken measures to facilitate the promotion of district attractions. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What specific measures has the Administration taken to facilitate the promotion of district attractions?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure on the above specific measures in 2007-08?
- (c) Does the Administration have any plans to further facilitate the promotion of district attractions in future? If so, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has been working in collaboration with District Councils (DCs) on initiatives to promote district attractions. Through their concerted effort, about 50 initiatives were launched in 2006. Examples of these initiatives include the Hong Kong Computer and Communication Festival 2006, Wan Chai Book Festivals, the Sheung Wan Promenade and the FARM Youth Culture and the Entrepreneurship Corner. In 2007-08, District Offices will continue to work with DCs to promote district attractions. The expenditure to be incurred for a particular year would depend on the initiatives formulated during the course of the year. HAD will continue to provide information on district characteristics and attractions through the “HK Fun in 18 Districts” website, i.e. www.gohk.gov.hk.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB190

Question Serial No.

1689

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the two indicators of DC minor environmental improvement projects and local public works (maintenance) projects, would the Administration please provide the following:

- (a) What are the reasons for the yearly decrease in the number of projects and the estimated expenditure under the indicators of DC minor environmental improvement projects and local public works (maintenance) projects?
- (b) At present, how many DC minor environmental improvement projects and local public works (maintenance) projects are yet to be implemented? What is the expenditure involved?
- (c) Would the Administration consider expediting the implementation of minor works projects? If so, what are the details of the relevant projects? If not, what are the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

District Councils (DCs) are provided with funds to implement Minor Environmental Improvement (MEI) projects. The actual number of projects implemented in a year are decided by DCs which are responsible for identifying possible projects, deciding their scale, priorities, implementation timetable and monitoring their progress. Hence, the number of MEI projects implemented in a year and the corresponding expenditure would vary from year to year. In 2007, the number of MEI projects planned for implementation is 218 which is smaller than the number of MEI projects in 2006. This is because in accordance with the recommendations in the 2006 DC Review, the Government has earmarked additional resources of \$20 million for the four pilot districts (Sai Kung, Tuen Mun, Wan Chai and Wong Tai Sin) to implement district minor works under a dedicated block vote under the Capital Works Reserve Fund in 2007-08. Accordingly, the MEI programme for these four pilot districts will cease in 2007-08 as such improvement projects would be carried out under their district minor works programme under the new arrangement.

The Local Public Works (Maintenance) vote is used for carrying out maintenance of local public works in rural areas of the New Territories and for emergency repairs arising from natural disasters. When planning these projects, we have to take into account relevant factors such as the need for repair and maintenance, technical issues and priorities of projects, etc. Hence, the estimated expenditure may also vary from year to year.

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(a) Programme (1) District Administration

A total of 75 posts will be created in HAD Headquarters and 18 District Offices, including –

(i) 47 posts of the Liaison Officer, Executive Officer and Clerical grades for implementing the recommendations of the 2006 District Council Review-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer II	18
Liaison Officer I	10
Assistant Clerical Officer	18
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(ii) 28 Clerical grade posts for strengthening clerical support for the District Councils-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Clerical Officer	3
Assistant Clerical Officer	11
Clerical Assistant	14
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(b) Programme (2) Community Building

A total of 23 posts of the Executive Officer and Clerical grades will be created for the establishment of an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit to provide support services to estate beneficiaries in handling small estate and properties-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	2
Senior Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	12
Clerical Assistant	6
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(c) Programme (3) Local Environmental Improvements

A total of 3 posts of the Architect grade will be created in HAD Headquarters to help implement minor works projects arising from the recommendations of the District Council Review-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Senior Architect	1
Architect	2
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Of the 101 posts, 28 of them will be created to replace those non-civil service contract staff positions which should more appropriately be performed by civil servants.

The special review conducted jointly with the Civil Service Bureau last year established that the duties of 133 NCSC staff in HAD should more appropriately be performed by civil servants. Their positions will be replaced by civil servants filling existing and anticipated vacant civil service posts and, where necessary, new posts. When there is open recruitment for civil service posts, NCSC staff will have to apply in response to vacancy advertisements in the same manner as outside candidates in accordance with established government policy.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 16 March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

HAB192

Question Serial No.

2004

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the new plans and measures for reinforcing the district-based approach in 2007-08? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) Has the Administration any special plans to facilitate the development of social enterprises in poorest communities in new towns and districts, such as Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung in 2007-08? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Apart from the Home Affairs Department, are there any departments involved in providing support to this Programme?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In the 2006-07 Budget, the Financial Secretary earmarked \$150 million over the next five years to strengthen district-based poverty alleviation work and assist socially disadvantaged groups to gain self-reliance, including support for social enterprises. To implement this initiative, the Home Affairs Department launched the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (“the Programme”) in June 2006. Under the Programme, non-government organisations (NGOs) and district organisations could apply for grants to implement projects that would create employment opportunities for the disadvantaged groups or promote social enterprises. An Advisory Committee, comprising non-official members from different sectors and representatives of Labour Department, Home Affairs Department and Social Welfare Department, has been established to examine and make recommendations on the applications for grants.

Since the launch of the Programme in 2006, we have approved 41 projects with an estimated cashflow requirement of \$10 million in 2006-07. These projects, with an estimated 750 employment opportunities, are being implemented in the various districts including Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung. The approved projects would help promote sustainable poverty alleviation efforts at the district level.

In 2007-08, we will continue to encourage NGOs and district organisations to apply for grants under the Programme to implement projects that would reinforce the district-based approach in poverty alleviation especially in the needy districts. The estimated provision for the Programme in 2007-08 is \$45 million which mainly comprises the cashflow requirement of the 41 approved projects in 2007-08 and the new successful applications in the year.

The Commission on Poverty (CoP) is also looking into the development of social enterprises (SEs) in Hong Kong. We understand that it has provided resources to support the development of SEs and promote the concept of SE to the public. The CoP, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and various tertiary educational institutions will launch Hong Kong's first SE management training course in mid-2007. The training course targets at the middle-management of NGOs who are running SEs or interested in running SEs. Such training course would help equip interested organizations in making applications for grants from the Programme.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB193

Question Serial No.

1878

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Why is the 2007 estimate of the number of District Councils (DC) consultations on territory-wide issues is 63 fewer than the actual number in 2006?

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

The Government is firmly committed to consulting the District Councils (DCs) on district and territory-wide issues.

The number of DC consultations varies from year to year. We expect a smaller number in 2007 as the operation of DCs will be suspended from early October in preparation for the 2007 DC Election until the commencement of the new term (2008-2011).

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Reply Serial No.

HAB195

Question Serial No.

1880

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
 Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The setting up of the Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit is one of the matters requiring special attention in 2007-08 under Programme (2) “Community Building”. Please give detailed information on the staff establishment and estimated expenditure of the Unit as well as the anticipated number of small estate beneficiaries to be served in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department will set up an Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit on 1 April 2007 and take over from the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) the provision of various services for estate beneficiaries. The establishment of the Unit will comprise 23 posts as follows –

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>
1	Senior Executive Officer
2	Executive Officer I
2	Senior Clerical Officer
12	Assistant Clerical Officer
6	Clerical Assistant

The estimated expenditure of the Unit in 2007-08 is \$6.203M. While IRD does not keep statistics in respect of the number of estate beneficiaries served, it handled about 25,000 enquiries and processed about 4,600 applications for the various services by estate beneficiaries during March 2006 – February 2007. We expect a similar caseload in 2007-08.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB196

Question Serial No.

1881

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In matters requiring special attention in 2007-08 under Programme (2) “Community Building”, it is stated that over 50 activities will be organised to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Please give information on the names, dates, venues, target participants, anticipated number of participants and estimated expenditure of these activities.

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

In 2007-08, for celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, the Home Affairs Department will organise 5 territory-wide and over 50 district-based activities with emphasis on community involvement and working towards the objective of building a harmonious and cohesive community. Details of the five territory-wide celebration activities are as follows –

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Estimated budget</u> (HK\$ million)	<u>Target</u>	<u>Expected number of participants</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
6. Photo Competition	\$0.7	All walks of life	Over 500 000	18 districts	November 2006 – June 2007
7. Bunting Design Competition	\$1.71	All walks of life	7 000 000	18 districts	March 2007 – July 2007
8. Tree Planting and Greening in the 18 Districts	\$1.62	All walks of life	5 400	18 districts	April 2007 – May 2007
9. Youth Cultural and Arts Competitions	\$0.18	Primary and Secondary students	2 000	18 districts	December 2006 – July 2007
10. Territory-wide Building Management Quiz Competition	\$0.58	Members of the public and owner corporations	5 000	Newspaper and TV station	July 2007 – September 2007

As the district-based activities are under preparation, detailed information including estimated budgets, targets, expected number of participants, venues and schedules of individual activities are not available at this stage.

Planning of celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR is still in progress. More activities may be organized within the earmarked provision.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB197

Question Serial No.

1882

Head : 63 – Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the item of “Job-related allowances” under Personal Emoluments of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses, why is there a big discrepancy between the original estimate of \$430,000 and the revised estimate of \$13,000 in 2006-07? Please specify each of these allowances and their respective amount in the revised estimate in 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

There are two job-related allowances, namely Typhoon Allowance and Rainstorm Black Warning Allowance. The provision for these two allowances in the original estimates and revised estimates for 2006-07 is as follows –

	Original Estimate 2006-07	Revised Estimate 2006-07
Typhoon Allowance	\$400,000	-
Rainstorm Black Warning Allowance	\$30,000	\$13,000
Total	\$430,000	\$13,000

In view of the unlikely occurrence of typhoons and rainstorm black warnings in the remainder of 2006-07, we have reduced the provision for these two allowances in the revised estimate.

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HAB198

Question Serial No.

2682

Head : 74 – Information Services Subhead (No. & title):
Department

Programme : (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer : Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Has the Information Services Department (ISD) provided any public relations advice to the Chief Executive from 16 February to 7 March 2007? If ISD has rendered the following support to the Chief Executive during the said period, please provide details on the timing and content of the activities as well as a breakdown of the manpower and expenses involved:

- a. arranging media facilities;
- b. issuing press releases;
- c. arranging the Chief Executive to participate in radio and television programmes;
- d. dealing with enquiries from the media and the public;
- e. distributing press photographs;
- f. analyse and/or respond to public comments and opinions about the Chief Executive.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Since Mr Donald TSANG has become a candidate for the Chief Executive Election on 16 February 2007, the Information Services Department has not provided any public relations advice or support to Mr TSANG in his capacity as an election candidate. Therefore, other parts of the question are not applicable.

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Name in block letters Edward YAU _____

Post Title Director of Information Services

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HAB199

Question Serial No.

0461

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- 1) The Department will convert selected under-utilised facilities into sports training bases. Please provide details and the estimated expenditure involved.
- 2) Some under-utilised sports facilities were converted to other uses in the past few years, please provide their usage rates in 2006.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

- (1) To facilitate provision of training programmes by sports organisations for the long term development of specific sports in Hong Kong, we plan to convert two under-utilised sports venues, namely Kowloon Tsai Park Tennis & Squash Courts and Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts, into dedicated sports training bases for tennis and air gun shooting respectively. The sports training bases will be operated by non-profit making sports organisations on a self-financing basis. The organisations will be required to upgrade/convert the existing facilities to meet the necessary requirements at their own cost. Hence, no public expenditure is involved for the conversion projects.
- (2) To make better use of its under-utilised facilities and to meet changing community demand, the Department has converted 14 squash courts and 12 tennis courts into other uses such as activity rooms, indoor climbing room, basketball courts, tai chi garden and 5-a-side mini soccer pitch. Compared to 2005, the usage rate of the Department's squash courts was 43%, representing a 6% increase, and that for its tennis courts was also 43%, which was a slight drop by 1%.

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THOMAS CHOW

Post Title _____

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____

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Reply Serial No.

HAB201

Question Serial No.

1616

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will organise large-scale sports activities in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the details and progress of the related work as well as the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

For the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the additional provision earmarked in 2007-08 for holding major sports activities for the 10th Anniversary Celebration is around \$25 million. The major sports activities under planning are the 1st Hong Kong Games, 2007 International Dragon Boat Races, International Soccer Exhibition Match, International DanceSport Extravaganza, Euro-Asia Snooker Masters Challenge 2007, Gymnastics Extravaganza, 2007 Federation Internationale De Volleyball World Lady Volleyball Grand Prix-Hong Kong and Mega Tai Chi Show. The Department will co-organise most of these activities with the respective National Sports Associations and discussion with them is still underway. Apart from the additional provision, the existing resources of the Department will be redeployed and commercial sponsorships will be solicited to support the organisation of the celebration activities. As the sports activities are still under planning, the detailed breakdown of the expenditure items is not available at this stage.

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Post Title _____ **Director of Leisure and Cultural Services**

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Reply Serial No.

HAB204

Question Serial No.

1619

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will intensify greening work for vacant government sites in 2007-08. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the locations of the vacant sites, the types of plants to be grown and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

(a) In 2007-08, the Department will carry out greening at eight vacant government sites. Their locations are as follows –

District	Location
Yau Tsim Mong	Hoi Fai Road
Kwun Tong	Fan Wa Street
Tsuen Wan	Lo Wai Village
Islands	Tung Chung Waterfront Road in Tung Chung
Islands	Ngan Shek Street in Mui Wo
Tai Po	Junction of Kwong Wang Street and Tai Po Road
Sha Tin	Fu Kin Street opposite Lung Hang Estate
Sha Tin	Sai Sha Road near Ma On Shan Recreation Ground

(b) We plan to plant 150 trees, 70 000 shrubs and groundcovers. Species will include *Bauhinia variegata* (宮粉羊蹄甲), *Hibiscus tiliaceus* (黃槿), *Ficus benjamina* (垂葉榕), *Brunfelsia calycina* (鴛鴦茉莉), *Duranta iorentzii* (金連翹), *Ixora stricta* (龍船花), *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* (大紅花), *Rhododendron* spp. (杜鵑), *Calliandra haematocephala* (紅絨球), *Ervatamia divaricata* (狗牙花) and *Pilea cadierei* (冰水花).

