

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in  
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**

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**HAB001**

Question Serial No.

1129

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Under the above subhead, the revised estimate for “Youth Square” under “Other Charges” in 2010-11 is \$68,240,000, which is lower than the original estimate of \$71,040,000. What are the reasons?
- (b) In the past two years (2009-10 and 2010-11), what was the average number of visitors to the Youth Square per month? What were the occupancy rates of its performance venues, exhibition halls, offices, catering and retail facilities and hostels? Please provide information on the termination of tenancies in respect of the offices and catering and retail facilities in this period, and advise whether the Administration has identified the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

- (a) The decrease in estimated expenditure for Youth Square in 2010-11 is mainly due to the savings in utility costs on the basis of the occupancy rate.
- (b) The number of visitors to the Youth Square has increased from the highest monthly record of 28 900 in 2009-10 to the estimated monthly average of over 83 000 in 2010-11. The number of visitors has reached a record high of over 113 000 in January 2011. The average occupancy rate of performance venues/exhibition hall, namely Y-Theatre, Y-Platform and Y-Studio has increased from 55% in 2009-10 to an estimation of 69% in 2010-11. Among these three facilities, the usage rate of Y-Theatre is the highest and it has reached its peak of 93% during the year. The occupancy rate of the hostel has increased from 66% in 2009-10 to an estimation of 82% in 2010-11, and peaked at 91% during the year. So far, there has been no termination of tenancies.

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**HAB002**

Question Serial No.

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

1130

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the support for youth uniformed groups, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) There are reduction in the actual number in 2010 and the estimated number in 2011 of youth members of uniformed groups subvented by the Administration as compared with the actual number in 2009. What are the reasons?
- (b) What are the number of youth members, the total amount of subvention and the average amount of subvention per member of each uniformed group?
- (c) Would the Administration consider increasing the amount of subvention to youth uniformed groups because of inflation?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

- (a) While the membership size varies and fluctuates from year to year, it is envisaged that the number of youth members for 2011 would increase slightly since uniformed groups (UG) would continue with their promotional efforts in recruiting new members.
- (b) In 2010-11, the level of subvention was \$43.46 million for the ten UGs with a total membership of 132 974. The average amount of subvention per member is \$327.
- (c) The amount of subvention for individual uniformed group is determined having regard to the resources available and prevailing levels of subvention. The adjustment to the subvention amount is not tied to inflation. There are also other sources of government funding dedicated to specific activities or themes which UGs may apply for and which also form part of the income of UGs on top of the abovementioned subvention and private donations.



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**HAB003**

Question Serial No.

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

1161

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will “form a Service Corps to recruit and provide financial support for youngsters to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland”. What are the specific arrangements, including the estimated number of youngsters to be recruited, the recruitment criteria, the determining of the amount of financial support, the destinations for service in the Mainland and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The Chief Executive announced in his 2010-11 Policy Address the establishment of the Service Corps under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) as a new initiative in youth development. We will subsidise about 100 young people aged between 18 and 29 to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland for six to 12 months.

During the service period, accommodation, transportation, stipend and medical insurance will be covered by the HAB. To better prepare the participants for the endeavor and to assist them in coping with the difficulties during the service period, suitable training and counselling services will be provided for the participants. An award would also be granted upon satisfactory completion of service.

The Service Corps is a two-year pilot project expected to commence in 2011-12. Its total estimated expenditure is \$9.804 million.

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Question Serial No.

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

1162

Programme            (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The provision for 2011-12 under this programme is \$40.4 million higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. The Administration explained that one of the reasons is the increased provision for youth development. Please advise this Committee how will the increased provision be used for youth development and what is the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau will earmark an additional provision of about \$10 million to enhance support for territory-wide youth development activities such as Youth Exchange Sessions and exchange tours etc. Detailed programmes will be worked out by the Commission on Youth.

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**HAB005**

Question Serial No.

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

3847

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

To support the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District, the 2011-12 Budget proposes to earmark more than \$486 million for the five financial years from 2010-11 for art programme development, manpower training, art education and audience building. Please provide a breakdown of the estimated expenditure for each of the five financial years and the details of specific projects to be implemented, including the percentages of original and acquired programmes and the related criteria for determining which programmes to develop; the target of manpower training; the number of people to receive training; and the estimated cost per head. Will the Government enhance arts education in schools? What are the target groups for audience building activities and will the Government set a numerical target for the number of new audience to be reached through these activities?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

We are strengthening Hong Kong's cultural software through a multi-pronged approach, i.e. arts programme development, manpower training, promotion of arts education, audience building, and facilitating cultural exchanges. The breakdown of the \$486 million mentioned in the Budget Speech by financial year is set out as follows –

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	153
<b>2011-12</b>	83
<b>2012-13</b>	83
<b>2013-14</b>	83
<b>2014-15</b>	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>

Of the \$486 million, we have earmarked \$203 million to sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges; injected \$69 million into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund to further support various Cantonese opera preservation, promotion and development projects; reserved a sum of \$80 million to provide additional resources to the Hong Kong Arts Festival for programme enrichment, supporting the production by local arts groups and artists as well as their exchanges with world-renowned performers; allocated \$32 million to line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators; set aside \$22 million to support student participation in arts education activities; and provided \$80 million to step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community.

For manpower training, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has introduced a 5-year pilot trainee scheme from 2010-11 to 2014-15, aiming to nurture a pool of arts administrators and museum curators to support the development of cultural software in Hong Kong. The trainees will be engaged by the museums and performing arts venues of LCSD as well as the Venue Partners of its performance venues (comprising major and medium/small-sized performing companies) under the Venue Partnership Scheme. A total of 26 arts administrator and 20 museum curator trainees will be trained by LCSD, while the 20 Venue Partners will also provide training to a maximum of 100 trainees. The estimated allowance payable to each of these trainees is \$156,000 per annum.

On arts education in schools, the Government has been devoting great efforts in this regard. Arts education is one of the major learning areas in the school curriculum, and all students are entitled to arts education at all school levels. A majority of schools provide their students with diverse arts experiences, e.g. visual arts exhibitions, drama learning activities, dance and instrumental classes, school bands and orchestras, music competitions and performances, as well as community arts activities. The Education Bureau, the Home Affairs Bureau and LCSD jointly organise and support a large number of arts and cultural events to support students' learning of the arts, e.g. School Culture Day Scheme, School Arts Animateur Scheme, ArtAlive@Park, A Journey on Learning the Arts for Senior Secondary Students and International Students' Visual Arts Contest cum Exhibition of Hong Kong.

Regarding audience building, LCSD strives to nurture interest in and promote appreciation of the arts through organisation of various schemes and activities at both schools and community levels. These are targeted at various sectors of the community such as students, elderly and the public at large, with a view to building new audiences as well as developing existing audiences.

Territory-wide schemes and special projects launched include Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme, Let's Enjoy Cantonese Opera in Bamboo Theatre and Community Oral History Theatre Project, in addition to the arts education programmes in schools mentioned above. The estimated number of participants in these projects and other year-round programme-based and venue-based audience building activities are around one million for 2011-12.

On visual arts, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum and Art Promotion Office will launch a variety of arts education and extension programmes including exhibitions, symposiums, thematic seminars/talks, interactive workshops, demonstrations, in-house video shows, outreach activities, public art projects and community art projects to broaden the audience base, to nurture creativity, to address the needs of school students and other audience groups, as well as to support the New Senior Secondary School Curriculum. The estimated total attendance in these programmes is about 1.7 million for 2011-12.

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**HAB006**

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

Question Serial No.

3848

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The 2011-12 Budget proposes to allocate over \$2.8 billion for the development of art and cultural software. Please inform this Committee of the specific plans and provide a breakdown of the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The breakdown of the expenditure (including personal emoluments) for the development of art and cultural software in 2011-12 is set out below —

<b>Expenditure Item (Programme Area)</b>	<b>Estimated Financial Provision for 2011-12 (\$ million)</b>
Public performing arts venues and programmes (Head 95, Programme (4))	862.2
Public libraries and activities (Head 95, Programme (5))	776.2
Public heritage, museums and exhibitions (Head 95, Programme (3))	514.3
Subvention for major performing arts groups (Head 53, Programme (6))	264.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Head 53, Programme (6))	236.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Head 53, Programme (6))	80.9 (excluding \$30 million project grants from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund)

Culture related expenditures (e.g. promotion work and administration) (Head 53, Programme (5))	88.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,822.3</b>

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**HAB007**

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

Question Serial No.

3849

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government proposes to set up a \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund” (the Fund). The investment return of the Fund will replace the current mode of providing subvention to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI). What is the Government’s annual target return on investment? How is it determined? What factors have been taken into consideration? Which organisation will be responsible for managing the investment? How will the Government provide the HKSI with sustained funding if the investment return falls short of the target?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

Assuming an average annual investment return of about 4-5%, the \$7 billion Fund will generate a return of \$280-350 million per annum. The target return would be sufficient to facilitate the long-term development of the HKSI. We will seek advice from relevant bureaux and departments and discuss with the HKSI the most appropriate approach to the investment strategy for the Fund, including the need to cater for the possibility that in a particular year the investment return may fall short of the target return.

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**HAB008**

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

Question Serial No.

