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Dear Ms Fong,

**LegCo Panel on Home Affairs
Meeting on 9 April 2010**

I refer to the HA Panel Meeting on 9 April 2010 regarding the provision of information on the public loaning of library materials (with detailed breakdowns) in the past few years. We set out below the number of library materials borrowed for the calendar years from 2005 to 2009 with details at Annex I for Members' reference -

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Number of library materials borrowed</u>
2005	61,004,313 items
2006	61,304,619 items
2007	58,414,728 items
2008	59,377,357 items
2009	61,662,386 items

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Cecilia IP)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

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Statistics of Library Materials Borrowed in Hong Kong Public Libraries

Category	Number of library materials borrowed				
	2005 (Items borrowed)	2006 (Items borrowed)	2007 (Items borrowed)	2008 (Items borrowed)	2009 (Items borrowed)
(1) English Books					
Adult Fiction	555,446	578,890	576,252	558,337	583,131
Adult Non-fiction	3,395,020	3,496,041	3,366,698	3,261,555	3,401,691
Junior Fiction	3,400,687	4,568,691	3,422,221	3,566,061	3,896,494
Junior Non-fiction	2,085,754	2,553,926	2,841,443	3,079,759	3,458,907
Sub-Total	9,436,907 (15.5%)	11,197,548 (18.3%)	10,208,614 (17.5%)	10,465,712 (17.6%)	11,340,223 (18.4%)
(2) Chinese Books					
Adult Fiction	12,182,951	10,993,236	10,985,916	10,997,732	10,856,455
Adult Non-fiction	18,726,449	18,439,352	17,745,925	18,396,302	19,937,931
Junior Fiction	7,336,997	7,326,932	7,135,256	7,398,891	7,218,432
Junior Non-fiction	8,994,816	8,796,858	8,231,316	8,350,508	8,695,896
Sub-Total	47,241,213 (77.4%)	45,556,378 (74.3%)	44,098,413 (75.5%)	45,143,433 (76.0%)	46,708,714 (75.7%)
(3) Other library materials (Including audio-visual materials and back issues of periodicals)					
	4,326,193 (7.1%)	4,550,693 (7.4%)	4,109,701 (7.0%)	3,768,212 (6.4%)	3,613,449 (5.9%)
Total	61,004,313	61,304,619	58,414,728 (Note)	59,377,357	61,662,386

Note: The decrease in items of library materials borrowed was due to the increased use of electronic library services and the renovation of seven libraries (To Kwa Wan Public Library, Fa Yuen Street Public Library, Lockhart Road Public Library, Shui Wo Street Public Library, Sha Tin Public Library, Ngau Tau Kok Public Library and Quarry Bay Public Library), where part of the facilities were temporarily suspended.