(c) We have budgeted \$450,000 for the implementation of the programme.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB205

Question Serial No.

1620

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will organise celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) by presenting major performing arts events featuring local and international artists as well as participation from the community in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the details and progress of the work concerned and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is planning more than 70 performances in over 15 performing arts programmes by local, mainland and visiting art groups. The majority of these events will be organised with the existing programme resources of LCSD. The additional provision earmarked for the purpose in 2007-08 is estimated at \$18.6 million.

The major events under planning include youth concerts; outdoor festive carnivals; performances by the London Symphony Orchestra, the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre, western, Cantonese and other Chinese operas; as well as dance, orchestral, vocal and other musical events. Since discussion with many of the local, mainland and overseas art groups and agents is still underway, the programme details and the related expenditure have yet to be finalised.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB206

Question Serial No.

1621

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate for 2007-08 is \$121.6 million (5.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. One of the reasons is the net creation of 188 posts. Please inform this Committee of the titles and functions of these posts as well as the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The net creation of 188 posts under Programme (1) "Recreation and Sports" is the result of the creation of 199 posts and the deletion of 11 posts. These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary and Workman II grades. They are created to provide leisure services as well as management, accountancy, clerical and support services in the Department. The estimated salary provision for the net addition of these 188 posts is \$53 million per annum.

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Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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Reply Serial No.

HAB207

Question Serial No.

1623

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports
 (3) Heritage and Museums
 (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the details as well as the manpower and expenditure involved as regards the celebration activities organised by the Administration for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is planning a series of sports activities, exhibitions and performing arts activities. The major sports activities under planning are the 1st Hong Kong Games, 2007 International Dragon Boat Races, International Soccer Exhibition Match, International DanceSport Extravaganza, Euro-Asia Snooker Masters Challenge 2007, Gymnastics Extravaganza, 2007 Federation Internationale De Volleyball World Lady Volleyball Grand Prix-Hong Kong and Mega Tai Chi Show. The Department will co-organise most of these activities with the respective National Sports Associations and discussion with them is still underway.

The Department is also planning a series of blockbuster exhibitions to be staged at the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum as well as more than 70 performances in over 15 performing arts programmes by local, mainland and overseas visiting art groups. Performing arts events include youth concerts; outdoor festive carnivals, performances by the London Symphony Orchestra, the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre, western, Cantonese and other Chinese operas as well as dance, orchestral, vocal and other musical events.

In view of the scale and significance of the celebration activities involved, on top of the existing resources of LCSD, an additional provision estimated at \$50 million has been earmarked for these activities in 2007-08. Furthermore, commercial sponsorships will be solicited. A great deal of co-ordination work among the co-organisers, potential sponsors and the Department is needed to facilitate the smooth running of the activities, and the additional work is taken up by existing staff of the Department and holders of a few additional short-term time-limited posts. Among the aforesaid additional provision of \$50 million, around \$0.9 million will be provided for creation of the additional posts for about four to six months to help coordinate the activities.

Discussion with the relevant authorities and organisations for the loan of exhibits and organisation of the celebration activities is underway. As the activities are still under planning, their detailed breakdown of the expenditure items is not available at this stage.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB208

Question Serial No.

1624

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Free Use Scheme, please provide the following information:

- (a) the list of leisure venues under the Scheme;
- (b) the usage rates of those leisure venues before and after inclusion in the Scheme;
- (c) the reduction in revenue from venue charges due to the implementation of the Scheme; and
- (d) whether the Administration will extend the Scheme to other leisure venues which are not currently under the Scheme? If so, what are the details? If not, why not?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The required information on the Free Use Scheme is set out below –

- (a) all the squash courts, hockey grounds, outdoor bowling greens, arenas and 151 activity rooms in the sports centres managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are covered by the Scheme;
- (b) the usage rates of these venues before and after implementation of the Scheme are set out at Annex;
- (c) the revenue forgone under the Scheme in 2005-06 was \$6.7 million. As one of the objectives of the Scheme is to promote use of facilities of low usage during non-peak hours, the revenue forgone under the Scheme is in essence notional rather than actual; and

- (d) the Department has no plan to further extend the Scheme to other sports facilities at this stage. To promote utilisation of sports facilities during non-peak hours, the Department will continue to allow schools, subvented non-government organisations (NGOs), national sports associations and district sports associations to use selected sports facilities free of charge during those hours (i.e. from opening time to 5 p.m. on weekdays from September to June next year). We will strengthen our liaison with these organisations, in particular schools and NGOs to maximise the usage of these sports facilities as well as to promote sports. We will continue to work in partnership with NGOs to promote the organisation of sports programmes. Venue managers of sports facilities will make every effort to publicise the facilities and organise tailor-made programmes to further enhance their utilisation rates.

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Date 15 March 2007

**Usage Rates of Recreation and Sports Facilities
before and after Implementation of the Free Use Scheme**

Facilities	Usage during Non-peak Hours	
	Before Implementation of the Scheme	After Implementation of the Scheme
Arenas	45%	58.8%
Activity Rooms	39%	53.7%
Squash Courts	12.6%	30%
Hockey Grounds	17.6%	17.6%
Outdoor Bowling Greens	11.5%	21%

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Reply Serial No.

HAB209

Question Serial No.

1625

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Administration make use of the manpower of the newly created posts to extend the opening hours of all public libraries and to standardise the opening days of the public libraries in the New Territories and urban areas to seven days a week? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The additional permanent posts to be created in 2007-08 are not for extending the opening hours of the public libraries. Any extension of library opening hours would have financial implications in respect of manpower requirements at different levels and other operational expenses such as utilities charges, overtime and various contract services. It is estimated that extending the opening time of all the existing public libraries for one hour will incur an additional annual expenditure of about \$23 million. With the involvement of District Councils (DCs) in the management of district facilities including libraries, the Department will consider in conjunction with the DCs whether the opening hours of the public libraries in their respective districts should be changed.

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Post Title _____ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 16 March 2007

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HAB210

Question Serial No.

2421

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the details and amounts of provision for subventing the major performing arts groups for the past 3 years (i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07) by year and by group.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

In the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, ten major performing arts groups were funded by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). For the four groups fully funded by LCSD, the subvention amounts provided were as follows –

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
HK Philharmonic Society	59,078,000	56,538,000	56,538,000
HK Chinese Orchestra	50,343,000	48,178,000	48,178,000
HK Dance Company	28,496,000	27,270,000	27,270,000
HK Repertory Theatre	27,837,000	26,640,000	26,640,000

Another six major performing arts groups received three-year grants from HKADC. In addition, they were supported by LCSD through the Department's offer of production fees for selected programmes and free or reduced rates for use of venues and ticketing services. The total support received from HKADC and LCSD, net of ticket income received by LCSD, was as follows –

	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	LCSD (\$)	HKADC (\$)	LCSD (\$)	HKADC (\$)	LCSD (\$)	HKADC (\$)
HK Ballet	11,523,725	14,047,000	11,445,615	13,436,000	11,019,322	13,436,000
HK Sinfonietta	2,680,681	11,239,000	2,894,482	10,750,000	3,020,053	10,750,000
City Contemporary Dance Company	3,569,902	8,682,000	3,605,916	8,304,000	3,972,804	8,304,000
Chung Ying Theatre	1,354,299	5,514,000	2,330,739	5,274,000	2,843,866	2,650,000
Zuni Icosahedron	2,228,282	2,022,000	2,119,436	1,934,000	1,981,743	2,750,000
Theatre Ensemble	1,357,006	1,455,000	785,186	1,392,000	1,811,306	3,200,000

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Reply Serial No.

HAB211

Question Serial No.

1612

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 694
Archaeological excavations
(block vote)

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated provision for archaeological excavations for 2007-08 is 28% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07, mainly due to the expected increase in requirement for the excavation works. Regarding the expected increase in requirement, please inform this Committee of the works projects involved and the amount of resources required.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The increase is mainly due to a new funding requirement of \$200,000 for a rescue excavation at Tai Kwai Wan, Cheung Chau in 2007-08 as necessitated by a sitting-out area enhancement project.

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Question Serial No.

1613

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated provision for performing arts for 2007-08 is lower than the revised provision for 2006-07 by 18.1%. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

Financial provision for the performing arts in 2007-08 is \$170.7 million, or 18.1% less than that for the 2006-07 revised estimate, mainly due to an administrative arrangement involving the transfer of the funding responsibilities for ten major performing arts groups from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). Following the recommendation of the Committee on Performing Arts of putting the major performing arts groups supported by LCSD and the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) under one roof with a view to developing a single assessment mechanism, an amount of \$177.3 million, which would otherwise be LCSD's subvention for the four performing arts groups (namely the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre and the Hong Kong Dance Company), and its support for the six HKADC 3-year grantees (namely, the Hong Kong Ballet, the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, the City Contemporary Dance Company, the Zuni Icosahedron, the Chung Ying Theatre and the Theatre Ensemble) and the related administrative expenses, will be transferred to HAB in 2007-08. This decrease in provision is partly offset by additional allocation to LCSD for the celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR.

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Question Serial No.

1672

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to this Programme, please advise us on the following:

- (a) as the attendance at holiday camps is expected to be 520 000 in 2007-08, what is the average usage rate of each holiday camp?
- (b) as the attendance at water sports centres is expected to be 112 000 in 2007-08, is the attendance rate favourable? If not, what measures can be taken to increase the attendance rate? What is the expenditure involved?
- (c) the reasons why the average usage rate of tennis courts in the past years has fallen below 50%? Is it because their hiring charges are too high? Will the Administration consider reviewing the standard of hiring charges of tennis courts? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) The estimated average usage rates of individual holiday camps in 2007 are as follows-
 - i) Lady MacLehose Holiday Village : 73%
 - ii) Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village : 77%
 - iii) Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre : 97%
 - iv) Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre : 87%
- (b) In 2007, the target attendance in water sports centres is 112 000, which will represent an average usage rate of 79%. The attendance is higher than those in previous years and is considered satisfactory. The estimated expenditure for the five water sports centres in 2007-08 is \$23.9 million.

- (c) The comparatively lower usage rate of tennis courts is probably due to the declining popularity of the sport in recent years. To enhance the usage of existing tennis courts, the Department will continue to work in partnership with sports organisations to promote the sport and to make more use of the facilities. We also have a plan to convert Kowloon Tsai Park Tennis and Squash Courts into a dedicated sports training base for tennis to promote the sport and to increase utilisation of the venue. The Department will review the hiring charges of tennis courts.

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HAB214

Question Serial No.

1673

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08 under this Programme:

- (a) On enhancing utilisation of existing sports facilities and converting selected under-utilised facilities into sports training bases, will the Administration inform this Committee of the details on what facilities have been selected for the conversion projects, the expenses involved in the conversion, the progress of the conversion works and what types of training bases the facilities will be converted to ?
- (b) On expanding the School Sports Programme, please provide data on the school participation rate at present, in 2004, 2005 and 2006; the amount of public money spent on implementing the programme; whether extra manpower is required to take forward the Administration's plan to raise the school participation rate to over 90% in three years' time; and the expenditure required for carrying out the related work.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) To facilitate sports organisations to provide training and promotional programmes for the long term development of specific sports in Hong Kong, we plan to convert two under-utilised sports venues, namely Kowloon Tsai Park Tennis & Squash Courts and Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts, into dedicated sports training bases for tennis and air gun shooting respectively. The sports training bases will be operated by non-profit making sports organisations on a self-financing basis. The organisations will be required to upgrade/convert the existing facilities to meet the necessary requirements at their own cost. Hence, no public expenditure is involved for the conversion works. The Sports Commission and the relevant District Councils have been consulted on the proposal and they support the conversion. We are now working on the logistic arrangement for the tenders.
- (b) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has, since 2001, been actively promoting sports in primary and secondary schools through the School Sports Programme (SSP). The SSP consists of seven subsidiary programmes, namely, Sports Education Programme, Easy Sport Programme, Sport Captain Programme, Outreach Coaching Programme, Joint Schools Sports Training Programme, Badges Award Scheme and sportACT Award Scheme.

By 2004, 875 schools had joined the SSP, representing 68% of the total number of primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong. The number of schools joining in 2005 and 2006 increased to 905 and 955 respectively, representing 70% and 76% of the total number of primary and secondary schools. Our target is to increase the school participation rate to 90% in three years' time. To achieve the target, more promotional and publicity activities as well as school visits will be conducted to boost the participation rate of schools. The sportACT Award Scheme is introduced to give recognition and further encouragement for schools to actively promote sports to students as well as for students to participate regularly in sports activities.

In financial year 2006-07, \$14 million was spent on SSP. In order to further promote sports to students and increase the school participation rate, we will work through National Sports Associations and provide them with additional subvention of \$3 million to organise more SSP activities. The additional administrative work of the increased activities will be carried out using the existing manpower of the Department.

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HAB215

Question Serial No.

1718

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to this Programme, the number of sports centres will be increased by one whereas the number of swimming pool complexes remains unchanged when comparing the estimate for 2007 with that for 2006. Will the Administration consider increasing these facilities in 2007 for densely-populated districts such as Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai where such facilities are still lacking? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

Four public works projects with a total cost of some \$1,030 million are being implemented in Tung Chung New Town. These include the Indoor Recreation Centre, Community Hall cum Library in Area 17, Tung Chung (construction commenced in December 2006 for completion in late 2009) and a Swimming Pool Complex in Area 2 (Phase I), Tung Chung (construction to commence in end-2007 for completion in mid-2010). Six projects with a total cost of some \$903.9 million are also being implemented in Tin Shui Wai New Town. These include an Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 17 Tin Shui Wai (construction expected to complete by early 2007) and Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre (with a 25-meter indoor heated pool) (construction will be advanced to commence in late 2007 for completion by mid-2011).