3850

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing;  
                                 (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The 2010-11 Budget proposed to inject \$3 billion into the Arts and Sport Development Fund to promote the long-term development of local art and culture as well as to support various sports. In this connection, please advise the expenditure incurred and the details of the projects implemented. What is the estimated expenditure in these areas in 2011-12? Please also provide details of the projects to be implemented in 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

In 2010, the total amount approved for allocation from the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) was \$49,276,026 for the 26 projects set out at the **Annex**. For 2011, we estimate that there would be about 35 sports projects eligible for funding support under the ASDF, including athletes preparation and participation in major games such as the 2011 National City Games in Nanchang and the 2012 Olympic Games in London; funding for major sports events such as the Hong Kong Squash Open 2011, the Hong Kong Beach Festival 2011 and the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2011, and new initiatives such as support for the development of local football.

Before the injection of funds to the ASDF in July 2010, the arts portion of ASDF primarily supported the arts projects of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). With an injection of \$1.5 billion to the arts portion of ASDF, it is estimated that an annual provision of \$60 million from the investment return would be available for disbursement commencing the year 2011-12. Out of the \$60 million, \$30 million are earmarked as an enhanced provision for HKADC to support schemes/ projects under its purview, and \$30 million will be disbursed under a new funding scheme entitled the Arts Capacity Development Fund targeted to be launched in June 2011. This new scheme seeks to enhance the development capacity of local artistic talents, and cultivate a supportive culture for the arts in the community through a matching grant element.

Details of the ASDF applications submitted by HKADC since July 2010 and approved in 2010-11 are set out below –

Financial Year	Application	Art Form	Approved Amount (\$)
2010-11	Arts Criticism Induction Scheme	Arts Criticism	865,000
	The 3rd Large Scale Interactive Media Arts Exhibition	Film and Media Arts	2,000,000
	Hong Kong Photo Festival 2010	Visual Arts	1,100,000
	Hong Kong Arts Development Awards 2010	Multi-disciplinary Arts	1,978,000
	Multi-project Grants 2011-13 (15 grants involving 38 projects)	Various art forms	5,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 grants</b>		<b>10,943,000</b>

As the accumulating investment return arising from the injection of the \$1.5 billion is targeted to be disbursed in the manner as mentioned in the second paragraph in the year 2011-12, details of the projects to be funded are not available at this stage.

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**ASDF - approved grants in 2010**

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Approved Amount (HK\$)</b>
1.	Preparation for 2010 Asian Games and 2010 Asian Para Games	6,900,000
2.	Preparation for 2010 Winter Olympic Games	100,000
3.	2010 Asian Games Preparation for Elite Sports	10,000,000
4.	The 4th All China Games 2010	1,900,000
5.	Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Games (Hockey)	500,000
6.	1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore	774,000
7.	16th Asian Games in Guangzhou	6,120,000
8.	2nd Asian Beach Games in Muscat, Oman	1,620,000
9.	7th Asian Winter Games in Astana-Almaty, Kazakhstan	1,390,000
10.	2nd Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Games	2,622,500
11.	Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Para Games	400,000
12.	Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games	100,000
13.	3rd Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Games - Gymnastics	100,000
14.	Participation in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Para Games	2,080,834
15.	Participation in the 11th All China Secondary School Students Games	1,643,842
16.	Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Squash Open 2009	1,000,000
17.	Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2009	2,000,000
18.	The YONEX-SUNRISE Hong Kong Open Badminton Super Series 2009	1,000,000
19.	2nd Asian University Table Tennis Championship	350,000
20.	10th AKF Junior & Cadet Karate Championship 2010	650,000
21.	3rd Tour of Hong Kong Shanghai - Hong Kong Stage (2008)	1,855,000
22.	Cathay Pacific Sun Hung Kai Financial Hong Kong Squash Open 2010	1,000,000
23.	3rd Asian Gymnastics for All Festival	350,000

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Approved Amount (HK\$)</b>
24.	Proposed bid to host the 2023 Asian Games - Consultancy Study on Financial and Economic Impact Assessment	1,295,750
25.	Proposed bid to host the 2023 Asian Games - Public Consultation Exercise and Preparation for HK's Bid to Host the 2023 Asian Games	2,109,500
26.	Proposed bid to host the 2023 Asian Games - Further Publicity Activities for HK's Potential Bid to Host the 2023 Asian Games	1,414,600
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>49,276,026</b>

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**HAB009**

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

Question Serial No.

3211

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

There has been criticism from the community on the performance of the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) for some time, would the Administration consider reviewing the remuneration, benefits and other provisions of the employment agreement of the SHA in 2011-12? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Hong Kong is a pluralistic society where freedom of speech is protected. Over the governance of the Special Administrative Region Government, there are many various constructive comments, and irrational criticisms as well. The Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) will continue to listen to the views and criticisms of the community with an open mind, while upholding principles and fulfilling his duties. SHA always seeks to review his areas of work for possible further enhancements in order to better meet public expectations. There is an established mechanism regarding the review on the remuneration package and other provisions of the employment agreements of the principal officials.

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**HAB010**

Question Serial No.

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

3212

Programme : (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Under Secretary and Political Assistant for Home Affairs provide support to the Secretary for Home Affairs. In view of the criticism from the community on Under Secretaries and Political Assistants, would the Administration consider reviewing their remuneration, benefits and other provisions in the employment agreements in 2011-12? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government completed the mid-term review of the remuneration for Under Secretaries and Political Assistants in August last year. Having considered the appraisal and review reports, the Appointment Committee considered that the performance of individual Under Secretaries and Political Assistants generally met the requirements, and on that basis decided that their remuneration should remain unchanged.

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**HAB011**

Question Serial No.

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

3260

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Education Bureau (EDB) are both responsible for the promotion of national education. What is the division of work between the two bureaux? What are the respective estimated expenditures for 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

HAB is responsible for the promotion of civic education including national education outside schools whereas EDB is responsible for the promotion of national education in schools.

In 2011-12, the estimated expenditures on national education of HAB and EDB are about \$33 million and \$95.7 million respectively.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB012**

Question Serial No.

3261

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Social harmony is one of the performance indicators for the Home Affairs Bureau. What work or plans have been carried out? What are the details and estimated expenditure involved in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

Social harmony is one of the programme areas of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). Under this programme area, works have been carried out in relation to the promotion of family harmony, the development of social enterprises (SEs) as well as the promotion of civic education. The details and the estimated expenditure involved in 2011-12 are given below:

Family Harmony

Family harmony is the foundation of social harmony. To achieve family harmony, the Family Council endeavours to promote family core values, engender a culture of loving families and create a pro-family environment. In 2011-12, the Family Council will continue its work through the Happy Family Campaign. The Family Council will also introduce a series of family educational materials with a view to strengthening family values. Besides, a “Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme” will be launched to recognise family-friendly employers. An amount of \$27.5 million has been made available for the above activities and programmes.

## Social Enterprises

The Government's major objective in promoting the development of SEs is to provide new channels for various sectors of the community to meet the needs of different community groups with entrepreneurial thinking and innovative approaches, which help foster a caring culture as well as promote social cohesion and mutual help.

Apart from its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of SEs such as sponsoring the SE Summit and commissioning business plan writing competitions, HAB will launch in 2011-12 an SE Award Scheme and a "Be a Friend to SE" Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and private enterprises that support SEs. HAB will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of "conscience consumption" among the general public. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to nurture social entrepreneurs. In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million for promoting the development of SEs.

## Promotion of Civic Education

The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) promotes various core civic values, including social harmony to all members of the community through various channels such as sponsoring community organisations to organise activities, publications, promotional programmes, production of TV programmes, thematic workshops and exhibition. In 2011-12, CPCE will continue to promote civic education outside schools with an estimated provision of about \$20.3 million.

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**HAB013**

Question Serial No.

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

3262

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimated number of civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme shows a significant decrease from 117 in 2010 to 70. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has indicated that starting from 2011, it will be sponsoring civic education projects of larger scale. Why does the HAB consider civic education projects of smaller scale not effective?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

There is no indication that civic education projects of smaller scale are not effective. It is considered that more funding sources are available for sponsoring lower-cost projects than larger scale ones. With relatively more substantial resources, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education will sponsor projects of larger scale requiring a larger financial commitment.

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**HAB014**

Question Serial No.

3263

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned that the Home Affairs Bureau will form a “Service Corps” to recruit and provide financial support for youngsters to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland. What are the detailed plan, work schedule and estimated expenditure for 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Chief Executive announced in his 2010-11 Policy Address the establishment of the Service Corps under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) as a new initiative in youth development. We will subsidise about 100 young people aged between 18 and 29 to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland for six to 12 months.

During the service period, accommodation, transportation, stipend and medical insurance will be covered by the HAB. To better prepare the participants for the endeavor and to assist them in coping with the difficulties during the service period, suitable training and counseling services will be provided for the participants. An award would also be granted upon satisfactory completion of service.

The Service Corps is a two-year pilot project expected to commence in 2011-12. Its total estimated expenditure is \$9.804 million.

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**HAB015**

Question Serial No.

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

3264

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has indicated that it will enhance support to youth development activities and strengthen the district network of the Commission on Youth (COY). What are the details of the plan and estimated expenditure for 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The HAB will earmark an additional provision of about \$10 million to enhance support for territory-wide youth development activities such as Youth Exchange Sessions and exchange tours etc. Detailed programmes will be worked out by the COY.

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**HAB016**

Question Serial No.