We will review in conjunction with the Islands District Council the need for an additional sports centre and the construction of Phase II of Swimming Pool Complex in Tung Chung New Town in the light of the future population growth and the aspiration of local residents. A Sports Centre and Community Hall in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai and the feasibility of inclusion of a public swimming pool complex in Phase II of District Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai are also under active planning in consultation with the Yuen Long District Council. We will bid for the necessary funding to take the projects forward according to the established resource allocation procedures with reference to the priority accorded by the relevant District Councils in the implementation of the projects.

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HAB216

Question Serial No.

0568

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

At present, performing arts venues managed by the Government are often fully booked. It is difficult for performers or performing groups to book these venues for use. However, it is learnt that many venues booked are not actually used for performing or arts activities. Does the Administration have the intention to separately process venue booking applications of performing arts use and non-performing arts use so that performing or arts groups can have priority use of the venues, making it more in line with the original intention of building such venues?

Asked by : Hon. CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Selina

Reply :

In the existing booking arrangement for the 13 performing arts venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, all facilities are open for public hiring but priority is already accorded to arts-related activities. Generally, ordinary booking applications for arts-related activities are accepted at the earliest from four to 12 months in advance of the month of hire, while booking applications for non-arts activities are only accepted at the earliest three months in advance with the exception of applications by government departments, District Councils or registered schools. For non-arts bookings by these three types of hirers, time restriction is imposed on venues with keen competition, e.g. for the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre, non-arts bookings are only accepted four months in advance while the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall and Studio Theatre, the City Hall Theatre and Concert Hall will only accept such bookings for the morning sessions from Monday to Thursday (except public holidays). For competing bookings, arts-related activities are always accorded priority over non-arts events. Statistics show that in 2005-06, non-arts activities at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall and Grand Theatre accounted for only 6% out of 96% of usage based on bookings by session and 2% out of 98% of usage respectively. At the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall, non-arts activities accounted for only 6% out of 92% of usage. At the Sha Tin Town Hall Auditorium, non-arts activities accounted for 10% out of 87% of usage.

The Department reviews the booking arrangement from time to time in consultation with stakeholders in order to meet with the changing needs and aspirations of the community.

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Question Serial No.

0864

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the conservation of heritage buildings, what is the expenditure involved in conserving historical buildings that are on the verge of demolition or in a state of dilapidation for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) is committed to conserving buildings of significant heritage value not restricted to those on the verge of demolition or in a state of dilapidation. The projected expenditure of AMO in 2006-07 on restoring and maintaining privately-owned monuments that are open for public visitation is \$11 million. For 2007-08, an estimated provision of \$21.447 million is earmarked for the purpose based on the AMO's work plan.

As for Government-owned monuments managed by other government departments, the restoration/maintenance works required will be carried out by them. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department does not have information on the expenditure involved.

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HAB218

Question Serial No.

1933

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will formulate and implement a comprehensive strategy to encourage community-wide participation in sports activities in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the relevant details of this strategy and the estimated expenditure to be incurred.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department, in consultation with the Sports Commission and its Community Sports Committee and the 18 District Councils, formulated a set of strategies to further the promotion of sports to the community in 2006. The strategies are -

- (a) formulating systematic and objective indicators to measure the effectiveness of the Sports for All policy;
- (b) coordinating and strengthening liaison and collaboration among the major partners involved in promoting community sports;
- (c) staging the Hong Kong Games to promote public participation in sports and a sense of belonging to the community;
- (d) intensifying the scope of School Sports Programme and better utilising school sports facilities;
- (e) developing district sports activities with local characteristics; and
- (f) introducing suitable sports activities to people of different age groups in order to encourage them to participate in sports suitable to them.

The six strategies will be implemented step by step from 2007 onwards with the ultimate objective of building up a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong in the long run. The implementation of the strategies will include work such as the formation of various committees and working groups to oversee the formulation of indicators for measuring the effectiveness of the Sports for All policy, the organisation of the first Hong Kong Games in April this year, the setting up of a communication platform for the major partners involved in community sports, and the organisation of more activities with district characteristics and for people of different age groups and abilities. The work will be carried out as part of the Department's ongoing programmes with existing resources.

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Question Serial No.

0580

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What measures will be taken by the Administration to enhance utilisation of the existing sports facilities? What are those under-utilised facilities selected by the Administration for conversion into sports training bases? What is the estimated cost of the conversion works?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

To promote utilisation of sports facilities especially during non-peak hours, the Department will continue to encourage schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations to use specific sports facilities free of charge during non-peak hours (i.e. from opening time to 5 p.m. on weekdays from September to June next year) under the Free Use Scheme. We will continue to encourage different organisations such as local community groups to use our sports facilities.

To facilitate provision of training programmes by sports organisations for the long term development of specific sports in Hong Kong, we plan to convert two under-utilised sports venues, namely Kowloon Tsai Park Tennis & Squash Courts and Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts, into dedicated sports training bases for tennis and air gun shooting respectively. The sports training bases will be operated by non-profit making sports organisations on a self-financing basis. The organisations will be required to upgrade/convert the existing facilities to meet the necessary requirements at their own cost. Hence, no public expenditure is involved for the conversion works.

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Question Serial No.

0581

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, the Administration will mount a series of blockbuster exhibitions. When will these exhibitions be held? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is planning a series of blockbuster exhibitions to be staged at the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum between the second and fourth quarters of 2007. On top of the existing resources of LCSD, an additional provision estimated at \$6.6 million has been earmarked for these exhibitions in 2007-08. Furthermore, commercial sponsorships will be solicited. Since discussions with relevant authorities and organisations for the loan of exhibits and other logistical arrangements are still underway, the exact dates and details of the expenditure for individual exhibitions have yet to be finalised.

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HAB221

Question Serial No.

1628

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In connection with the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region this year, it is anticipated that a number of recreational and sports celebration activities will be organised. Will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) whether the related expenditure possibly so incurred has been calculated and included in the 2007-08 Estimates? If yes, please provide the detailed expenditure breakdown and the amount for individual items; if no, the reasons for that; and
- (b) whether the Administration will consider organising a cross-boundary marathon race as one of the celebration activities in view of the growing popularity of the marathon sport? By so doing, the habit of doing more exercise can be promoted and more people will participate in the 10th anniversary celebration. If yes, what is the expenditure involved? If not, why not?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :.

- (a) For the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the provision earmarked in 2007-08 for holding major sports activities in celebration of the 10th Anniversary is around \$25 million. The major sports activities under planning are the 1st Hong Kong Games, 2007 International Dragon Boat Races, International Soccer Exhibition Match, International DanceSport Extravaganza, Euro-Asia Snooker Masters Challenge 2007, Gymnastics Extravaganza, 2007 Federation Internationale De Volleyball World Lady Volleyball Grand Prix-Hong Kong and Mega Tai Chi Show. The Department will co-organise most of these activities with the respective National Sports Associations and discussion with them is still underway. Apart from the additional provision, the existing resources of the Department will be redeployed and commercial sponsorships will be solicited to support the organisation of the celebration activities. As the sports activities are still under planning, the detailed breakdown of the expenditure items is not available at this stage.

- (b) We do not plan to organise a cross-boundary marathon as part of the celebration programme. There are already a number of sports activities in the celebration programme that will encourage members of the community to do more exercise to maintain a healthy living.

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Question Serial No.

2159

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the recreation and sports facilities listed under the Indicators of this Programme, would the Administration advise on the following:

- (a) Whether more specific indicators will be developed, such as the ratios of the number of sports centres to population in each district, and of the number of sports facilities for the elderly?
- (b) Whether it will consider using the government land with uncommitted land use as temporary leisure grounds after simple land formation?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin- kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) Chapter 4 of the 'Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines' (HKPSG) provides a standard of provision for sports centre with reference to the population of a district. The standard is one centre per 50 000 to 65 000 persons. The Chapter also highlights the growing need to provide exercise facilities for the aged in Hong Kong and recommends integrated design principles in planning exercise facilities to cater for such need. The Department makes reference to the HKPSG in planning the provision of its recreation and sports facilities.
- (b) The Department will consider making use of uncommitted government sites as temporary leisure grounds where justified. The factors we take into consideration include the views of the District Council concerned, the socio-economic structures of the population, the utilisation rate of the existing leisure and recreation facilities and the cost effectiveness of such temporary use.

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HAB223

Question Serial No.

2160

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

I have received complaint(s) from member(s) of Tuen Mun District that the leisure facilities, including a swimming pool near Tin King Estate and a sports ground at Area 16, which the former Municipal Councils have undertaken to construct are still outstanding. With regard to the recreation and sports facilities listed under the Indicators of this Programme, would the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) what are the work progress of these facilities, the total estimated funds required, the expenditure estimated by the Administration and the commencement and anticipated completion dates of the construction works?
- (b) whether the District Council concerned has been consulted so as to speed up the construction progress?

Asked by : Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Swimming Pool Complex in Area 1 (Sun Wai Court), Tuen Mun, which is near Tin King Estate, has already reached an advanced stage of planning. The estimated cost of the project is about \$392 million. It will comprise a 50m outdoor main pool, a 25m indoor heated pool, a teaching pool, a training pool cum warm-up pool, and a children pool with Jacuzzi facility and water play equipment. The conceptual design of the swimming pool complex is being prepared for consultation with the Tuen Mun District Council in mid-2007. The current plan is advance the construction works to start in late 2008 for completion by 2011, which will be about two years earlier than originally planned.

The sports ground in Area 16 is not in the list of outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former Municipal Councils. It has not been included for priority implementation by the Tuen Mun District Council, and there is no development programme for it at present.

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Question Serial No.

2161

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicator “static libraries” listed under this Programme, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) whether more specific indicators will be developed, such as the ratios of libraries to population and of study rooms to the youth population in each district?
- (b) of the number of outstanding library facilities of the former municipal councils, their geographical distribution and the commencement dates of these projects?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) In planning new library facilities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will draw reference from the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) which stipulate that one district library should be provided for each district and that there should also be a district library for every 200 000 persons. The Department will also take into account the geographical environment and the pattern of population distribution in a district and consider, in consultation with the District Council concerned, the provision of supplementary library services such as small libraries and mobile library stops. Study rooms are provided in the major and district libraries to supplement those provided by other organisations.
- (b) The current implementation plans for the eight ex-Municipal (ex-MC) projects with library facilities are as follows: –
 - (i) Indoor Recreation Centre, Community Hall cum Library in Area 17, Tung Chung: works already started in end 2006 for completion in late 2009;
 - (ii) Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre: works to start in late 2007 for completion in mid-2011;
 - (iii) Small public library at the Siu Sai Wan Complex, Chai Wan: works to start in early 2008 for completion in early 2011;
 - (iv) Public libraries at Yuen Long town centre and at Tseung Kwan O: works to start in early 2009 for completion in late 2011;

- (v) Public library at Lam Tin North Municipal Services Building (Kwun Tong): works to start in late 2009 for completion in late 2012;
- (vi) Indoor Recreation Centre-cum-Library Area 14B, Sha Tin: works to start in late 2010 for completion in mid-2013; and
- (vii) Public Library at Tung Chau Street (Sham Shui Po): works to start in late 2010 for completion in late 2013.

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HAB225

Question Serial No.

2199

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

I have received complaint(s) from member(s) of the public that the operation of the new ticketing system for the Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) in Paragraph 23 under this Programme takes a long time. Would the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) of the details of the system upgrade project together with the expenditure and manpower involved;
- (b) of the details regarding the time required by the new system to process each ticket booking and failure rates as compared with the old system; and
- (c) of the number of complaints about the new system received and the reasons for the complaints, as well as measures to be taken to improve the operation of the new system?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) The new URBTIX backend system is owned, operated and maintained by the contractor CityLine at no capital cost to the Government. The contractor is paid a fee by programme presenters for each ticket sold. The system was launched in October 2006 and has completely and successfully replaced the old system since late December 2006.
- (b) The new system can issue up to 20 000 tickets per hour as compared to 16 000 for the old one. Transaction time at the box office varies, and depends on the complexity of the customer's requirements. For a simple purchase through the Internet, the transaction could be completed in less than a minute. The old system recorded three system failures in its last operating period of 12 months, totaling 195 minutes' down time, while the new system has not encountered any system failure since launching. The new system has passed the acceptance test with a serviceability level of 99.47%.

- (c) Up to 12 March 2007, records show that only four complaints on ticket selling service had been received since the new system was launched. None of them was related to the system's performance. The subject of two of the complaints was that the 'day of the week' was not displayed next to the 'date of performance' on the ticket. That shortfall has been rectified subsequently. The third complaint was about a 15-minute delay at an outlet in Tai Po due to failure of the outlet terminal caused by human error. The box office operator concerned has been advised to follow the standing procedures in future to avoid similar problems. The fourth complaint was about long waiting time at an outlet in Tuen Mun in the morning of 9 December 2006 when counter sale for the HK Arts Festival commenced causing long queues at many URBTIX outlets in that morning. We will further promote the use of Internet ticketing as an alternative and a more convenient channel for purchasing tickets to reduce the number of people queuing at URBTIX outlets.

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HAB226

Question Serial No.

2614

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “providing subvention to national sports associations to meet part of their administration and personnel expenses” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Department inform this Committee of the amount of subvention which the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association has received from the Government in the past three years (i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07), and whether there is any monitoring mechanism in place to ensure the effective and proper use of the subvention by the HKAAA? If so, what is it? If not, what are the reasons? Was there any case of improper use of the subvention found in the past?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The amounts of sports subvention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provided to the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA) in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 were \$3,656,310, \$3,593,498 and \$3,866,218 respectively. The subvention included personnel, administration and programme expenses.

The HKAAA, like all National Sports Associations (NSAs) receiving subvention from LCSD, has entered into a subvention agreement with the Government. Under the subvention agreement, the subvented organisation is required to exercise proper internal controls to ensure the cost-effectiveness and accountability in the use of the subvention. It is required to report expenditure position and activity progress to LCSD at quarterly intervals, submit annual audited report and adopt ethical code of conduct and declaration practice to prevent conflict of interests. The subvented organisation is obliged to act upon any corruption prevention advice rendered by the Independent Commission Against Corruption as well as other accounting and administrative procedures proposed by the Government to improve public transparency and accountability.

LCSD assumes a monitoring role to oversee the implementation of the subvented activities. LCSD keeps in close liaison with the NSAs in programme planning and carries out site inspection of the subvented activities for progress monitoring and assessment of the results achieved. The Quality Assurance Section of LCSD also carries out inspections and checks of the funding records to ensure that proper accounting procedures are adopted and the terms of the subvention agreement are complied with. LCSD will follow up any irregularities found and seek rectification as appropriate.

Based on our observation and the information gathered from the HKAAA, there is no evidence to suggest that there is a breach of the subvention agreement nor contravention of the law during the past years.

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HAB227

Question Serial No.

2615

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “administering subsidies to national sports associations/sports organisations for organising leisure and sports activities” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Department inform this Committee of the amount of subsidies which the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association has received from the Government for organising the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon in each of the past 5 years, and whether there is any monitoring mechanism in place to ensure the proper use of the subsidies? If so, what is it? If not, what are the reasons? Was there any case of improper use of the subsidies found in the past?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has not provided any cash subvention to the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA) for organising the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon in the past years. The operation of the Marathon has been financed by HKAAA's own resources and commercial sponsorship.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB228

Question Serial No.

0562

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the respective ranks and numbers of the 493 permanent posts to be created in 2007-08, as well as the expenses involved.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The net creation of 493 posts is the result of the creation of 520 posts and the deletion of 27 posts. These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Amenities Assistant, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Artisan and Workman II grades. The estimated salary provision for the net addition of these 493 posts is \$138 million per annum.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB229

Question Serial No.

0563

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As regards the conversion of under-utilised facilities into other uses, please provide:

- (a) a list of the facilities which have been converted into other uses, the expenses involved and their usage rates before and after conversion; and
- (b) a list of the facilities to be converted to other uses in 2007-08 and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

- (a) To make better use of under-utilised facilities, this Department has converted 14 squash courts and 12 tennis courts into other uses to meet the changing community demand. The total expenditure for the conversion works is about \$12.1 million. Details are at Annex I. Compared to 2005, the usage rate of the Department's squash courts in 2006 was 43%, representing a 6% increase, and that for its tennis courts was also 43%, which was a slight drop by 1%.
- (b) In 2007-08, we plan to convert Kowloon Tsai Park Tennis and Squash Courts and Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts into dedicated sports training bases for tennis and air gun shooting respectively. The sports training bases will be operated by non-profit making sports organisations on a self-financing basis. The organisations will be required to upgrade/convert the existing facilities to meet the necessary requirements at their own cost. Hence, no public expenditure is involved for the conversion works. We have also identified some less popular squash courts for conversion into landscaped open space with elderly fitness stations to meet the need of the districts. The total expenditure is about \$12.2 million. Details are at Annex II.

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**List of Under-utilised Squash Courts and Tennis Courts
Converted into Other Uses**

(a) Squash courts converted into other uses:

District	Venue	Squash Courts converted	Other Uses	Cost involved
Southern	Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 10)	2	a fitness room	\$0.4 M
Central and Western	Smithfield Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 7)	2	2 small activity rooms cum indoor archery rooms	\$0.1 M
Wan Chai	Harbour Road Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 8)	1	a dance room	\$0.4 M
	Wong Nai Chung Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 3)	1	a children's playroom	\$0.1 M
Eastern	Java Road Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 7)	2	a large activity room	\$1.8 M
Kowloon City	To Kwa Wan Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 3)	1	a dance room	\$0.3 M
Wong Tai Sin	Kai Tak East Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 3)	1	a climbing room	\$1.1 M
	Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 6)	2	a large activity room	\$1.0 M
Islands	Cheung Chau Sports Centre (Total No. of Squash Courts: 2)	2	a children's playroom	\$0.6 M
Sub-total :		14	Sub-total:	\$5.8 M

(b) Tennis Courts converted into other uses:

District	Venue	Tennis Courts converted	Other Uses	Cost involved
Tuen Mun	Tsing Wah Lei Tennis Court (Total No. of Tennis Court: 1)	1	a basketball court	\$0.6 M
Kwai Tsing	Mei King Playground (Total No. of Tennis Courts: 4)	2	a basketball court	\$2.9 M
	Tsing Yi Park (Total No. of Tennis Courts: 8)	1	a basketball court	\$0.3 M
	Tai Wong Ha Playground (Total No. of Tennis Courts: 2)	2	a Tai Chi garden	\$0.5 M
	Shek Lei Street Tennis Courts (Total No. of Tennis Courts: 3)	1	a basketball court	\$0.4 M
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai Park (Total No. of Tennis Courts: 7)	2	a basketball court	\$0.6 M
		3	a 5-a-side mini soccer pitch	\$1.0 M

Sub-total:

12

Sub-total:

\$6.3 M

Grand Total:

\$12.1 M

Annex II

Plans to Convert Under-utilised Leisure Facilities into Other Uses in 2007-08

District	Venue	Courts to be converted	Plan	Estimated Expenditure
Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park Tennis and Squash Courts	8 tennis courts, 2 tennis practice courts and 5 squash courts	To establish a Tennis Training Centre. Facilities, such as fitness rooms, lecture rooms, audio-visual rooms will also be provided to meet training needs.	0 (The future operator will bear the cost of conversion)
Kwai Tsing	Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts	6 squash courts	An Air-gun Shooting Training Centre will be established. An administration office and 20 ten meters shooting lanes will be provided.	0 (The future operator will bear the cost of conversion)
Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park Squash Courts Building	3 squash courts	To demolish the squash courts building and convert the site into landscaped open space with elderly fitness stations.	\$5.8 M
North	Fanling New Town Squash Courts Building	2 squash courts	To demolish the squash courts building and convert the site into landscaped open space with elderly fitness stations.	\$4.2 M
Tsuen Wan	Shing Mun Valley Park Tennis Courts (Total No. of Tennis Courts: 5)	3 tennis courts	To convert three tennis courts into a 5-a-side mini soccer pitch cum archery practice range	\$2.2 M

Total expenditure: \$12.2 M

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HAB230

Question Serial
No.

0564

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the number of cultural and entertainment programmes held in 2004, 2005 and 2006 with a breakdown by civic centres in the districts.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The cultural and entertainment programmes presented or sponsored by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) can be categorised as :

- (a) Cultural performances and audience building activities held at the 13 civic centres and non-LCSD venues; and
- (b) Free entertainment activities and carnival events held at various parks and playgrounds, housing estates and other community spaces.

The total number of cultural and entertainment programmes organised are :

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
(a) Cultural performances and audience building activities	3 415	3 466	3 518
(b) Free entertainment activities	<u>661</u>	<u>647</u>	<u>651</u>
Total:	4 076	4 113	4 169

Among these, the number of activities organised at the 13 civic centres for 2004, 2005 and 2006 are 1 952, 2 010 and 2 019 respectively. A detailed breakdown by civic centres is listed in the Annex.

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康樂及文化事務署在文娛中心舉辦的文化活動

Cultural Activities Organised by Leisure and Cultural Services Department at Civic Centres

場地 Venue		表演# Performance#		
		2004	2005	2006
香港大會堂	Hong Kong City Hall	137	172	190
香港文化中心	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	648	625	670
高山劇場	Ko Shan Theatre	124	83	73
牛池灣文娛中心	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	112	134	122
西灣河文娛中心	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	121	113	64
上環文娛中心	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	19	139	131
荃灣大會堂	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	118	174	124
屯門大會堂	Tuen Mun Town Hall	143	115	118
北區大會堂	North District Town Hall	25	32	30
大埔文娛中心	Tai Po Civic Centre	49	39	35
沙田大會堂	Sha Tin Town Hall	237	205	174
葵青劇院	Kwai Tsing Theatre	141	98	170
元朗劇院	Yuen Long Theatre	78	81	118
合計	Total	1 952	2 010	2 019

註: # 數字不包括租用者舉辦的節目。

Note: # Figures exclude programmes organised by hirers.

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Question Serial No.

2414

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will intensify greening work for vacant government sites in 2007-08. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the related work and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

(a) In 2007-08, the Department will carry out greening at eight vacant government sites. Their locations are as follows –

District	Location
Yau Tsim Mong	Hoi Fai Road
Kwun Tong	Fan Wa Street
Tsuen Wan	Lo Wai Village
Islands	Tung Chung Waterfront Road in Tung Chung
Islands	Ngan Shek Street in Mui Wo
Tai Po	Junction of Kwong Wang Street and Tai Po Road
Sha Tin	Fu Kin Street opposite Lung Hang Estate
Sha Tin	Sai Sha Road near Ma On Shan Recreation Ground

We plan to plant 150 trees, 70 000 shrubs and groundcovers. Species will include Bauhinia variegata (宮粉羊蹄甲), Hibiscus tiliaceus (黃槿), Ficus benjamina (垂葉榕), Brunfelsia calycina (鴛鴦茉莉), Duranta iorentzii (金連翹), Ixora stricta (龍船花), Hibiscus rosa-sinensis (大紅花), Rhododendron spp. (杜鵑), Calliandra haematocephala (紅絨球), Ervatamia divaricata (狗牙花) and Pilea cadierei (冰水花).

(b) We have budgeted \$450,000 for the implementation of the programme.

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HAB233

Question Serial No.

2416

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide details of the programmes for persons aged 60 or above and persons with a disability organised in 2006 and 2007, including the name, purpose, nature and duration of the programmes, as well as the expenditures involved.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

With an aim to promote Sports for All and to encourage people of all age groups and different abilities to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including elderly persons and persons with a disability. Programmes specifically organised for elderly persons and persons with a disability include fitness, dancing, swimming, lawn bowl, table-tennis, day camping, excursion, gateball and golf activities. In 2006-07, a total of about 3 190 programmes were specially organised for persons aged 60 or above, catering for more than 312 000 participants, at a cost of \$4.66 million. As for persons with a disability, over 960 programmes for more than 52 000 participants were organised at a cost of \$1.72 million. These programmes were mostly held in leisure facilities managed by the Department during day time. Outreaching programmes were also organised for elderly persons and persons with a disability at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres.

In 2007-08, we will continue to organise similar programmes as in last year for these two target groups. About 3 300 programmes will be organised for some 340 000 elderly persons at an estimated cost of \$5 million, while another 1 000 programmes will be tailor-made for about 61 000 persons with a disability at an estimated cost of \$2 million. To provide more opportunities for elderly persons to participate in structured sports activities, this Department will assist voluntary agencies in implementing the project "Healthy Exercise for Longevity" commencing in 2007-08. It is estimated that some 2 000 sports activities will be organised to benefit 29 000 participants under this project with funding to be raised by the voluntary agencies themselves.

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HAB234

Question Serial No.

2417

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicator of publications under “Museums”, please provide detailed information on the titles and the quantity of the publications actually printed in 2006, the expenditure involved as well as the quantity of publications distributed. How does the Administration dispose of the publications which have not been successfully distributed?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Details of the museums' publications printed in 2006 are as follows:

Types of Publication	No. of Items	Quantity Printed	Quantity Issued/Sold	Printing Cost (\$ million)
Exhibition Catalogues	13	46 000	23 740	1.30
Educational Materials	57	1 059 900	981 000	1.07
Programme Pamphlets and Promotional Materials	49	747 600	648 000	1.07
Newsletters	26	643 000	639 000	1.30
Total	145	2 496 500	2 291 740	4.74

The majority of the programme pamphlets and promotional materials are related to the standing exhibitions and activities organised at the museums. Most of the educational materials contain information that are relevant not only to the activities already held at the museums and would continue to be useful reference for members of the public including school teachers and students. We will continue to make them available at our museums. As regards exhibition catalogues, most of them are for sale and we will continue to make them available at our shops. In addition, we will continue to organise special book sales annually to boost the sale of these catalogues. The printing volume for newsletters is reviewed from time to time and adjusted as necessary to avoid wastage.

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HAB235

Question Serial No.

2418

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please inform this Committee of the number of visits made by mobile libraries in 2006 and the costs per visit, as well as the estimated expenditure for the mobile library van service in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2006, the ten mobile libraries made a total of 2 657 visits. The average cost per visit was \$4,158. The estimated expenditure for provision of the mobile library service in 2007-08 is \$11 million.

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Question Serial No.

2419

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please inform the Committee whether there will be provision for the construction of new libraries in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Funding approval from the Finance Committee will be sought in 2007-08 for the provision of a major library under the Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre Project and a small library in the Siu Sai Wan Complex Project.

The estimated costs of the projects are \$596 million and \$385 million respectively.

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HAB237

Question Serial No.

2420

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please explain why the estimated provision for “Cultural presentations, entertainment programmes, activities and exhibitions” under Other Charges for 2007-08 is lower than the revised provision for 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The estimated provision for “Cultural presentations, entertainment programmes, activities and exhibitions” for 2007-08 is \$22.1 million lower than that for the 2006-07 revised estimate. The decrease is mainly due to the administrative arrangement involving the transfer of the funding responsibilities relating to the six Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) 3-year grantees from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). LCSD has been giving support to six HKADC 3-year grantees, namely, the Hong Kong Ballet, the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, the City Contemporary Dance Company, the Zuni Icosahedron, the Chung Ying Theatre and the Theatre Ensemble, through subsidising their programme production fees, marketing and publicity costs, etc. Following the recommendation of the Committee on Performing Arts of putting the major performing arts groups supported by LCSD and HKADC under one roof with a view to developing a single assessment mechanism, the allocation to LCSD for supporting the six HKADC 3-year grantees will be transferred to HAB in 2007-08.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB238

Question Serial No.