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

3265

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the details of the work plan and the estimated expenditure of the Commission on Youth in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

In 2011-12, the Commission on Youth (COY) plans to implement various programmes such as continuation of the “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland” to enhance understanding of our nation, sponsoring youths to visit other countries under the International Youth Exchange Programme to broaden their horizon, undertaking studies on topics relating to youth development, providing communication platform for the youth to exchange views with senior government officials on issues of their concern through the Youth Exchange Sessions. COY will also step up its cooperation with the district network in organising various activities. The estimated expenditure for these tasks in 2011-12 is \$36 million.

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**HAB017**

Question Serial No.

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

3266

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There has been quite some criticism from the community on the representativeness of the Commission on Youth (COY). Would the Administration allocate any resources to review the representativeness and the operation of COY? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Commission on Youth (COY) is tasked to advise the Government on matters pertaining to youth development. Its members, drawn from various sectors, include youngsters, people engaged in youth work, people from youth organisations, academics and professionals.

Appointment to the COY is made on the basis of the merit of the individual concerned, including a candidate's ability, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to public service, with due regard to the functions and nature of the COY. The appointing authority endeavours to ensure the balanced composition of the COY (e.g. Currently, 20.7% of the COY members are aged below 30). No additional resources will be required to conduct reviews related to the COY.

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**HAB018**

Question Serial No.

3271

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau has stated that it will continue to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs), and nurture more social entrepreneurs together with relevant stakeholders. What is the Bureau's definition for SEs? Regarding the promotion of the development mentioned above, what are the details of the plan and the estimated expenditure involved in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

In general, a social enterprise (SE) is a business to achieve specific social objectives. Its profits will be principally reinvested in its business for the social objectives.

Apart from its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of SEs, such as sponsoring the SE Summit and commissioning a business plan writing competition, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will launch in 2011-12 an SE Award Scheme and a "Be a Friend to SE" Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and private enterprises that support SEs. HAB will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of "conscience consumption" among the general public. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to nurture social entrepreneurs. In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million for promoting the development of SEs.

The Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the Programme) set up under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2006 provides seed money for eligible organisations to run SEs during their initial operations. A total of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16. To encourage and facilitate the establishment of more SEs under the Programme, HAD has implemented a series of new measures starting from 2011. These measures include expanding the eligibility criteria for application on a trial basis to cover non-profit making organisations which have not registered under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. The maximum funding period for successful applications will be extended from two to three years. In addition, to give incentive to projects with good



business performance, grantees which plan to expand their business may apply for a one-off incentive grant to be disbursed on a matching basis. For projects that face business hardship, grantees may apply for a one-off supplementary grant to meet their operating expenses.

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**HAB019**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3272

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Happy Family Campaign of the Home Affairs Bureau, what are the details and the estimated expenditure for 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Family Council will continue to promote family core values, and to foster a pro-family environment through the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “Happy Family Info Hub” (an online platform allowing easy access to a wide range of family-related information and facilitating sharing of family-related issues in the internet). In 2011-12, the Family Council will introduce a series of family educational packages with a view to strengthening family values. Besides, a “Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme” will be launched in April 2011 to give awards to companies which foster a pro-family culture and environment, and demonstrate a family-friendly spirit. A total of \$27.5 million has been made available in 2011-12 for launching the award scheme and a series of family educational packages and other activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” as well as the maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”.

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**HAB020**

Question Serial No.

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

3273

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated that the Home Affairs Bureau will work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education outside schools. What are the details of the promotion projects and the estimated expenditure for 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau works closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic education outside schools through various channels and projects, including providing sponsorship to community organisations / non-government organisations / District Councils to organise civic education activities, producing publicity programmes and materials such as TV documentaries and publications, as well as promoting civic education through CPCE's websites and interactive exhibits and other facilities at the Civic Education Resource Centre. In 2011-12, the estimated expenditure for the promotion of civic education outside schools is about \$20.3 million.

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**HAB021**

Question Serial No.

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

3274

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau will work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (COY) in promoting national education among the general public, particularly for youth. What are the details and the estimated expenditure for 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The provision earmarked for the collaboration with CPCE and COY in 2011-12 for national education promotion is about \$33 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organisations to organise promotional activities and youth study tours to the Mainland, promotional programmes on the Basic Law, national education TV programmes and publications enhancing public interest in various aspects of the Motherland (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

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**HAB022**

Question Serial No.

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

3275

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is indicated that the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland. What are the details, estimated expenditure involved and estimated number of young people participating in the study tours to the Mainland in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau operates a “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme) through the Commission on Youth (COY) to sponsor study tours to the Mainland for young people. Since the vetting of applications under Scheme is underway, the details of study tours in 2011-12 are not available at this stage. In 2010-11, COY granted sponsorship of about \$20 million, including the donation from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries, under the Scheme for 199 tours. We anticipate that the level of allocation in 2011-12 would be similar to that of 2010-11, and the number of participants is estimated to be about 8 500.

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**HAB023**

Question Serial No.

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

3276

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has stated that it will continue to oversee the operation of the Youth Square. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

HAB has set up a management team at Youth Square to oversee the daily operation and services provided by the management and operation services contractor. The Youth Square Management Advisory Committee (MAC) was set up in 2009 to advise on the overall strategy and objectives, themes and programmes, rental policies, and to monitor the performance of the contractor. The contractor reports to the MAC regularly on its performance.

The estimated expenditure for Youth Square in 2011-12 is \$71.04 million.

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**HAB024**

Question Serial No.

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

3277

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the usage rate of Youth Square in 2010? Would the Home Affairs Bureau allocate any resources in 2011-12 for a review on the usage rate of Youth Square? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The estimated average usage rate in 2010-11 for the major performance venues / exhibition hall (Y-Theatre, Y-Platform and Y-Studio) is 69%, with the highest monthly usage rate at 83%. For the hostel, the estimated occupancy rate in 2010-11 is 82%, with the highest monthly occupancy rate at 91%. All office, retail and catering units have been rented out.

Review on usage rates including the conduct of customer surveys and marketing campaigns have already been provided for under the management and operation services contract. Results are regularly reported to the Youth Square Management Advisory Committee.

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**HAB025**

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

Question Serial No.

3386

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau is responsible for handling the interface and regulatory matters relating to the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project and co-ordinates efforts with the relevant departments to monitor and facilitate the implementation of the project by the WKCD Authority. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

We have been working with the WKCD Authority in the selection of the preferred Conceptual Plan Option to ensure that public and stakeholders' views were taken into account. We will continue to work with the WKCD Authority in mapping out the Development Plan (DP) for WKCD which will be unveiled in the Stage 3 public engagement exercise.

We have also been coordinating input from relevant Bureaux and Departments on interface issues arising from infrastructure projects in the vicinity of WKCD, and on the planning of infrastructure and communal facilities within WKCD (such as roads, drainage, fire station, etc.) which will be undertaken by the Government to support the whole development. We will continue to maintain effective communication between the WKCD Authority and the relevant Bureaux and Departments to ensure that the technical aspects of the DP are in order and comply with statutory requirements for submission to the Town Planning Board.

On software and programme development, we have been working with the WKCD Authority and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the interface between the facilities in WKCD and those managed by the Government, with a view to creating synergy and optimising usage of facilities. In the running up to the commissioning of the arts and cultural venues in WKCD, the WKCD Authority will embark on a series of programmes to link WKCD with the community, build audiences and groom talents. We are liaising with WKCD Authority and LCSD to facilitate coordination and effective use of resources on these fronts.

The expenditure for performing the above functions is absorbed by existing resources.



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**HAB026**

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

Question Serial No.

3387

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will enhance the software in the arts and culture through arts programme development, audience building, arts education and manpower training. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

In 2011-12, government spending in the arts and culture is estimated to be about \$2.8 billion (excluding expenditure on capital works). The breakdown of which is set out below —

<b>Expenditure Item (Programme Area)</b>	<b>Estimated Financial Provision for 2011-12 (\$ million)</b>
Public performing arts venues and programmes (Head 95, Programme (4))	862.2
Public libraries and activities (Head 95, Programme (5))	776.2
Public heritage, museums and exhibitions (Head 95, Programme (3))	514.3
Subvention for major performing arts groups (Head 53, Programme (6))	264.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Head 53, Programme (6))	236.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Head 53, Programme (6))	80.9 (excluding \$30 million project grants from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund)

Culture related expenditures (e.g. promotion work and administration) (Head 53, Programme (5))	88.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,822.3</b>

We have earmarked \$486 million from 2010-11 to 2014-15 for strengthening our cultural software. Details of the expenditure involved are set out as follows –

	<b>Measures</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (\$ million)</b>
1	Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	203
2	Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69
3	Enrich the content of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	80
4	Line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators	32
5	Support student participation in arts education activities	22
6	Step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community	80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>

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**HAB027**

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

Question Serial No.

3388

Programme:                    (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau has clearly stated it will strengthen its efforts in developing a cultural network with the Mainland and other places. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other places.

To enhance the cultural cooperation of the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD), Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three sides to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward. The last GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting was held in June 2010. The three sides agreed to make available the relevant infrastructure such as performing venues, libraries and museums, for establishing a platform for exchange and cooperation, and put in place a cooperation mechanism for enhancing cultural exchange.