0539

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the financial year of 2007-08, will the Administration make additional provision for the enhancement of information technology equipment such as computers in the libraries to meet the needs of the public? If yes, please list:

- (a) the amount of the additional provision;
- (b) the types and quantities of the information technology equipment to be installed; and
- (c) the libraries to be benefited.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to enhance the use of information technology for delivering public library services. For 2007-08, a total allocation of \$19.82 million will be provided to further improve library automation services.
- (b) The breakdown of the provision is as follows -
 - (i) \$1.36 million as the first-year expenditure of the project for replacing the existing Library Automation System (LAS) at a total estimated cost of \$196.47 million under the Capital Works Reserve Fund as approved by the Finance Committee in February 2007;
 - (ii) \$5.80 million for upgrading 548 Multimedia Information System (MMIS) workstations in 27 branch libraries;
 - (iii) \$4.70 million for conducting a feasibility study on the future development of the MMIS;
 - (iv) \$4.96 million for the installation of 82 Internet Express Terminals in 57 branch libraries; and
 - (v) \$3.00 million for the installation of the Octopus payment system for the collection of library fines and charges.

- (c) The replacement of the LAS and the installation of the Octopus payment system will benefit all public libraries. With the upgraded MMIS workstations, 27 libraries would be able to provide a more effective multimedia information service to the public. The addition of 82 Internet Express Terminals would further enhance the provision of Internet service at 57 libraries.

In addition, as announced in the Financial Secretary's 2007-08 Budget, WiFi networks will be provided in public libraries for free use by the public, as part of the plan to facilitate public access to the Internet in government venues.

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HAB240

Question Serial No.

0550

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will create 493 permanent posts in 2007-08. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the titles of the new posts, the respective Programmes that they come under and their annual salary provision.

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

The net creation of 493 posts is the result of the creation of 520 posts and the deletion of 27 posts. It involves creation of 199 and deletion of 11 posts under Programme (1) "Recreation and Sports"; creation of 124 and deletion of 7 posts under Programme (2) "Horticulture and Amenities"; creation of 20 posts under Programme (3) "Heritage and Museums"; creation of 47 and deletion of 7 posts under Programme (4) "Performing Arts"; and creation of 130 and deletion of 2 posts under Programme (5) "Public Libraries".

These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Amenities Assistant, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Artisan and Workman II grades. The estimated salary provision for the net addition of these 493 posts is \$138 million per annum.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB241

Question Serial No.

0551

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will create 493 permanent posts in 2007-08. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the reasons for the creation of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

The net creation of 493 posts is to provide leisure and cultural services as well as management, accountancy, clerical and support services in the Department.

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Question Serial No.

0552

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will create 493 permanent posts in 2007-08. In this connection, please inform this Committee whether all the 493 permanent posts are converted from the existing Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) posts and temporary posts. If yes, what are the respective numbers of staff members to be appointed on transfer from NCSC posts and from temporary posts? If no, what types of candidates will be appointed to fill the 493 posts?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

The net creation of 493 new civil service posts in 2007-08 include those for replacing Non-Civil Service Contract positions involving work that should more appropriately be performed by civil servants and for providing new services. The majority of these new civil service posts are at recruitment ranks and they will be filled through open recruitment.

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HAB243

Question Serial No.

0553

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will create 493 permanent posts in 2007-08. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the number of staff who are currently occupying Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) posts or temporary posts that are needed on a long-term basis. Will the Administration appoint all of them to permanent posts? When will all of them be offered such appointments?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

The special review conducted jointly with the Civil Service Bureau in 2006 established that the duties of 803 Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff in the Department should more appropriately be performed by civil servants. Their positions will be replaced by filling existing and anticipated vacant civil service posts and, as necessary, creating new posts. When there is open recruitment for civil service posts, NCSC staff will have to apply in response to vacancy advertisement in the same manner as outside candidates in accordance with the established government policy.

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Question Serial No.

0520

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the 2007-08 Estimates, the previous indicator “buildings/structures preserved” is converted to the indicator “cumulative total of buildings/structures declared as monuments”. However, as in the 2006-07 Estimates, the heritage target is to have one more preserved building/structure only. Please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the name of the building/structure to be declared as a monument;
- (b) of the itemised details of the manpower resources and actual expenditure required in total for the preservation of the building/structure; and
- (c) whether the Administration will consider speeding up the assessment process in 2007-08 so as to increase the number of heritage buildings/structures to be preserved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

- (a) In 2007-08, we plan to declare Chik Kwai Study Hall at Pat Heung, Yuen Long as a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance.
- (b) The declaration of monuments is a legal process under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance and the work is undertaken by the Antiquities and Monument Office (AMO) with its existing resources. However, additional capital expenditure will be required for renovating the historical buildings after they have been declared as monuments and before they can be opened to the public. The cost of restoring and maintaining a monument varies according to its individual physical condition and the conservation and maintenance requirements specified by conservation experts. For 2007-08, an estimated provision of \$21.447 million has been earmarked for the AMO to carry out about 60 projects.

AMO has eight professional staff responsible for restoration and maintenance projects. The total staff cost in 2006-07 was \$3.1 million.

- (c) In March 2005, the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) appointed an expert panel to assess the heritage value of 1 440 buildings constructed before 1950. Upon completion of the assessment, the expert panel will submit the assessment results to the AAB which will then identify buildings for grading or for declaration as monuments, and submit recommendations to the Antiquities Authority for consideration. We will discuss with the expert panel and the AAB on the possibility of speeding up the assessment and related work.

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Question Serial No.

1717

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has planned to create 493 non-directorate posts in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the relevant details, the posts involved and their related expenditure. How many of these posts will be converted from Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) or temporary posts to permanent ones?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The net creation of 493 posts is the result of the creation of 520 posts and the deletion of 27 posts. These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Amenities Assistant, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Artisan and Workman II grades. They are created to provide leisure and cultural services as well as management, accountancy, clerical and support services in the Department. The estimated salary provision for the net addition of these 493 posts is \$138 million per annum.

Among the net creation of 493 posts, some 400 posts will be created to replace the Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff whose work was identified, in the special review of employment situation of NCSC staff conducted jointly with the Civil Service Bureau in 2006, to be more appropriately performed by civil servants.

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Question Serial No.

1719

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has planned to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities in 2007-08. Please provide details of the related work and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

To promote the utilisation of sports facilities especially during non-peak hours, the Department will continue to encourage schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations to use specific sports facilities free of charge during those hours (i.e. from opening time to 5 p.m. on weekdays from September to June next year) under the Free Use Scheme. This is our on-going work and will be done using our given resources.

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HAB248

Question Serial No.

1721

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will organise large-scale sports activities in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the relevant details and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

For the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the additional provision earmarked in 2007-08 for holding major sports activities in celebration of the 10th Anniversary is around \$25 million. The major sports activities under planning are the 1st Hong Kong Games, 2007 International Dragon Boat Races, International Soccer Exhibition Match, International DanceSport Extravaganza, Euro-Asia Snooker Masters Challenge 2007, Gymnastics Extravaganza, 2007 Federation Internationale De Volleyball World Lady Volleyball Grand Prix-Hong Kong and Mega Tai Chi Show. The Department will co-organise most of these activities with the respective National Sports Associations and discussion with them is still underway. Apart from the additional provision, the existing resources of the Department will be redeployed and commercial sponsorships will be solicited to support the organisation of the celebration activities. As the sports activities are still under planning, the detailed breakdown of the expenditure items is not available at this stage.

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HAB249

Question Serial No.

1722

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration has encouraged the general public to participate in sports activities in 2006-07. Please inform this Committee of the details of the related work and the expenditure involved in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

With a view to developing a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong and encouraging more people to participate regularly in recreation and sports activities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises a wide variety of sports training courses, recreational activities and sports competitions in the community. Moreover, major events and territory-wide projects including the Healthy Exercise for All Campaign, Young Athletes Training Scheme, Corporate Games, Masters Games, District Sports Teams Training Scheme and School Sports Programmes are also organised. In 2006-07, the Department organised over 29 100 community sports activities for more than 1 780 000 participants of all ages and abilities at a cost of about \$99 million.

In 2007-08, we will continue to organise various recreation and sports activities for different target groups. In addition, we will work closely with District Councils, local sports organisations and National Sports Associations to organise more sports activities with local characteristics; collaborate with voluntary agencies in implementing the "Healthy Exercise for Longevity" to encourage the elderly to participate in more structured sports activities; expand the School Sports Programme to enhance participation by schools; and support the organisation of the first Hong Kong Games. It is estimated that about 29 400 recreation and sports activities will be organised for about 1 785 000 participants at a cost of about \$111 million.

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HAB250

Question Serial No.

1723

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the years 2006-07 and 2007-08, what detailed work will be undertaken by the Administration to support the activities of local performing arts organisations and artists? What will be the expenditure incurred?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) supports local artist / arts groups by providing them with performance opportunities in the following manner -

- (a) presenting them at year-round cultural programmes at civic centres and in festivals organised by LCSD, including the International Arts Carnival in summer and the thematic arts festival every autumn, as well as the Programme Partnership Scheme organised at the various civic centres;
- (b) engaging them in audience building and arts education activities at schools, in the community venues, museums and civic centre facilities including foyers and open spaces; schemes offered included the Cultural Ambassador Scheme, the District Cantonese Opera Parade, the School Arts Animateur Scheme and the School Culture Day Scheme etc; and
- (c) featuring them in free entertainment programmes at various outdoor and indoor venues, in the districts and during festive carnivals.

In 2006-07, a total of 3 446 cultural performances featuring local artists with an expenditure of \$84,252,000 were organised. For 2007-08, the estimated number of such cultural performances will be 3 114, at an estimated expenditure of \$80,917,500. A detailed breakdown on activities supporting local artists/ arts groups is listed in the Annex. The decrease in the number of cultural performances in 2007-08 is mainly attributable to the number of performances by the six 3-year grantees supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council being taken out upon the transfer of their funding responsibilities to the Home Affairs Bureau following the recommendation of the Committee on Performing Arts.

From 2007-08 onwards, a Committee on Programme and Development, set up upon the advice of the Committee on Performing Arts comprising 13 members from six art form panels and the chairman of the Venue Partnership Committee will make recommendations to LCSD on the strategies for performing arts programmes, especially on formulating structured and sustainable strategies for supporting the development of local budding and small-scale performing arts groups.

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LCSD's support to Local Artists / Arts Groups

Local performances	2006-07 (Note 2)			2007-08		
	No. of performances	Direct production cost	Attendance	No. of performances	Direct production cost	Estimated attendance
Local cultural programmes (Note 1)	751	\$48,865,000	289 627	502	\$44,755,000	196 881
Audience building / arts education activities	2 050	\$16,487,000	692 558	1 938	\$15,352,500	665 194
Free district entertainment programmes	645	\$18,900,000	1 240 091	674	\$20,810,000	1 481 300
Total	3 446	\$84,252,000	2 222 276	3 114	\$80,917,500	2 343 375

Note 1

Local cultural programmes include festivals, and year-round and Programmes Partnership activities.

Note 2

2006-07 figures included 256 performances by the six major local groups receiving 3-year grants from the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, namely the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, the Hong Kong Ballet, the City Contemporary Dance Company, the Chung Ying Theatre, the Theatre Ensemble and the Zuni Icosahedron. From 2007-08 onwards, their support will come under the Home Affairs Bureau.

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Question Serial No.

1626

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the net creation of 188 posts under this Programme in 2007-08, please list these posts by rank.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The net creation of 188 posts under Programme (1) "Recreation and Sports" is the result of the creation of 199 posts and the deletion of 11 posts. These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary and Workman II grades.

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HAB252

Question Serial No.

2408

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There will be a net creation of 493 permanent posts in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2007-08. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the detailed breakdown of the above posts by rank, function and terms of appointment;
- (b) as it is indicated that some of the posts to be created are for the purpose of organising celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, what will the Government do in regard to these staff upon completion of all the celebration activities; and
- (c) as LCSD is a department which has a substantial number of Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff and outsourcing contracts, will it consider allocating additional resources to strengthen junior staff training and reduce the number of outsourcing contracts in order to resolve the problem of succession gap and enhance the consistency of service quality in the department?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) The net creation of 493 posts is the result of the creation of 520 posts and the deletion of 27 posts. These posts cover the Leisure Services Manager, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Amenities Assistant, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Artisan and Workman II grades. They are created to provide leisure and cultural services as well as management, accountancy, clerical and support services in the Department. The majority of these posts are at recruitment ranks, which will be filled through open recruitment and the new recruits will be appointed on civil service terms.
- (b) Only a few time-limited posts will be created for organising the celebration activities for the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. These posts will be filled by internal redeployment of staff on a short-term basis. Upon completion of the celebration activities, the staff concerned will resume their original duties.

- (c) The department will not have any succession problem because the posts will be filled within 2007-08 by either open recruitment or promotion as appropriate.

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HAB253

Question Serial No.

0031

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the respective recreational activities organised by the Administration in Tai Po and North Districts in 2006-07, as well as the number of participants and the expenditure involved in the activities.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The Department spent about \$2.6 million to organise about 870 recreation and sports activities for about 57 000 participants in Tai Po District in 2006-07. The Department spent about \$3.3 million to organise about 1 140 recreation and sports activities for about 39 000 participants in North District during the same period. Activities organised included training courses; competitions and recreational programmes in aquatics, dance and fitness; individual games (e.g. table-tennis, badminton, tennis, squash); team games (e.g. soccer, basketball, volleyball); and athletics and outdoor pursuits programmes.

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HAB254

Question Serial No.

0032

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the implementation of the Community Garden Programme in all 18 districts, what was/will be the expenditure involved in implementing the Programme in the years 2006-07 and 2007-08? What are the specific details of the Programme?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The Community Garden Programme (the Programme) aims to encourage the public to participate in greening activities at the neighbourhood level. The Programme is organised in the form of gardening courses. Each participating unit (comprising five persons) will be allotted a planting plot of 2.25 square metres to practise gardening under the guidance of part-time horticultural instructors. The duration of each gardening course is four months. The course fee per participating unit is \$400.