The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Guangdong in 2011-12. The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD on enhancing cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland in 2011-12 is about \$24 million. Separately, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council has budgeted \$2 million for cultural exchange with the Mainland in 2011-12.

We have also strengthened our cultural cooperation with Taiwan. The “Hong Kong-Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee” was established under the “Hong Kong-Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council” in August 2010 to further promote cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Taiwan and to serve as the counterpart of the “Cultural Cooperation Committee” under the “Taiwan-Hong Kong Economic and Cultural Cooperation Council”. The two committees have decided to organise the first cultural cooperation forum in May this year in Hong Kong. The forum is expected to further enhance the exchange, liaison and cooperation of the two sides.

For cultural exchanges with overseas countries, we have been making efforts to enhance cooperation with other places in the field of culture and the arts through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation (MoU). So far, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has signed MoUs with 12 countries. We will continue to

organise a series of cultural activities to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts. The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD in this regard in 2011-12 is about \$59 million.

HAB also administers the Arts Development Fund (ADF) which supports outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2010-11, over 35 projects have been funded with a total grant of about \$3.5 million. In 2011-12, subject to the number and eligibility of funding applications received, HAB will continue to provide funding support under the ADF to support local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities.

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**HAB028**

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

Question Serial No.

3389

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The Home Affairs Bureau has clearly stated that it will work closely with the Advisory Committee on Arts Development in promoting local arts development, including reviewing the funding mechanism for the performing arts. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) The Bureau has also stated that it will work closely with the Hong Kong Arts Development Council in facilitating the development of new and budding artists, and other arts support areas. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

- (a) We have commissioned a consultant to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong and draw up comprehensive proposals for a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups. The study commenced in March 2010 for completion in 2011. The cost of the study is \$5.08 million. The Advisory Committee on Arts Development also advises Home Affairs Bureau on the design and implementation of a new funding scheme entitled Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme to fill the gaps of existing public funding sources and to encourage sponsorship of arts development. The Funding Scheme is targetted to be launched in June 2011. An annual provision of \$30 million is expected to be disbursed under the new Funding Scheme.
- (b) The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) introduced the Emerging Artists Grant Scheme in 2007-08 to provide opportunities for emerging artists to create and present artistic works and gain professional experience that will enable them to further their career. The Scheme supports young emerging artists in organising or participating in performance, exhibition and publication projects. Since the inception of the Scheme, a total of 51 emerging artists have received the grant, involving a total grant amount of about \$1.28 million.

The HKADC also introduced the HKADC internship programme in 2009-10 to support the professional development of young artists or arts administrators through their internships in established arts groups. A total of 37 young artists or arts administrators benefited from the programme. The total expenditure involved was \$3.23 million.

The HKADC has initiated other proactive projects to facilitate the development of new and budding artists. Examples include (1) the Fresh Wave Short Film Competition that aims at nurturing young film-makers; (2) the Xiqu Playwright Mentoring and New Play Performance Project that aims at nurturing young playwrights for Cantonese Opera; and (3) the Young Musicians Performance Platform Series that aims at providing professional guidance and performance opportunities for young musicians in Hong Kong. The estimated expenditure for item (1) for 2010-11 is \$3.60 million while the expenditure for items (2) and (3) for 2009-10 was about \$1.28 million and \$1.57 million respectively.

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**HAB029**

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

Question Serial No.

3390

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau has stated that it will provide policy steer on the enhancement of public museum and library services. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Insofar as public libraries are concerned, our main objectives are to enhance the quality of library services to meet the changing information needs of the community and support life-long learning and continuous education, as well as to promote library services, literary arts and good reading habits in the community through library extension activities. The estimated financial provision for public libraries services in 2011-12 is \$776.2 million.

Specifically, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to implement the major upgrading of the Multimedia Information System and the replacement of the Library Automation System in 2011-12 with a view to delivering the first phase of the new system in 2011. The Department will also open new library facilities and launch new initiatives in order to provide enhanced public library services for the community. These include the opening of a small library in Siu Sai Wan, carrying out a pilot test on the application of Radio Frequency Identification technology in six public libraries and providing book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway interchange stations on a trial basis.

As for public museums, the key measures to enhance their services are set out below. The total estimated expenditure involved in 2011-12 is \$46.6 million which will be absorbed within the provisions of LCSD.

**a. Public engagement and accountability**

To enhance public engagement and accountability, three museum advisory panels have been set up. Furthermore, the performance indicators for museums are being reviewed and museum annual reports are planned to be published. In addition, regular museum opinion surveys will be conducted.

**b. Marketing and branding**

A new marketing and business development team has been set up to enhance the museum marketing and branding. In addition, publicity for museum programmes is being strengthened.



Both new and conventional media for publicity will be more widely employed. The websites of the museums, as well as the museum cafes and bookshops will be revamped.

**c. Promoting exhibitions outside Hong Kong**

Exhibitions on Hong Kong arts, and local history and design will continue to be promoted to overseas countries and the Mainland.

**d. Partnership with community groups**

Partnership with local collectors and various sectors will be enhanced to facilitate the staging of thematic exhibitions inside and outside the museums. Blockbuster exhibitions from the Mainland and overseas countries will continue to be brought in to enhance museum visiting experience. Furthermore, measures will be taken to nurture a donation culture to attract more donations and sponsorship to the museums.

**e. Audience building and grooming of young artists**

We will continue to nurture museum professionals and young artists through museum trainee scheme, various public art and community art projects as well as Hong Kong Contemporary Art Biennial Awards, etc.

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**HAB030**

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

Question Serial No.

3391

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau has stated that it will work closely with the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts on a Strategic Position Review of its vision, mission and positioning to tie in with the latest development of the culture and arts scene in Hong Kong. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Strategic Position Review of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) aims to study the positioning and future role of the HKAPA in relation to the latest development of the culture and arts scene in Hong Kong. The Council of HKAPA appointed in 2009 a steering group, comprising Council members, academia as well as arts experts, to oversee the Strategic Position Review. A consultant has been commissioned to conduct the review and give recommendations on the HKAPA's future development direction. The review is expected to be completed within 2011. The estimated cost involved is \$4.7 million.

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**HAB031**

Question Serial No.

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

3461

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

A \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund” will be set up in 2011-12. How will the funding be allocated? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The proposal is for the investment return of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (the Fund) to replace the recurrent subvention to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), which supports the HKSI's elite training programme and related initiatives. We will seek advice from relevant bureaux and departments and discuss with the HKSI the most appropriate approach to the investment strategy for the Fund.

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**HAB032**

Question Serial No.

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

3462

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the measures to promote non-elite sports and the amount of provision involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides annual subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to support the promotion and development of sport. This allows the NSAs to train “national”, junior and regional squads, organise local competitions, take part in overseas competitions, implement development schemes and school sports programmes, and establish Community Sports Clubs. In 2011-12, the NSAs of 44 sports, which are not currently on the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) elite training programme, will receive a total subvention of about \$130 million from LCSD. The HKSI also provides financial and training support to athletes of sports that are not on the elite training programme, but who have achieved good results in international competitions. In 2011-12, we will also earmark funding from the Arts and Sport Development Fund to provide more support for these sports, in particular football and other team sports.

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**HAB033**

Question Serial No.

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. &  
title):

3463

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the measures to support and facilitate the development of Hong Kong into a regular destination for major international sports events and the amount of provision involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

We will support “national sports associations” (NSAs) and other sports organisations wishing to stage major international sports events in Hong Kong by providing funding and promotional support through the “M” Mark System, which operates under the aegis of the Sports Commission. The Commission’s Major Sports Events Committee will also organise workshops for NSAs and other organisations to help them improve their ability to stage major sports events and to encourage them to develop new events.

Following the capital injection of \$3 billion into the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2010, we will increase funding support for “M” Mark events by: extending the duration of event funding from six to eight years; increasing the maximum amount of matching funds for an event in its first three years from \$6 million to \$7 million; providing a one-off direct grant of up to \$0.5 million to organisers for marketing new “M” Mark events; and providing up to \$5 million in matching and direct grants to organisers of one-off world championships held in Hong Kong.

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**HAB034**

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

Question Serial No.

3464

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government review the levels of incentive awards for athletes with disabilities? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

When agreeing in 2009 to increase the levels of incentives for medallists at the Paralympic Games and the Asian Para Games, it is noted that there would be a need to review the level of incentives. We plan to conduct this review after the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

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**HAB035**

Question Serial No.

3465

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the average amount of sponsorship for each civic education project sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme in 2010?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The average sponsorship for each civic education project sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme in 2010-11 is around \$39,500.

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**HAB036**

Question Serial No.

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

3466

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration review its measure to focus on sponsoring large-scale projects under the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE)? What is the average amount of sponsorship per project?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

It is considered that more funding sources are available for sponsoring lower-cost projects than larger scale ones. With relatively more substantial resources, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) will sponsor projects of larger scale requiring a larger financial commitment.

CPCE will continue to monitor the operation of the scheme. Funding applications under the Scheme this year are still being processed. We are unable to provide the average amount of sponsorship per project at this stage.

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**HAB037**

Question Serial No.

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

3467

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration increase the number of places for International Youth Exchange Programme? What is the expenditure involved for each place?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

Currently, the participating countries of the International Youth Exchange Programme include Japan, Ireland, Singapore and the United Kingdom. We would continue to explore opportunities with other countries with a view to encouraging more countries to join this programme so that more overseas exchange opportunities can be made available to our youngsters. The average expenditure for each youngster visiting these countries in 2010-11 is as follows:

<b>Destination(s)</b>	<b>Average expenditure for each participant (\$)</b>
Japan	\$9,287
Ireland	\$16,299
Singapore	\$4,401
United Kingdom	\$22,023

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**HAB038**

Question Serial No.

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

3468

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Chinese Permanent Cemeteries do not allow married daughters to use their family niches. How much resources are allocated for reviewing this policy? What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is responsible for overseeing the overall policy matters relating to the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of the HAB are involved in the abovementioned work amongst other duties.

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**HAB039**

Question Serial No.

3469

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) The Administration has indicated time and again that the Chinese Temples Ordinance (the Ordinance) is outdated. What is the allocation for the review of the Ordinance?
- (b) What is the expenditure involved in the inspection of financial accounts of registered Chinese temples in pursuance of the Ordinance in the past three years, and how many registered private temples are involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

- (a) Subject officers of various ranks and grades of the Home Affairs Bureau are involved in, amongst other duties, the review of the Chinese Temples Ordinance. No allocation of new resources is required.
- (b) The financial accounts of 25 temples directly administered by the Chinese Temples Committee (CTC) are prepared by the Secretariat of CTC as part of its regular duties. No government expenditure is involved.

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**HAB040**

Question Serial No.

3470

Head : 53 – GS: Home Affairs  
Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

At present, quite a number of temples are making a considerable income from operation of columbarium facilities or other businesses. Would the Administration inspect the financial accounts of these temples and what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The financial accounts of 25 temples directly administered by the Chinese Temples Committee (CTC) are prepared by the Secretariat of CTC as part of its regular duties. No government expenditure is involved.

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**HAB041**

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

Question Serial No.

3559

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much resources will be allocated for Hong Kong Sports Institute's coach education and accreditation programmes in 2011-12? What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The coach education and accreditation programmes run by the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) are –

- Hong Kong Coach Accreditation Programme
- Continuing Coach Education Programme
- School Coach Education Programme
- Bachelor of Education in Sports Training Programme

These programmes ensure the qualification of coaches through an accreditation scheme and provide platforms for them to acquire updated knowledge and expertise. The HKSI will provide about 30 courses for some 1 500 participants under the above programmes in 2011-12 at an estimated cost of \$2.6 million.

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**HAB042**

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

Question Serial No.

3560

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau will work with the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited to ensure the efficient delivery of its elite training programme and to facilitate the implementation of the redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) according to the planned schedule. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

In 2011-12, we will provide funding to the HKSI to allow it to provide direct financial assistance to athletes, as well as coaching support, sports science and sports medicine services, and support for local and overseas training and competition. Many full-time athletes will benefit from free accommodation and meals. We estimate that over 1 100 athletes will receive direct HKSI support in 2011-12. The \$1.8 billion redevelopment project of the HKSI is scheduled for completion by late 2013.

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**HAB043**

Question Serial No.

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

3561

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011-12, what are the details of the work of the Academic Quality Assurance Office established under the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Academic Quality Assurance Office was established in September 2009 to monitor the standard and quality of academic programmes delivered by the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA). It reviews and conducts quality audits on teaching programmes and reviews the development of the various Schools in the HKAPA. The estimated expenditure of the Office (including staffing, staff development and research costs) is about \$1.5 million per annum.

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**HAB044**

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

Question Serial No.

3562

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau states that it will continue to strengthen its support for budding artists and small to medium-sized arts groups. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) supports capacity building of budding artists and small to medium-sized arts groups. To this end, we will increase our funding support for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). In 2011-12, we will provide the HKADC with a recurrent subvention of \$80.6 million and earmark a funding of \$30 million from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to undertake various initiatives including -

- (a) The One/Two-Year Grant aims to support the operational and programme needs of arts organisations.
- (b) The Project Grant Subsidy Scheme that supports non-profit making arts activities that contribute directly to the promotion and development of the arts in Hong Kong.
- (c) The Multi-Project Grant Scheme that provides support to local arts organisations to meet their longer term needs and resource requirements for implementing multiple projects.

The HKADC has also introduced other specific initiatives to support budding artists. These include -

- (a) The Emerging Artists Grant Scheme provides opportunities for emerging artists in presenting and creating artistic works and gaining professional experience that will enable them to further their career. This Scheme aims to support young emerging artists in organising or participating in performance, exhibition and publication projects. Since the inception of the Scheme in 2007-08, a total of 51 emerging artists have received the grant involving a total grant amount of about \$1.28 million.
- (b) An internship programme that supports the professional development of young artists or arts administrators through their internships in established arts groups. A total of 37 young artists or arts administrators have benefited from this programme since its introduction in 2009-10.



(c) The HKADC has initiated other proactive projects to facilitate the development of new and budding artists. Examples are (1) the Fresh Wave Short Film Competition that aims at nurturing young film-makers; (2) the Xiqu Playwright Mentoring and New Play Performance Project that aims at nurturing young playwrights for Cantonese Opera; and (3) the Young Musicians Performance Platform Series that aims at providing professional guidance and performance opportunities for young musicians in Hong Kong.

(d) Support for budding artists and small to medium-sized arts groups through the Non-Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) Venue Subsidy Scheme that aims to provide discounted rental for small to medium-sized performance groups in three Non-LCSD venues.

In addition, with the injection of \$1.5 billion to the arts portion of ASDF in July 2010, we are planning to introduce a new funding scheme entitled the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme targeted to enhance the development capacity of local artistic talents by providing funding support to promising artists and small to medium-sized arts groups, and cultivate a supportive culture for the arts in the community through a matching grant element.

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**HAB045**

Question Serial No.

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

3574

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau is responsible for undertaking housekeeping functions for the Home Affairs Department, the Legal Aid Department, and the Information Services Department. What are the details and estimated expenditure of the work involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

Subject officers of various ranks and grades of Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) are involved in, amongst other duties, the housekeeping functions for Home Affairs Department, Legal Aid Department and Information Services Department. The workload is being absorbed with existing resources of HAB.

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**HAB046**

Question Serial No.

3575

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

One of the responsibilities of Home Affairs Bureau is to oversee the policy and resources allocation on community development work. What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

A provision of \$139.4 million will be allocated in 2011–12 for different non-governmental organizations to run the Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects, Care and Support Networking Team and the operation of 13 Community Centres to be disbursed by the Social Welfare Department and the Home Affairs Department.

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**HAB047**

Question Serial No.

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

3576

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau will provide secretariat support to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund and its sub-committees. What are the details, staff establishment and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

As the co-ordinating bureau for the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Home Affairs Bureau provides a centralised secretariat for the CCF, which serves the Steering Committee, Executive Committee and Sub-committees on, among other things, collating community views, mapping out assistance programmes, allocating funding, monitoring the implementation of the programmes and evaluating the effectiveness of the CCF initiative. The Secretariat is led by an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and supported by a team of 14 non-directorate staff comprising staff from the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Treasury Accountant, Clerical and Secretarial grades. The expenditure for the Secretariat in 2011-12 is estimated to be around \$11.9 million, which will be recovered from the CCF.

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

3577

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau has stated that it will explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities to cater for public demand in the longer term. Regarding the study for this purpose, what are the details of the plan, the schedule and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

As an ongoing exercise, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will assist the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP) to identify potential sites for columbarium development.

The BMCP will, through deployment of its own resources, continue to work with departments concerned, including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities.

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**HAB049**

Question Serial No.

3598

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

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Is there provision for studying the introduction of legislation to protect intangible cultural heritage?  
If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Administration has been providing support to the safeguarding of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in various ways. Currently, the Administration is conducting a territory-wide survey in Hong Kong to compile the first inventory of Hong Kong's ICH in accordance with the framework set out in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The Administration will closely monitor the progress of the survey to ensure that it will be completed in the first half of 2012 and continue to enhance our support to the safeguarding of ICH, including their identification, documentation, research, protection, preservation and promotion. The findings of the territory-wide survey will provide a basis for the Administration to formulate more detailed measures for safeguarding ICH through various means, such as administrative, legal and educational methods. The funding requirements will be assessed when the formulation of these measures is at a more advanced stage.

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**HAB050**

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

Question Serial No.

3599

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What measures has the Home Affairs Bureau taken in 2010-11 to develop and promote Cantonese opera? What was the expenditure involved?
- (b) What measures will the Bureau introduce in 2011-12 to develop and promote Cantonese opera? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Government has been supporting the preservation, promotion and continuing development of Cantonese opera in the following ways:

- (a) developing performance venues for Cantonese opera;
- (b) nurturing Cantonese opera professionals, preserving the traditions and promoting creative works;
- (c) promoting Cantonese opera education, audience building and community participation;
- (d) fostering cultural exchange and cooperation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao; and
- (e) preserving the essence of Cantonese opera and showcasing treasures of our cultural heritage.

Not counting the funding support provided by the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF), it is estimated that amount spent by the Government in 2010-11 and 2011-12 will be more than \$30 million each year in support of the development of Cantonese opera through programmes and exhibitions to be organised by Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Cantonese opera training programme under the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and the Cantonese opera projects supported by Hong Kong Arts Development Council.