The Programme was first launched in February 2004 and was well received by the public. It has been extended to all 18 Districts by the end of 2005. The estimated expenditure for each gardening course is \$50,000 which is mainly used to employ part-time horticultural instructors and staff to man the community garden. In 2006-07, a total of 40 gardening courses were organised for around 1 400 participating units (7 000 persons). The estimated expenditure was about \$2 million and revenue was about \$0.56 million. In 2007-08, we plan to maintain the scale of the Programme with the same level of provision (i.e. \$2 million) as in 2006-07.

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HAB255

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational Expenses

Question Serial No.

0033

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will create 493 non-directorate posts in 2007-08. Please inform this Committee of the respective Programmes or Policy Areas that the posts to be created come under and of the ranks and duties of these posts (please list by the types of duties the number of staff in different ranks involved and their respective salaries).

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The net creation of 493 posts is the result of the creation of 520 posts and the deletion of 27 posts. It involves creation of 199 and deletion of 11 posts under Programme (1) "Recreation and Sports"; creation of 124 and deletion of 7 posts under Programme (2) "Horticulture and Amenities"; creation of 20 posts under Programme (3) "Heritage and Museums"; creation of 47 and deletion of 7 posts under Programme (4) "Performing Arts"; and creation of 130 and deletion of 2 posts under Programme (5) "Public Libraries".

These posts cover a number of grades including the Leisure Services Manager, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Amenities Assistant, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Cultural Services Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary, Artisan and Workman II grades.

The posts are created to provide leisure and cultural services as well as management, accountancy, clerical and support services in the Department. The estimated salary provision for the net addition of these 493 posts is \$138 million per annum.

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HAB256

Question Serial No.

0429

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 600 Works

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There is no expenditure incurred for Item 020 “Restoration of Tsang Tai Uk, Shatin”, Item 026 “Restoration of Wing Ning Wai” and Item 507 “Restoration of Hung Lau in Tuen Mun” for the revised estimated expenditure for 2006-07. Please inform this Committee of the present progress of the three projects.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

- (a) Tsang Tai Uk has been recommended by the Antiquities Advisory Board for declaration as a monument. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is seeking the consent of its owners for the declaration and the restoration works can only begin after it has obtained the consent and the building has been declared as a monument.
- (b) The gate house of Wing Ning Wai is one of the tourist attractions along the Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail in Fanling. The Department’s original plan was to carry out restoration works to the gate house in 2006. However, as the village representatives have yet to agree to the scope of the works, the restoration project has to be deferred.
- (c) The restoration of Hung Lau in Tuen Mun could not commence in 2006 because its owner has yet to agree to declaring the site on which Hung Lau stands as a monument. The restoration works have to be deferred.

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HAB257

Question Serial No.

2269

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the item “plan for the replacement of the library automation system”, please inform this committee:

- (a) of the timetable for the above planning work, whether a consultancy firm will be commissioned to provide assistance and, if so, of the expenditure involved;
- (b) whether the Administration will consider introducing innovative technologies, e.g. RFID technology, to the new library automation system for better system efficiency and user-friendliness of the services to be provided; and
- (c) of the estimated expenditure involved, with a breakdown of the expenses for the entire replacement project.

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

- (a) The tentative timetable for the replacement of the library automation system (LAS) is as follows -

Work	Target Completion Date
Tender preparation and invitation	June 2007
Tender evaluation, negotiation and award of contract	May 2008
Launch of the new LAS - Phase 1	December 2009
Launch of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Pilot	June 2010
Review of RFID Pilot	January 2011
Launch of the new LAS - Phase 2	July 2011

Note: Phase 1 will mainly consist of the core library functions and Phase 2 will consist of the new or enhanced functions.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will procure hardware, software and implementation services through an open tender so as to engage a contractor with good reference and experience in implementing projects of a similar magnitude. LCSD will form a project team to monitor the performance of the contractor in order to ensure that the project is completed as planned. The total estimated non-recurrent expenditure for the procurement of hardware, software and implementation services is \$156,451,000. Since a consultancy study has been conducted before working out the roadmap for the replacement of the LAS, the implementation phase will not require the service of another consultancy firm.

- (b) The project to replace the LAS includes a pilot run of a RFID sub-system in six public libraries. In addition, the new LAS will provide the public with a high quality digital reference service through the introduction of virtual reference utilities that will enable the libraries to handle online enquiries more effectively and efficiently with a knowledge base of reference questions and answers. The new system will also introduce innovative electronic resources management utilities to enable readers to effectively access various types of electronic resources such as e-books, online databases and e-journals.
- (c) The entire replacement project will incur an estimated non-recurrent expenditure of \$196,467,000 over a period of six years with breakdown as follows:

	\$'000
(i) Hardware	86,121
(ii) Software	24,559
(iii) Implementation services	45,771
(iv) Contract staff services	14,938
(v) Miscellaneous (site preparation, data lines installation, training, consumables, etc.)	6,466
(vi) Contingency	18,612
Total	196,467

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HAB258

Question Serial No.

2370

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the item “continue to provide additional Internet express terminals in libraries”, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How many additional Internet express terminals will be installed by the Administration in 2007-08? What is the estimated expenditure involved? Please list out by district the existing number of such terminals and the proposed number of terminals to be added.
- (b) What are the criteria adopted by the Administration for determining the regional distribution of Internet express terminals. Has consideration been given to the varied requirements of individual community for public Internet facilities?
- (c) What is the amount of expenditure for all the Internet express terminals in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department plans to install 82 additional Internet express terminals (IETs) in 57 branch libraries in 2007-08. The total estimated non-recurrent cost is \$4.96 million. Distribution of the terminals by district is shown at Annex 1.
- (b) In determining the distribution of IETs at the libraries, we have taken into consideration a number of factors including the existing usage of Internet services, the overall provision of Internet workstations, the physical constraints of individual library and the local community demand for Internet service as estimated by library staff based on their day-to-day contact with the library users.
- (c) In 2006-07, the recurrent expenditure for operating 11 IETs at nine libraries is about \$80,000.

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Provision of Internet Express Terminals

District	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	Existing Provision	Planned Additional Provision in 2007-08	Total
<i>Hong Kong Island</i>			
Central & Western	1	4	5
Eastern		7	7
Southern	2	4	6
Wan Chai		6	6
<i>Kowloon</i>			
Kowloon City	1	3	4
Kwun Tong		7	7
Sham Shui Po		5	5
Wong Tai Sin		7	7
Yau Tsim Mong	2	7	9
<i>New Territories</i>			
Islands		6	6
Kwai Tsing		5	5
North		4	4
Sai Kung		3	3
Sha Tin	2	1	3
Tai Po	1	2	3
Tsuen Wan	1	4	5
Tuen Mun	1	2	3
Yuen Long		5	5
Total:	11	82	93

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HAB259

Question Serial No.

1614

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The average usage rate of tennis courts is only 43%. Please state in details whether there are any measures to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities and list the estimated expenditure involved. Will the Administration consider shutting down those under-utilised tennis courts?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

To enhance the usage rate of tennis courts, the Department will continue to work in partnership with sports organisations to promote the sport and to make more use of the facilities. In addition, we will explore the feasibility of converting less popular tennis courts into other uses to meet the changing community demand. In 2007-08, we plan to convert three tennis courts at Shing Mun Valley Park into a 5-a-side mini soccer pitch cum archery practice court. The total expenditure for the conversion works is about \$ 2.2 million.

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HAB260

Question Serial No.

1615

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please list in detail the estimated expenditure for the large-scale sports activities that will be organised to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

For the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the additional provision earmarked in 2007-08 for holding major sports activities for the 10th Anniversary Celebration is around \$25 million. The major sports activities under planning are the 1st Hong Kong Games, 2007 International Dragon Boat Races, International Soccer Exhibition Match, International DanceSport Extravaganza, Euro-Asia Masters Challenge 2007, Gymnastics Extravaganza, 2007 Federation Internationale De Volleyball World Lady Volleyball Grand Prix-Hong Kong and Mega Tai Chi Show. Apart from the additional provision, the existing resources of the Department will be redeployed and commercial sponsorships will be solicited to support the organisation of the celebration activities. As the sports activities are still under planning, the detailed breakdown of the expenditure items is not available at this stage.

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HAB261

Question Serial No.

1622

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the net creation of 188 posts under this Programme in 2007-08, please list the salaries, duties and reasons for creation of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The estimated salary provision for the net creation of the 188 posts under Programme (1) "Recreation and Sports" is \$53 million per annum. The net creation of 188 posts involve creation of 199 and deletion of 11 posts covering the Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Executive Officer, Accounting Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Personal Secretary and Workman II grades. These posts are created to provide leisure services as well as management, accountancy, clerical and support services in the Department.

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HAB262

Question Serial No.

1963

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to support the East Asian Games Planning Committee. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific support provided by the Administration to the East Asian Games in 2006-07 and the expenditure involved in various items of work?
- (b) the specific support the Administration will continue to provide to the East Asian Games in 2007-08 and the expenditure involved in various items of work?
- (c) the present progress of the upgrading projects of the venues for holding the competitions of the East Asian Games and the anticipated dates of completion of all the upgrading projects of the venues?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) In 2006-07, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department supported the East Asian Games (EAG) Planning Committee in launching the 2009 EAG Slogan Competition and EAG venue thematic design competition; liaising with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and National Sports Associations on the selection of sports programmes for the Games; setting up the EAG Association secretariat; and presenting the progress of EAG preparation work to the EAG Association Council and Committees. We have also continued our ongoing efforts to promote EAG to students through the Department's School Sports Programmes and to launch EAG exhibitions at major events and venues of the Department. These have been carried out as part of the Department's overall work on sports promotion and development.
- (b) In 2007-08, the Department will continue to support the EAG Planning Committee in the planning and preparation for the 2009 EAG, including promoting EAG to students through the Department's School Sports Programme; organising an EAG Mascot competition, staging EAG promotion and roving exhibitions at major events and prominent venues of the Department and working together with the District Councils to enhance community participation. These will be carried out as part of the Department's overall work on sports promotion and development.

- (c) In January and February 2007, the Finance Committee approved a total funding of about \$824 million (MOD price) for carrying out improvement works at 13 selected EAG venues. The Architectural Services Department would proceed to invite tenders shortly for the improvement works to commence from mid 2007 onwards for completion in the first half of 2009 to tie in with the staging of the Games in late 2009.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB263

Question Serial No.

1964

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise large-scale sports activities in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) how many large-scale sports activities will be held? What are the respective estimated expenditures?
- (b) what is the estimated number of visitors of each large-scale sports activity?
- (c) as regards these large-scale sports activities, apart from the funding of the Administration, will there be involvement and sponsorship from other organisations? If yes, which organisations are they?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

We plan to hold eight major sports activities for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. These major sports activities and their estimated number of spectators are: 1st Hong Kong Games (18 000 spectators); 2007 International Dragon Boat Races (10 000 spectators); International Soccer Exhibition Match (40 000 spectators); International DanceSport Extravaganza (10 000 spectators); Euro-Asia Snooker Masters Challenge 2007 (10 000 spectators); Gymnastics Extravaganza (21 000 spectators); 2007 Federation Internationale De Volleyball World Lady Volleyball Grand Prix-Hong Kong (26 000 spectators); and Mega Tai Chi Show (20 000 participants).

The additional provision earmarked in 2007-08 for holding these major sports activities is around \$25 million. Apart from the additional provision, the existing resources of the Department will be redeployed and commercial sponsorships will be solicited to support the organisation of the celebration activities. As discussion with the potential sponsors is still underway, the details of the sponsorships are not available at this stage.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB264

Question Serial No.

1965

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department completed the first Physical Fitness Test for the Community in 2006. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) of the actual expenditure of the Physical Fitness Test for the Community and the items of work that the money has been spent on?
- (b) when the findings of the test will be announced? And how the findings will be used to plan appropriate activities?
- (c) whether the Administration will continue to conduct the test in the future? If no, why not?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The total expenditure for the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (the Test) was about \$3 million and it covered costs for professional services for data collection and analysis as well as report writing, purchase of test equipment, publicity and the staging of fitness test days.
- (b) The results of the Test were announced on 23 September 2006 through a press conference. The data collected from over 6 000 participants across the territory had been analysed to provide useful information on the current physical fitness conditions of Hong Kong people of different age groups, their exercise patterns and preference for activities. The data will be further analysed on a district basis to provide district specific information for the respective District Councils and the District Leisure Services Offices of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to use as reference in planning and delivering suitable recreation and sports programmes for their residents.

- (c) It is our plan to conduct similar tests every five years to monitor the physical fitness conditions of Hong Kong people on a continual basis.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB265

Question Serial No.

1966

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department introduced the sportACT Award Scheme in 2006. In this connection, would the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) the expenditure under the sportACT Award Scheme in 2006-07?
- (b) the specific results achieved by the award scheme concerned in 2006-07; and
- (c) will the sportACT Award Scheme be carried out continuously in the future? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department launched the sportACT Award Scheme (the Scheme) in October 2006 as one of the subsidiary programmes of the School Sports Programme. The Scheme is to give recognition to schools which actively promote sports to their students as well as students who participate in sports activities regularly. In 2006-07, an amount of \$1.5 million was spent for launching the Scheme and production of related promotional materials such as printing of student handbooks, school manuals, posters and publicity panels for display in schools.
- (b) Since the launching of the Scheme in October 2006, we have conducted a series of promotional activities including school visits, roving exhibitions, sportACT talks for students and briefing sessions for school principals and teachers. Schools are encouraged to sign the sportACT School Charter to signify their commitment to encourage and facilitate their students to choose a suitable sport for continuous participation. Up till now, over 160 schools have signed the sportACT School Charter and more are expected to join before the end of this school year.
- (c) We will continue to promote and publicise the Scheme as a part of our on-going School Sports Programme to help our younger generation lead a more sporty and healthy life.

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HAB266

Question Serial No.