On the provision of performance venues for the Cantonese opera, capital works in progress include the conversion of Yau Ma Tei Theatre and Red Brick Building into a Xiqu Activity Centre (at an estimated cost of \$186.7 million) and the construction of an annex building at Ko Shan Theatre (at an estimated cost of \$683.2 million).

As regards the funding support provided by the CODF, the total spending of the CODF in 2010-11 is estimated to be about \$8.8 million. In the same financial year, the Government injected \$69 million into the CODF to provide greater support in the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera. The CODF Executive Committee has conducted a series of consultation sessions to gauge the needs of the Cantonese opera sector and proposed to provide funding support for projects which seek to:

- (a) enhance nurturing of new talents and professional training;
- (b) elevate the standard of Cantonese opera trainers;
- (c) promote audience building and creation of new plays;
- (d) preserve the artistry of Cantonese opera masters, e.g. encouraging and supporting the publication of audio-visual and written records of the works of master artists; and
- (e) enhance research and archival works in Cantonese opera.

In particular, CODF will extend and expand the “Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Troupe for New Talent” Three-Year Grant Scheme in 2011-12, which has been strongly supported by Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee and the Cantonese opera sector.

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**HAB051**

Question Serial No.

3600

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

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How will the Home Affairs Bureau enhance Hong Kong's arts and cultural software? What are the specific measures and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

In 2011-12, government spending in the arts and culture is estimated to be about \$2.8 billion (excluding expenditure on capital works). The breakdown of which is set out below —

<b>Expenditure Item (Programme Area)</b>	<b>Estimated Financial Provision for 2011-12 (\$ million)</b>
Public performing arts venues and programmes (Head 95, Programme (4))	862.2
Public libraries and activities (Head 95, Programme (5))	776.2
Public heritage, museums and exhibitions (Head 95, Programme (3))	514.3
Subvention for major performing arts groups (Head 53, Programme (6))	264.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Head 53, Programme (6))	236.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Head 53, Programme (6))	80.9 (excluding \$30 million project grants from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund)

Culture related expenditures (e.g. promotion work and administration) (Head 53, Programme (5))	88.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,822.3</b>

We have earmarked \$486 million from 2010-11 to 2014-15 for strengthening our cultural software. Details of the expenditure involved are set out as follows –

	<b>Measures</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (\$ million)</b>
1	Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	203
2	Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69
3	Enrich the content of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	80
4	Line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators	32
5	Support student participation in arts education activities	22
6	Step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community	80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>

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**HAB052**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3610

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) How much resources have been used in 2010-11 for arts and cultural education? What are the details?
- (b) Will the Home Affairs Bureau provide resources for arts and cultural education in 2011-12? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

(a) and (b)

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are committed to bringing the arts and culture to the community. LCSD, being the executive arm of HAB, provides a wide range of arts education activities. In particular, the Audience Building Office, the Art Promotion Office and the Music Office carry out dedicated programmes to promote knowledge and appreciation of various art forms and organise various audience building schemes and visual arts activities for the public. Examples of these programmes are set out below.

On performing arts, the “Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme” supports local performing arts practitioners in conducting outreach/promotional arts activities and district carnivals at indoor and outdoor venues. The “School Culture Day Scheme” offers tailor-made programmes for students to visit LCSD’s performing arts venues, museums and public libraries during school days. The “School Arts Animateur Scheme” provides performances and workshops conducted by arts groups at schools, and organises student performances/exhibition after training.

On visual arts, a variety of arts education and extension programmes including exhibitions, symposiums, thematic seminars/talks, interactive workshops, demonstrations, in-house video shows, outreach activities, public art projects and community art projects have been provided to school students and other audience groups so as to broaden the audience base, to nurture creativity, to address the needs of school students, as well as to support the New Senior Secondary School Curriculum. Besides, schemes such as “Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme”, “ArtAlive@Park”, “Art @ Government Buildings” are also launched to introduce the arts to the community.

In addition, the Music Office provides instrumental music and ensembles music training for the youth at affordable fees. It also offers orchestral training, touring exchange, music appreciation

programmes and outreach programmes to promote an interest in music among the public. In 2010-11, about 8 400 trainees participated in music training programmes organised by the Music Office.

The total budgets for Audience Building Office, the Art Promotion Office and the Music Office in 2010-11 and 2011-12 in programme-related costs are \$75.9 million and \$79.0 million respectively.

We have also allocated additional provisions of \$38.7 million in 2010-11 and 2011-12 for the nine major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes and provide outreaching activities such as school performances, community performances, talks, seminars, workshops, classes, camps, open rehearsals, meet-the-artists, etc.

Besides, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) has been offering professional training in the field of music, dance, drama, theatrical production, film and television and Cantonese opera. Every year, HKAPA provides training for approximately 850 students under its full-time programmes, producing over 300 full-time equivalent graduates. Government recurrent subventions for HKAPA in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are \$197.2 million and \$201.7 million respectively.

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), which receives a recurrent Government subvention of \$80.6 million and a funding of \$30 million from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2011-12, also initiates and organises arts education activities in partnership with different art groups and organisations. For example, the “Arts Ambassadors-in-School Scheme” encourages primary and secondary school students who have a passion for the arts to be Arts Ambassadors to promote arts in campus and community. The “Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme” provides opportunities for the public to participate in and appreciate the arts.

To further enhance our arts education, HAB has commissioned a consultant to study and analyse the adequacy and effectiveness of the existing provision of public arts education in Hong Kong, and to recommend strategies to nurture a greater appreciation of culture and the arts among the local populace. A total of \$1.3 million has been allocated to the project. The study will be completed within this year.

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**HAB053**

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

Question Serial No.

3611

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much resources will the Home Affairs Bureau commit in 2011-12 to promote and develop arts and culture in Hong Kong? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

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**HAB054**

Question Serial No.

3612

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

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As the community questions the functions of various advisory committees established under the Home Affairs Bureau (e.g. the Advisory Committee on Arts Development, the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee, the Cantonese Opera Development Fund Advisory Committee, and the Arts and Sport Development Fund) and the eligibility of their members, will the Bureau deploy resources to review the functions, roles, as well as appointment mechanisms and criteria of these committees in 2011-12? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Advisory Committee on Arts Development (ACAD) was set up on 1 November 2010 after a review of the advisory committee structure of Home Affairs Bureau on arts and culture. The Chairman and non-official Members appointed to ACAD are drawn from a diversity of sectors including the arts, education, financial, legal and business sectors. Some of the Members also have abundant experience serving on the boards of major arts organisations, overseeing funding exercises for the arts as well as conducting academic research on specific arts topics. Cross-fertilisation of their ideas and experience is conducive to bringing the arts to the community.

As regards the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee (COAC) and the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) Advisory Committee, the objectives of these advisory bodies are to advise the Secretary for Home Affairs on the promotion, preservation, study and development of Cantonese opera as well as to advise the Trustee of the CODF (i.e. the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated) on matters relating to the administration and management of the CODF including the use, custody and investment of the CODF and monitoring the operation of the CODF respectively. The membership of both committees comprise persons coming from the Cantonese opera sector and other relevant sectors/professions, such as academics, lawyers and accountants as well as other members of the community who are interested in Cantonese opera. Their diversified background, professional knowledge and experience in various fields will be conducive to the provision of useful advice on the development of Cantonese opera as well as the management and operation of the CODF by these committees.

We will review the terms of reference and composition of these committees from time to time with a view to enabling them to better meet their objectives. We have no plan to set aside resources for conducting such reviews in 2011-12.

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**HAB055**

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

Question Serial No.

3613

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau is responsible for formulating measures to enhance cultural co-operation with the Pearl River Delta region, supports cultural co-operation through concluding Memoranda of Understanding on Cultural Co-operation with other countries, and organises local and international events to promote cultural exchanges. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other places.

To enhance the cultural cooperation of the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD), Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three sides to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward. The last GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting was held in June 2010. The three sides agreed to make available the relevant infrastructure such as performing venues, libraries and museums, for establishing a platform for exchange and cooperation, and put in place a cooperation mechanism for enhancing cultural exchange.

The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Guangdong in 2011-12. The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD on enhancing cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland in 2011-12 is about \$24 million. Separately, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council has budgeted \$2 million for cultural exchange with the Mainland in 2011-12.

We have also strengthened our cultural cooperation with Taiwan. The “Hong Kong–Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee” was established under the “Hong Kong–Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council” in August 2010 to further promote cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Taiwan and to serve as the counterpart of the “Cultural Cooperation Committee” under the “Taiwan-Hong Kong Economic and Cultural Cooperation Council”. The two committees have decided to organise the first cultural cooperation forum in May this year in Hong Kong. The forum is expected to further enhance the exchange, liaison and cooperation of the two sides.

For cultural exchanges with overseas countries, we have been making efforts to enhance cooperation with other places in the field of culture and the arts through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation (MoU). So far, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has signed MoUs with 12 countries. We will continue to organise a series of cultural activities to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts. The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD in this regard in 2011-12 is about \$59 million.

HAB also administers the Arts Development Fund (ADF) which supports outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2010-11, over 35 projects have been funded with a total grant of about \$3.5 million. In 2011-12, subject to the number and eligibility of funding applications received, HAB will continue to provide funding support under the ADF to support local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities.

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**HAB056**

Question Serial No.

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

3626

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In 2010-11, what was the amount of resources allocated for promoting to schools and other organisations the lending services of private clubs? What are the details and the expenditure involved?
- (b) In 2011-12, how much resources will be located for promoting to schools and other organisations the lending services of private clubs? What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Officers in several government bureaux and departments, including: Home Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Social Welfare Department assist in promoting the use of private clubs by schools and other organisations. As the officers concerned are also responsible for other duties, we do not have an estimate of the expenditure involved.

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**HAB057**

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

Question Serial No.

3627

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Does the Home Affairs Bureau have any plan to commit resources to review the lease conditions of private clubs, the frequency of borrowing the venues and facilities of these clubs by other organisations, and the means of publicity for these clubs' lending services? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau is reviewing the policy on Private Recreational Leases. Officers conducting the review are also responsible for other duties. Therefore, we do not have an estimate of the specific expenditure involved.

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**HAB058**

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

Question Serial No.

3642

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau states that it will encourage co-operation among stakeholders in the community to foster a strong sporting culture. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Government has the following initiatives to foster a strong sporting culture in the community through collaboration with “national sports associations” (NSAs) and district sports associations (DSAs) -

- Selected Sports in Selected Districts

We have earmarked \$50 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to provide grants to NSAs and DSAs to implement projects between 2009-10 and 2011-12. Under this initiative, NSAs and DSAs may team up to apply for grants to build or improve sports facilities or buy sports equipment. The expenditure for 2011-12 will depend on the number and scale of the applications received during the year.

- District-based recreation and sports programmes

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises district-based sports activities and provides funding for NSAs and other sports organisations to develop programmes such as the District Sports Teams Training Scheme and Community Sports Clubs Project. In 2011-12, LCSD will organise about 36 900 district-level recreation and sports programmes. The Department will spend an estimated \$143.5 million on community-based sports programmes, and will allocate a further \$94.6 million to NSAs and other sports organisations to organise around 8 900 sports programmes at the district level.

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**HAB059**

Question Serial No.

3643

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

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau states that it will support and facilitate the implementation of initiatives to help make Hong Kong a regular destination for major international sports events. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

We will support “national sports associations” (NSAs) and other sports organisations wishing to stage major international sports events in Hong Kong by providing funding and promotional support through the “M” Mark System, which operates under the aegis of the Sports Commission. The Commission’s Major Sports Events Committee will also organise workshops for NSAs and other organisations to help them improve their ability to stage major sports events and to encourage them to develop new events.

Following the capital injection of \$3 billion into the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2010, we will increase funding support for “M” Mark events by: extending the duration of event funding from six to eight years; increasing the maximum amount of matching funds for an event in its first three years from \$6 million to \$7 million; providing a one-off direct grant of up to \$0.5 million to organisers for marketing new “M” Mark events; and providing up to \$5 million in matching and direct grants to organisers of one-off world championships held in Hong Kong.

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**HAB060**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3644

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau is going to promote exchanges with sports administrations overseas and on the Mainland. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau will implement a number of established cross-boundary programmes, i.e. a sporting goods fair, football and basketball exchange programmes with Guangdong and Macao and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth. The total estimated expenditure is about \$1.165 million.

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**HAB061**

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

Question Serial No.

3645

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will support the Outward Bound Hong Kong's provision of courses for underprivileged or disabled people and young people at risk. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Government provides an annual subvention to the Outward Bound Hong Kong (OBHK) to subsidise participation in Outward Bound courses by people from less privileged backgrounds, people with disability and young people at risk. The objective of the courses is to help participants develop personal qualities such as self-esteem, perseverance and leadership through outdoor activities. In 2011-12, the estimated subvention to OBHK for this purpose is \$1,771,000.

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**HAB062**

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

Question Serial No.

3651

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to encourage collaboration among different sectors in the community, in particular between National Sports Associations and district-based sports associations, with the aim of supporting the further development of sport in Hong Kong. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Government has the following initiatives to promote the further development of sport in Hong Kong through collaboration with “National Sports Associations” (NSAs) and district sports associations (DSAs) -

- Selected Sports in Selected Districts

We have earmarked \$50 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to provide grants to NSAs and DSAs to implement projects between 2009-10 and 2011-12. Under this initiative, NSAs and DSAs may team up to apply for grants to build or improve sports facilities or buy sports equipment. The expenditure for 2011-12 will depend on the number and scale of the applications received during the year.

- District-based recreation and sports programmes

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises district-based sports activities and provides funding for NSAs and other sports organisations to develop programmes such as the District Sports Teams Training Scheme.

In 2011-12, LCSD will organise about 36 900 district-level recreation and sports programmes. The Department will spend an estimated \$143.5 million on community-based sports programmes, and will allocate a further \$94.6 million to NSAs and other sports organisations to organise around 8 900 sports programmes at the district level.

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**HAB063**

Question Serial No.

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

3652

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau states that it will continue to promote participation in sport by developing and introducing wider choices of sports programmes to suit the needs of people of different age groups. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises activities to promote sport in the community to suit the needs of people of different backgrounds and age groups and provides funding for “national sports associations” (NSAs) and other sports organisations to develop programmes. Existing programmes include the District Sports Teams Training Scheme and Community Sports Clubs Project. In 2011-12, LCSD will organise about 36 900 recreation and sports programmes at an estimated cost of \$143.5 million. It will allocate a further \$94.6 million to NSAs and other sports organisations to organise around 8 900 sports programmes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB064**

Question Serial No.

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

3653

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau has clearly stated that it will continue to implement and review the effectiveness of the feeder system for early identification and development of young potential athletes. In this connection, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

We began implementing the Feeder System Pilot Scheme in July 2009. Under the scheme, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) assesses proposals from “National Sports Associations” (NSAs), taking into account the level of venue and funding support required, and the performance goals set by the NSAs. The programmes include: focused training of junior athletes; participation in local and overseas competitions; and strengthening of junior and regional squads. In 2010-11, LCSD allocated about \$12 million to 22 NSAs to implement the scheme. In 2011-12, we will increase the funding to about \$19 million to expand programmes and extend the scheme to more NSAs.

NSAs taking part in the scheme are required to submit an evaluation report on the achievement of their targets one year after implementation of the programmes. We will consider the reports and evaluate the effectiveness of the scheme, and then forward our assessment to the Sports Commission for consideration and advice on the way forward. As we will conduct the evaluation using existing manpower and financial resources, there is no additional expenditure involved.

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**HAB065**

Question Serial No.

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

1348

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) What was the number of youth study tours to the Mainland organised or sponsored in 2010-11? What was the funding involved? What is the estimated expenditure for organising or sponsoring these activities in 2011-12?
- (b) Were participants of the above youth study tours to the Mainland required to pay a fee? If no, were there value-for-money assessment measures regarding the participants? If yes, what were the charging rate and the fee amount?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) Sponsorship is provided for Mainland study tours of young people through the “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland” under the Commission on Youth (COY). In 2010-11, through the Scheme, COY granted sponsorship of about \$20 million, including the donation from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries, to 199 study tours to the Mainland. For 2011-12, the vetting of applications under the Scheme is underway. We anticipate a level of allocation similar to that of 2010-11.
- (b) Sponsorship of COY is intended to cover part of the tour cost only. Depending on the destination of the tour, a standard daily rate of sponsorship per participant will apply in the calculation of sponsorship. The organisations may charge the participants different tour fees having regard to the destination and duration of the tours as well as other sources of funding and donations available to them.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB066**

Question Serial No.

1349

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- a. It is stated in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will enhance support to youth development activities. What are the specific initiatives involved?
- b. What are the specific initiatives in 2011-12 to strengthen the district network of the Commission on Youth?
- c. Were there any measures to evaluate the effectiveness of work in the two aspects mentioned above in the past? If yes, what were the details? If no, what were the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) The Home Affairs Bureau will make an additional provision of about \$10 million to enhance support for territory-wide youth development activities such as Youth Exchange Sessions and exchange tours etc. Detailed programmes will be worked out by the Commission on Youth (COY).
- (b) The 18 Districts Summer Youth Programme Committees were re-organised into 18 Districts Youth Programme Committees. They will collaborate with the COY in organising year-round youth development activities that are in line with the theme and direction set by COY.
- (c) The COY will review the response and feedback of the new initiative in general. Sponsored organisers are also required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the programmes for examination by the COY.



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**HAB067**

Question Serial No.

**1350**

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the performance indicator of “civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme”, it is estimated that the number of projects for 2011 is less than that for 2010. What are the reasons? Are there any assessments on the effectiveness of previous projects? If so, what are the results of assessments?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

There is no indication that civic education projects of smaller scale are not effective. It is considered that more funding sources are available for sponsoring lower-cost projects than larger scale ones. With relatively more substantial resources, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) will sponsor projects of larger scale requiring a larger financial commitment. With an increase in the average amount of sponsorship to be provided for each project, the estimated total number of sponsored projects has been adjusted downward.

Upon completion of the projects, the sponsored organisations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects for examination by the CPCE. The reports indicated that the projects have been effective in meeting their objectives.

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**HAB068**

Question Serial No.

1353

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will continue to conduct public education on gambling-related issues and provide counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers. What are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved? What were the expenditure and manpower involved in 2010-11? Are there assessments on the effectiveness of these services? What are the results of the assessments?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In 2011-12, around \$15 million of the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) has been designated for financing public education programmes which aim at preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems, as well as the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers. In 2010-11, the expenditure on the abovementioned measures was around \$15 million. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of the Home Affairs Bureau are involved in supporting the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee in their pursuits.