1973

Head : 95 – Leisure and
Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicators of heritage and museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, would the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) why was the actual number of people attending museums in 2006 lower than the target set?
- (b) why was the actual number of people attending in-house education and extension programmes in 2006 lower than the target set?
- (c) what is the annual estimated expenditure for the operation of the museums?
- (d) as both the targets of attendance at museums and at in-house education and extension programmes for 2006 could not be met, does the Administration have any specific plans to encourage public attendance in 2007? If yes, what are the details of the specific plans? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The actual attendance in 2006 was lower than the target mainly because the attendance at two major exhibitions, viz the “Football Exhibition” and the “Artists and Their Models – Masterpieces from the Centre Pompidou, Paris”, was lower than that estimated despite intensive marketing efforts.
- (b) The target attendance at education and extension activities in 2006 was 1 055 000 while the actual figure was 1 049 264, which represents only a marginal difference of 0.54%. The target set is actually an estimation, and the difference in the estimated and actual numbers in question is not significant.
- (c) The estimated operating expenditure for all public museums in 2007-08 is \$462 million.

- (d) To boost attendance, we will introduce more diverse and vibrant exhibitions, and enhance the publicity for our programmes in 2007. We are planning a series of blockbuster exhibitions to be staged at the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum between the second and fourth quarters of 2007. We will also take a more proactive marketing approach to explore more opportunities of wider media coverage of museum programmes, as well as considering various means to attract overseas and Mainland tourists to visit our museums.

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Question Serial No.

1974

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the indicators of heritage and museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, would the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) As compared with 2006-07, the expected cumulative total of buildings/structures declared as monuments will increase by one only in 2007-08. What are the reasons? What is the expenditure involved for declaring a building/structure as a monument?
- (b) Given that the public are placing more and more importance on the preservation of antiquities and monuments, will the Administration consider revising the target of the cumulative total of buildings/structures declared as monuments? If yes, what is the new target? If no, why?
- (c) In addition, what is the average expenditure for restoring or maintaining a historical building/structure?
- (d) Does the Administration have any plan to further increase the target set for restoring or maintaining historical buildings/structures? If so, what is the new target? If not, why not?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) Factors that affect the progress of our work related to declaration of historical buildings as monuments are manifold, such as the time required to clarify the ownership and land entitlement of the buildings, the willingness of the building owners to declare their buildings as monuments, and the difficulty in locating the owners particularly in cases of multiple ownership. The time required to settle the problems encountered cannot be accurately predicted in many cases. While some cases are more straight-forward, the preparatory work in other cases may take years. For 2007-08, we plan to declare Chik Kwai Study Hall in Pat Heung, Yuen Long as a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance. The owner has already indicated no objection to the declaration.

The declaration of monument is a legal process under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance and the work is undertaken by the Antiquities and Monument Office (AMO) with its existing resources. However, additional capital expenditure will be required for renovating the historical buildings after they have been declared as monuments and before they can be opened to the public. In the case of Chik Kwai Study Hall, the Government would need to spend about \$5.5 million on its restoration.

- (b) The Government is committed to preserving buildings of heritage value and will consider declaring them as monuments as appropriate and practicable. However, declaring buildings as monuments is not the only means to preserve historical buildings and it is not practicable to increase the target number of declared monuments without knowing the plans and stance of owners of the buildings. Nevertheless, the Government will take different measures as appropriate to preserve buildings of high heritage value.
- (c) Depending on the ownership, the restoration and maintenance responsibilities of the declared monuments and graded historical buildings are undertaken by various parties including the AMO, the Architectural Services Department, other user government departments and/or private owners. The cost of restoration and maintenance of these buildings varies according to their individual physical condition, and the conservation and maintenance requirements specified by conservation experts. In 2006-07, the projected expenditure of AMO on restoring and maintaining monuments and historical buildings is \$11 million for a total of 79 projects.
- (d) The AMO draws up an annual maintenance programme for privately-owned declared monuments which are open for public visitation in consultation with the Antiquities Advisory Board. An estimated target of 60 restoration and maintenance projects in 2007 is put up after an assessment of the physical condition of the monuments during site inspections by AMO. Emergency repair and maintenance works, which cannot be projected and will be carried out when necessary, are not included in the target.

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Question Serial No.

1975

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the provision made by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department under the Programme of Heritage and Museums, would the Administration please advise:

- (a) why the revised estimate is 14.1% lower than the original estimate for 2006-07?
- (b) why the estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is 9.1% lower than the original estimate for 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The reduction in the revised estimate for 2006-07 is due to the following reasons –
 - (I) The museums had exercised economy in spending on operation and building maintenance, as well as organisation of programmes.
 - (II) The cash flow requirements for the following projects have been revised –
 - (i) Replacement of star projector and seating at the Space Theatre of the Hong Kong Space Museum – The tendering of the project has been deferred due to the need to conduct a technical feasibility study on a new technology now available in the projector system market.
 - (ii) Restoration and fabrication works of the Fireboat Alexander Grantham – The works have been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances including site accidents involving the lifting system, the unavailability of lifting barge, and unfavourable weather and sea conditions which had delayed moving the Fireboat from the dockyard and lifting it from the sea to the park at Quarry Bay.
 - (iii) Restoration of historical buildings – The restoration works can only proceed after the Department has obtained the consent of their respective owners for declaring the buildings as monuments. For some projects, the negotiation has taken longer than expected. For some traditional Chinese historical buildings, the commencement of the restoration works is subject to the setting of an auspicious day to the satisfaction of the owners/villagers, which has caused slippage to the original schedule.

- (b) The reduction in the estimate for 2007-08 is due to a number of considerations. The museums will continue to exercise economy in spending on operation, building maintenance and organisation of programmes. Moreover, since some special projects such as replacement of minor plant and equipment, and renewal of exhibits and displays had been completed in 2006, a lower provision will be required for 2007-08.

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HAB269

Question Serial No.

1998

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 000
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The revised estimate of departmental expenditure of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2006-07 is \$2,371,303,000 in total. In this connection, would the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) what is the amount of provision allocated to the outsourcing of service contracts in the revised estimate for 2006-07?
- (b) what is the total number of employment opportunities created by the outsourced services?
- (c) how many contractors are providing the respective outsourced services? What are the names of these contractors? How many employment opportunities does each contractor provide?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The amount of provision allocated for the outsourcing of service contracts in the revised estimate for 2006-07 is \$570 million.
- (b) The major types of outsourced services that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers, i.e. cleansing, security, horticultural maintenance and sports centre management, engaged about 7 300 workers as at December 2006.
- (c) As at the end of December 2006, there were 20 cleansing service contractors; 16 security guard service contractors; 10 horticultural maintenance service contractors; and 5 sports centre management service contractors. The names of these contractors with their respective number of non-skilled workers engaged are at **Annex**.

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List of contractors for non-skilled services
(with number of workers engaged shown in brackets)

Cleansing Services

Asia Cleaning Service Co.	(4)
Baguio Cleaning Services Co. Ltd.	(664)
Christian Family Service Centre	(1)
E & K Cleaning Services Ltd.	(13)
Fortune Cleaning & Pest Control Service Co. Ltd.	(2)
Johnson Cleaning Services Co. Ltd.	(1 917)
Law's Cleaning Services Ltd.	(27)
Li Hing Cleaning Services Co. Ltd.	(358)
Mental Health Association of Hong Kong – providing training placements only	(0)
New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	(62)
New Method Cleaning Services Ltd.	(4)
Nixon Cleaning Co. Ltd.	(501)
Po Leung Kuk	(16)
Polyking Services Ltd.	(1)
Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	(5)
The Salvation Army, Heng On Workshop	(6)
Tsang Lik Services Ltd.	(39)
Wai Hong Cleaning & Pest Control Co. Ltd.	(400)
Wai Tat Cleaning Service Ltd.	(9)
World Environmental Services Ltd.	(7)

Security Guard Services

G4S Security Services (HK) Ltd.	(130)
Guard Able Ltd.	(160)
Hong Nin Security Co. Ltd.	(146)
Kuokon Security Ltd.	(375)
New City Property Management Co. Ltd.	(19)
Pacific Crown Security Services Ltd.	(16)
P. Dussmann Hong Kong Ltd.	(24)
Professional Security Services Ltd.	(242)
Security Cares Consultancy Ltd.	(197)
Security Centre Ltd.	(119)
Sunbase International Properties Management Ltd.	(186)
Tonwell Security Ltd.	(93)
Underwriter Security Ltd.	(36)
Uniformity Security Co. Ltd.	(63)
Vigers Security Ltd.	(3)
WK Security (Hong Kong) Ltd.	(5)

Horticultural Maintenance Services

Artistic Landscape Management Co. Ltd.	(63)
Baguio Landscaping Services Ltd.	(348)
City Landscaping Co. Ltd.	(26)
Green Land Gardening Service Co.	(318)
Hong Kong Island Landscaping Co. Ltd.	(206)
Tarzan Landscape Contractors Ltd.	(29)
Universe Gardening Co.	(14)
Universe Service Co.	(30)
Wai Shing Engineering Co.	(14)
Yee Sun Garden Ltd.	(12)

Sports Centre Management Services

Hong Yip Service Co. Ltd.	(147)
ISS Eastpoint Property Management Ltd.	(13)
Kai Shing Management Services Ltd.	(100)
Telford Recreation Club Ltd.	(70)
Synergis Management Services Ltd.	(16)

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HAB270

Question Serial No.

0394

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In relation to the part on monuments and historical buildings under this Programme, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) as “declaring, where appropriate, buildings/structures as monuments” is mentioned under the Aim of the Programme, would the Government explain in detail the criteria for declaring a building/structure as a monument; and
- (b) in 2006-07, the cumulative total of buildings/structures declared as monuments has increased by one only. Would the Government provide the number of buildings/structures awaiting assessment and explain why assessment has yet to be completed?

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

- (a) Under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53), the Antiquities Authority (i.e. the Secretary for Home Affairs) may, after consultation with the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) and with the approval of the Chief Executive, declare any place, building, site or structure, which he considers to be of public interest by reason of its historical significance, to be a monument. In March 2005, the AAB appointed an expert panel to assess the heritage value of 1 440 buildings constructed before 1950. The assessment is being undertaken based on a set of criteria comprising historical interest, architectural merit, rarity, group value, collective memory and social value, authenticity and building integrity. Upon completion of the assessment, the expert panel will submit the assessment results to the AAB which would then identify buildings for grading or for declaration as monuments, and submit recommendations to the Antiquities Authority for consideration.
- (b) As mentioned in (a) above, the expert panel appointed by the AAB is assessing the heritage value of 1 440 historical buildings. The work involves complicated considerations and will take some time to complete.

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Question Serial No.

0395

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

For the 2006-07 financial year, the revised estimate under this Programme is lower than the original estimate by \$81.7 million. Would the Government explain the reasons for the reduced revised estimate and provide itemised details of the areas in which expenditure has been reduced together with the amount involved?

Asked by : Hon. YEUNG Sum

Reply :

The reduction in the financial provision required for 2006-07 is mainly due to the following reasons –

- (a) Recurrent expenditure – \$24 million
 - The museums had exercised economy in spending on operation and building maintenance, as well as organisation of programmes.

- (b) Restoration of historical buildings – \$32 million
 - Restoration works for privately-owned historical buildings can only proceed with the owners' consent over declaration of their buildings as monuments. Some restoration projects could not proceed in 2006-07 as planned because more time than expected was needed for negotiation with the building owners concerned. For some traditional Chinese historical buildings, the commencement of works was subject to the setting of an auspicious day to the satisfaction of the owners/villagers, which had led to slippage in the works schedule in some cases.

- (c) Replacement of star projector and seating at the Space Theatre of the Hong Kong Space Museum – \$14 million
 - Since new and reliable technology of the projection system has recently been available in the market, the implementation timetable for the project has been deferred to allow more time for the Department to conduct a technical feasibility study before tendering.

- (d) Restoration and fabrication of the Fireboat Alexander Grantham – \$11 million
- The schedule of the restoration and fabrication works has been revised due to unforeseen circumstances including site accidents involving the lift system, the unavailability of lifting barge, and unfavourable weather and sea conditions. The problems had delayed moving the Fireboat from the dockyard and lifting it from the sea to the park at Quarry Bay.

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HAB272

Question Serial No.

0139

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in the “Aim” under this Programme that community centres of the subvented sector will focus on the needs of vulnerable groups. The new arrivals and ethnic minorities have all along been regarded as vulnerable groups. In this connection, would the Administration please set out in detail the content of, as well as the expenditure and estimate involved in community work and group services for the new arrivals and ethnic minorities in 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

New immigrants and ethnic minorities in need are service targets of Community Centres (CCs). Services provided include adjustment courses, language and computer classes, tutorial classes, supportive groups, counselling and volunteer training.

There is no itemised breakdown of resources provided for individual service target groups. The financial provision for CCs is \$93.8M in 2006-07 revised estimate and \$94.1M in 2007-08 draft estimate.

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Paul TANG

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Director of Social Welfare

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HAB273

Question Serial No.

2379

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As agreed in the Policy Statement on Community Development, the resources released from terminated Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) would be redeployed to finance other community development projects, having regard to community needs (Para. 6.2, LC Paper No. CB(2)1997/04-05(01)). Please explain the usage of the resources released from the one terminated NLCDP in 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

One NLCDP team was closed down in 2006-07. The resources released have been subsumed under the Estimates of the Home Affairs Department. The resources would be allocated to relevant community development services as appropriate.

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Question Serial No.

2380

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As agreed in the Policy Statement on Community Development, the resources released from terminated Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) would be redeployed to finance other community development projects, having regard to community needs (Para.6.2, LC Paper No. CB(2)1997/04-05(01)).

Subvention for one NLCDP team is approximately \$1.4 million, please explain the 0.7% (\$0.9 million) budget decrease in 2007-08 for government subvention vis-à-vis that for the original estimate for 2006-07 on Programme (6) in subvented sector.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

The subvention for one NLCDP is \$1.2 million per annum. Provision for rent and rates will be given upon actual requirement. The decrease in the 2007-08 estimate as compared to the 2006-07 original estimate for NLCDP is mainly due to the full-year effect of the closure of one NLCDP in 2006-07 partly offset by the increase in provision for inflation adjustment. The resources of the terminated NLCDP have been subsumed under the estimates of the Home Affairs Department for allocation to relevant community development services as appropriate.

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Post Title _____ Director of Social Welfare

Date _____ 15 March 2007

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HAB275

Question Serial No.

1217

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Care and Support Networking Team, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) what are the details of the project as well as the expenditure and manpower involved?
- (2) while reviewing the contract of the project, has the Administration considered regularising the project through providing long-term provision to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for offering one-stop support services to those in need?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (1) The Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT) aims to help ex-offenders, ex-mentally ill persons and street sleepers in West Kowloon. One-stop services comprising outreaching, networking, support, case and group work services are provided with a view to re-integrating them into the community.

The financial provision for CSNT is \$1.3 million in 2007-08 estimate. As the operating organisation of CSNT is subvented under the Lump Sum Grant mode, they have full flexibility in deploying manpower resources to facilitate programme planning in meeting the needs of the target beneficiaries in the serving district.

- (2) The financial provision of the service is recurrent. The project is however allocated on a time-limited basis to take into account possible changes in service demands and/or the suitability of the existing NGO taker to continue operating the project. The next review will be conducted in early 2009.

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HAB276

Question Serial No.

2507

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding Programme (6), please state in detail the titles, purposes, natures, time frame of, as well as the resources allocated for the new services in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

There is no new service under Programme (6) in 2007-08.

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Post Title _____ Director of Social Welfare

Date _____ 15 March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

HAB277

Question Serial No.

0436

Head : 170 – Social Welfare
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There have all along been a large number of needy vulnerable groups in new towns such as Tung Chung, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun and Tin Shui Wai. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the numbers of Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects that have been and will be implemented in these districts in 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively? What are the details of the Projects, numbers of people served and expenditure/estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) provide welfare and support services to residents of targeted serving areas i.e. temporary housing areas, squatter and cottage areas, and Mark III to VI Public Housing Estates affected by five-year Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme of the Housing Authority. Each NLCDP is to serve a target area of a population between 3 000 and 15 000.

Under the existing policy, Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai new towns do not have any target area for NLCDP service. Instead, residents in these new towns are already supported by a range of community services including integrated services for family, young people and elderly.

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Paul TANG

Director of Social Welfare

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HAB278

Question Serial No.

1533

Head : 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Mechanical installations safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

During 2007-08, the Department will process design submissions of the new amusement rides arising from the expansion of Hong Kong Disneyland and redevelopment of Ocean Park.

- (a) How many new amusement rides are expected to be added to Hong Kong Disneyland and Ocean Park during 2007-08? What types of ride are they?
- (b) When are these new amusement rides expected to come into service?
- (c) Is there a need to employ additional staff to process the submissions? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

- (a) In 2007-08, one new ride “It’s a Small World” will be installed at the Hong Kong Disneyland. On the other hand, Ocean Park also plans to install eight new amusement rides comprising a funicular system and seven other amusement rides, like roller coaster, flume ride, water raft and bumper car.
- (b) “It’s a Small World” of the Hong Kong Disneyland is expected to open in early 2008 while the new rides in Ocean Park will be opened in different stages in 2009.
- (c) As regards the design vetting of these amusement rides, this Department will deploy existing resources to handle the works. No additional staff is required.

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Post Title _____ **Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services** _____

Date _____ **14 March 2007** _____

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Reply Serial No.

HAB279

Head : 703 – Buildings

Subhead : 3397RO, 3405RO, 3243RS

Question Serial No.

2711

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the progress of the following projects? How will the provision for 2007-08 be used? What are the anticipated completion dates of the projects? Are they different from the anticipated completion dates when the projects were approved?

- (1) 3397RO : Local open space in Area 16 (Yau Oi South), Tuen Mun
- (2) 3405RO : District open space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai
- (3) 3243RS : Indoor recreation centre in Area 17, Tin Shui Wai

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

- (1) 3397RO : Local open space in Area 16 (Yau Oi South) Tuen Mun
 - (a) Construction works commenced on 15 January 2007, and site formation works is being carried out on schedule;
 - (b) The provision in 2007-08 is mainly for settling payments on construction works and consultancy fees; and
 - (c) The progress of the site works is on schedule for completion by July 2008,
- (2) 3405RO : District open space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai
 - (a) Construction works commenced in December 2006 for completion by October 2008, which is two months ahead of the original completion date of December 2008;
 - (b) The provision in 2007-08 is mainly for settling payments on construction works and consultancy fees; and

(3) 3243RS : Indoor recreation centre in Area 17, Tin Shui Wai

- (a) The indoor recreation centre in Area 17, Tin Shui Wai has been substantially completed in February 2007;
- (b) The provision of \$5 million in 2007-08 is mainly for the procurement of furniture and equipment, and the payment of the remaining construction costs and consultancy fees; and
- (c) The construction completion date of February 2007 is in line with that reported previously to Yuen Long District Council.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ C. H. YUE

Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 15 March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

HAB280

Head : 703 – Buildings Subhead : 3248RS Improvement to
Kowloon Park Swimming Pool

Question Serial No.

1049

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration estimates that the expenditure on “Improvement to Kowloon Park Swimming Pool” is about \$150.3 million, and the estimated expenditure on the project for 2007-08 is \$25.4 million. What is the time frame for spending the remaining sum of \$124.9 million? How will the Administration ensure the completion of the improvement works before the opening of the 2009 East Asian Games?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

The construction works for 3248RS - Improvement to Kowloon Park Swimming Pool is expected to commence in June 2007 for completion by early 2009.

The provision of \$25.4 million for 2007-08 is mainly for the site formation works for the new trampoline room and other site preparation works. Since the existing swimming pool is open for public use until 1 December 2007, majority of the project works will be carried out in 2008-09.

We will monitor closely the progress of works and are confident that the project can be completed well before the commencement of the East Asian Games by the end of 2009.

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Post Title _____ **Director of Architectural Services** _____

Date _____ **15 March 2007** _____

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Reply Serial No.

HAB281

Head : 703 – Buildings Subhead : 3411RO Ngau Chi Wan
Recreation Ground, Wong Tai Sin

Question Serial No.

1050

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under subhead 3411RO, the Administration estimates that about \$195 million is required for the construction of the Ngau Chi Wan Recreation Ground in Wong Tai Sin. What facilities will be included in the recreation ground and what are the main reasons for the huge expenditure on the project? What is the scheduled commencement date of the project? What is the time frame for the construction work? Could the commencement and progress of the work be expedited?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

This project is one of the 25 priority projects announced in the January 2005 Policy Address. The project site, formerly the Ngau Chi Wan Landfill, comprises four platforms with a total area of about four hectares. The proposed scope of the project comprises :

- (a) an archery field with natural turfed ground;
- (b) a fitness corner with exercise stations, jogging track and pebble path for the elderly;
- (c) children's play area for children of different age groups;
- (d) a central lawn with associated facilities such as rain shelters, seatings, elderly fitness/play equipment;
- (e) one basketball court, colour coated and with floodlight;
- (f) a landscaped garden with sitting-out facilities, rain-shelters/pavilions and extensive planting of heavy flowering trees and shrubs etc; and
- (g) ancillary facilities including changing rooms, toilets and storerooms.

The overall construction cost is comparatively higher because the site covers four hectares in area and comprises four platforms at different levels. In addition, the site is a former landfill site, which requires special attention on the foundation design and the associated facilities due to the existence of aftercare facilities i.e. passive vent, leachate system, etc. Having regard to the factors mentioned above, the construction cost is considered to be reasonable.

The construction works are scheduled to commence in early 2008 for completion in early 2010. In view of the project complexity and site constraints, there is very limited room for expediting the programme.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB282

Question Serial No.

2001

Head : 703 – Buildings Subhead : 3243RS Indoor recreation centre
in Area 17, Tin Shui Wai

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

For the improvement project under the Programme, would the Administration advise on the following:

- (a) its progress and percentage of work done in 2006-07;
- (b) its progress in 2007-08;
- (c) its anticipated date of completion; and
- (d) is it possible for the improvement project to complete earlier or open partially as passive and active recreational facilities have long lacked in Tin Shui Wai?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 17, Tin Shui Wai has been substantially completed in February 2007. It is our aim to open the facilities for public use in June 2007.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ C H YUE

Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 15 March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

HAB283

Question Serial No.

2002

Head : 703 – Buildings Subhead : 3256RS Indoor recreation
centre-cum-library in Area 17,
Tung Chung

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

For the improvement project under the Programme, would the Administration advise on the following :

- (a) its progress and percentage of work done in 2006-07;
- (b) its progress in 2007-08;
- (c) its anticipated date of completion;
- (d) is it possible for the improvement project to complete earlier or open partially as residents have been increasing but passive and active recreational facilities have long lacked in Tung Chung? and
- (e) could the Administration keep on enhancing active recreational facilities and mobile library service in the area until the indoor recreation centre-cum-library has completed?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The project commenced in December 2006. At present, site preparation and construction of hoarding are being carried out;
- (b) It is expected that by the end of 2007-08, substructure works will have been completed and superstructure works will progress in full speed;
- (c) The project is expected to complete in October 2009 ;
- (d) The development programme for the project has been condensed previously and the project is now under construction. There would practically be little room for further acceleration. The question of partial opening of the facilities will be considered in due course vis-a-vis the progress of the construction works ; and

- (e) Before the completion of 3256RS, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to provide more varieties of recreation programmes for the residents in Tung Chung, particularly the youths, through the scheme, “Kicking off from Tung Chung”, and “School Sports Programme”. These programmes include activities like football, swimming, rope-skipping, shuttlecock, dancing and outing. In 2007-08, LCSD will organise over 200 recreational programmes for over 15 000 participants. To facilitate the development of soccer activities in the community, LCSD will take forward two minor works projects to provide a 5-a-side soccer pitch and a 7-a-side soccer pitch near Yat Tung Estate. Works for the two projects are expected to commence in late 2007 for completion in late 2008.

To meet the demand for library service in Tung Chung, LCSD has set up a small library at Yat Tung Shopping Centre since 2004 as an interim arrangement. In addition, mobile library services are provided at Fu Tung Estate every Monday and Wednesday, and at Man Tung Road Park every Thursday.

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Post Title Director of Architectural Services

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Reply Serial No.

HAB284

Question Serial No.

2709

Head : 707 – New Towns and Urban Area Development
Subhead (No. & title): 7014 CX, 7015 CX and 7016 CX

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the progress of the following projects? How will the provision for 2007-08 be spent? What are the expected completion dates for the projects and are they different from the anticipated completion dates when the projects were approved?

- (a) 7014CX : Rural Public Works Programme
- (b) 7015CX : Urban Minor Works Programme
- (c) 7016CX : District Minor Works Programme

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

For Subhead 7014CX – Rural Public Works programme, the estimated provision in 2007-08 is \$122 million for the implementation of 194 projects (comprising 70 new and 124 on-going projects). These projects include the construction of piers and helipads, footpaths, access roads, drainage facilities, sitting out areas and rainshelters etc. It is expected that about 110 projects will be completed in 2007-08.

For Subhead 7015CX – Urban Minor Works programme, the estimated provision in 2007-08 is \$30 million for the implementation of 86 projects (comprising 40 new and 46 on-going projects). These projects include the construction of walking trails, sitting out areas and rainshelters etc. We expect some 59 projects to be completed in 2007-08.

For Subhead 7016CX – District Minor Works programme, it is a new block allocation created under the District Council (DC) review recommendations. The vote is to fund district-based minor works projects implemented by DCs to improve local facilities, living environment and hygiene conditions in the districts. The estimate for 2007-08 is \$20 million for four pilot districts (Sai Kung, Tuen Mun, Wan Chai and Wong Tai Sin), which are formulating their works proposals. We will provide them with appropriate support to facilitate timely completion of their projects.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title _____ Director of Home Affairs

Date _____ 16 March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

HAB285

Question Serial No.

2389

Head : 708 – Capital
Subventions and Major
Systems and Equipment

Subhead (No. & title): 8015QJ
Redevelopment of Hong
Kong Sports Institute

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The redevelopment project of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2007-08. However, the Olympic Equestrian Events will be held at the HKSI in mid-2008. How will the Government resolve the time clash between the redevelopment project of HKSI and the Olympic Equestrian Events.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The commencement of the HKSI redevelopment project in the second quarter of 2007-08 refers to preparatory work such as appointment of consultants, site investigation, detailed design, etc., and not commencement of works on site. We are planning for construction works on site to start at the end of 2008 after the staging of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events (the Events). As such, there would not be any time clash between the commencement of the construction works for the HKSI redevelopment project and the staging of the Events.

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MRS CARRIE LAM

Post Title _____

Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____

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Reply Serial No.

HAB286

Question Serial No.

2390

Head : 708 – Capital
Subventions and Major
Systems and Equipment

Subhead (No. & title): 8015QJ
Redevelopment of Hong
Kong Sports Institute

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the details of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) redevelopment plan? How the figure of \$1.4 billion project cost is calculated?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) aims at upgrading the existing facilities at the Hong Kong Sports Institute to international standard, meeting the current shortfall in training venues for some elite sports and providing the well needed infrastructure and enhancement conducive to elite sports training and development. Based on a report submitted by a Joint Task Force on Redevelopment of Hong Kong Sports Institute, the redevelopment was estimated to cost \$1.4 billion. Following the announcement of a Government commitment to the Hong Kong Sports Institute redevelopment project in the Chief Executive's 2006-07 Policy Address, a Hong Kong Sports Institute Redevelopment Project Steering Committee (the Committee), comprising government and HKSI representatives, was set up in November 2006 to plan and oversee the implementation of the project. The Committee is now working on the details of the scope of works and updating the project cost. The next step would be for the HKSI to consult the stakeholders. We will also consult the Sha Tin District Council and the LegCo Home Affairs Panel before the middle of this year.

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MRS CARRIE LAM

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Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____

15 March 2007