To ensure the effectiveness of the services of the four centres, various performance indicators have been stipulated in their service agreements. According to the progress reports submitted by the four centres, they can generally attain the required standards.

Besides, we have commissioned a survey to gauge, amongst other things, the effectiveness of publicity efforts of the Fund as well as the knowledge and perception of the general public towards the counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers.

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**HAB069**

Question Serial No.

1354

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Regarding the regulation of authorised horse race, football betting and lotteries in collaboration with the Betting and Lotteries Commission, what are the expenditure and manpower involved in 2010-11? Has the Administration reviewed its effectiveness? If yes, what are the results?
- (b) What are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in respect of authorised horse race and betting activities in 2011-12? Does the Administration review and monitor how active are illegal betting activities on horse racing and football at present? What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) The major role of the Betting and Lotteries Commission (BLC) is to advise the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) on the regulation of the conduct of horse race betting, football betting and lotteries in accordance with the provisions of the Betting Duty Ordinance and the licensing conditions, as well as on the compliance with the licensing conditions by the licensee. The Home Affairs Bureau serves as the Secretariat of BLC and subject officers of various grades and ranks are involved in the work of BLC. To support the abovementioned work, only minimal administrative expenses and staff costs are involved, which would be absorbed from within the existing resources.

BLC has balanced all relevant factors, including views from various stakeholders, the Government's prevailing policy on gambling and sentiment of the general public in tendering advice to the SHA. It is considered that BLC has performed its role effectively.

- (b) One of the major purposes of the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) is to finance research and studies on gambling-related issues. We are now conducting a survey supported by the Fund to gauge, amongst other things, the prevalence of illegal gambling activities in Hong Kong.

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**HAB070**

Question Serial No.

1355

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities. What are the specific details and proposals? How much land is involved and what is the expenditure required?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

As an ongoing exercise, the Government will continue to identify potential sites for columbarium development. The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries will continue to work with departments concerned, including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities.

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**HAB071**

Question Serial No.

1356

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

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) One of the matters requiring special attention in 2011–12 is the implementation of a feeder system for early identification and development of young potential athletes. How much resources will be allocated for this purpose? Please also explain in detail the implementation plan and the programmes involved.
- (b) How will the Home Affairs Bureau evaluate the effectiveness of the feeder system? What are the specific measures and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

- (a) We began implementing the Feeder System Pilot Scheme in July 2009. Under the scheme, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) assesses proposals from “National Sports Associations” (NSAs), taking into account the level of venue and funding support required, and the performance goals set by the NSAs. The programmes include: focused training of junior athletes; participation in local and overseas competitions; and strengthening of junior and regional squads. In 2010-11, LCSD allocated about \$12 million to 22 NSAs to implement the scheme. In 2011-12, we will increase the funding to about \$19 million to expand programmes and extend the scheme to more NSAs.
- (b) NSAs taking part in the scheme are required to submit an evaluation report on the achievement of their targets one year after implementation of the programmes. The first full-year evaluation reports from the first 22 NSAs will be available in June 2011. We will consider the reports and evaluate the effectiveness of the scheme, with particular regard to how far NSAs have achieved their targets. We will forward our assessment to the Sports Commission for consideration and advice on the way forward. As we will conduct the evaluation using existing manpower and financial resources, there is no estimated expenditure involved.



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**HAB072**

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

Question Serial No.

1490

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the number of major international sports events held in 2009 and 2010 and the related details, including their names, the number of attendees/participants and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The Major Sports Events Committee's (MSEC) "M" Mark System and the Mega Events Fund (MEF) run by the Tourism Commission both help local non-profit-making organisations to host major international sports events.

The total funding allocated to "M" Mark events held in 2009 and 2010 was \$6 million and \$3.9 million respectively. Details of the "M" Mark events held in 2009 and 2010 are as follows –

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Number of Participating Athletes</b>	<b>Number of Spectators</b>	<b>Funding Support</b>
Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon	2009	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association	59 113	5 000	Not required
	2010		60 077	5 000	Not required
Cathay Pacific/ Credit Suisse Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2009	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	288 (24 teams)	120 000	Not required
	2010		288 (24 teams)	120 000	Not required
The Hong Kong DanceSport Festival	2009	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	4 176	21 000	\$2 million
	2010		1 125	7 400	\$0.9 million
FIVB World Grand Prix – Hong Kong (Volleyball)	2009	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	72 (4 teams)	27 000	Not required
	2010		72 (4 teams)	27 300	Not required
Hong Kong Cricket Sixes	2009	Hong Kong Cricket	56 (8 teams)	4 600	\$2 million

Event Name	Year	Organiser	Number of Participating Athletes	Number of Spectators	Funding Support
	2010	Association	56 (8 teams)	5 300	\$1 million
UBS Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2009	Hong Kong Golf Association	144	36 000	Not required
	2010	Limited	144	38 600	Not required
Cathay Pacific Sun Hung Kai Financial Hong Kong Squash Open	2009	Hong Kong Squash	108	3 500	\$1 million
	2010		104	4 000	\$1 million
YONEX-SUNRISE Hong Kong Open Badminton Super Series	2009	Hong Kong Badminton Association	243	20 000	\$1 million
	2010	Limited	248	20 700	\$1 million

Details of major international sports events funded to date from the MEF are as follows -

Event Name	Duration	Number of Participants	MEF Funding Support
Hong Kong Tennis Classic 2010	6-9 January 2010	14 300	\$7.88 million
Hong Kong Dragon Boat Carnival	23-25 July 2010	150 500	\$5 million

In addition, Hong Kong hosted the 2009 East Asian Games, a major international multi-sports event in December 2009. The funding allocated to the 2009 East Asian Games Company for the organisation and implementation of the 2009 East Asian Games was \$123 million and the games attracted around 2 100 athletes, 3 000 overseas guests, and 260 000 spectators.

“National sports associations” (NSAs) also organise other sports events with the participation of overseas teams. In 2009 and 2010, NSAs organised 11 events of this nature in sports such as tenpin bowling, gymnastics and table-tennis. In total, these events involved 4 700 local and overseas athletes and received funding of \$5.1 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB073**

Question Serial No.

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

1491

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In view of the difficulties facing athletes in seeking education and employment upon retirement, would the Administration consider adopting measures to assist retired athletes in securing education and employment when reviewing the effectiveness of the feeder system for “early identification and development of young potential athletes”?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The following programmes help serving and retired athletes in their education and career development –

- (a) The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) “Enhanced Athletes Educational and Vocational Development Programme” provides educational and career development support to athletes, including academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, and assistance in career planning and development. Athletes may apply for scholarships and subsistence allowances under the Hong Kong Athletes Fund to enroll in courses run by local or overseas educational institutions. Elite athletes who are about to retire can receive coach training under the Elite Coaching Apprenticeship Programme. Under the Elite Athletes Coach Education Subsidy Programme, athletes can also receive subsidies as they receive training to become qualified coaches.
  
- (b) The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) runs the “Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme” (ACEP) to provide education and employment training and counselling services to serving and retired athletes. The programme includes long-term and short-term vocational training, a mentorship programme, a Sports Ambassador Programme, consultation services on career development and employment and internship opportunities. Retired athletes who wish to pursue further education may receive support, such as on-line English courses, scholarships and financial support. More than 170 athletes have so far benefited from this programme.

The eight University Grants Committee-funded universities in Hong Kong accept enrolment applications from athletes recommended by the HKSI or SF&OC. They allow athletes who have been admitted to their institutions to defer commencement of study, extend the study period, and take leave where necessary to enable them to engage in academic study whilst pursuing a sporting career.

The main objective of the feeder system is to develop more ways of identifying and nurturing young athletes with the potential to compete at a high level. We recognise that providing better support for athletes' education and career development will encourage more young people to pursue a sporting career.

Upon completion of the redevelopment of its premises and the establishment of the proposed \$7 billion Elite Athletes Development Fund, the HKSI will be able to strengthen its support for athletes' education and career development. We will also continue to support the SF&OC in strengthening the ACEP.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB074**

Question Serial No.

1492

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the details of the Service Corps. Will it be fully funded by the Home Affairs Bureau? What will be the estimated annual average expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Chief Executive announced in his 2010-11 Policy Address the establishment of the Service Corps under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) as a new initiative in youth development. We will subsidise about 100 young people aged between 18 and 29 to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland for six to 12 months.

During the service period, accommodation, transportation, stipend and medical insurance will be covered by the HAB. To better prepare the participants for the endeavor and to assist them in coping with the difficulties during the service period, suitable training and counseling services will be provided for the participants. An award would also be granted upon satisfactory completion of service.

The Service Corps is a two-year pilot project expected to commence in 2011-12. Its total estimated expenditure is \$9.804 million.

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**HAB075**

Question Serial No.

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

1493

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The number of participants under the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland in 2010 was 9 365, which is higher than that for 2009. What are the reasons? What was the total expenditure incurred for the above Scheme in 2010? What was the average amount of subsidy for each participant?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The World Expo 2010 was held in Shanghai from May to October 2010. To encourage more Hong Kong youngsters to participate in this mega event, the Commission on Youth agreed to sponsor more exchange tours to the Mainland in 2010. A total of 9 365 youngsters were sponsored under the Scheme in 2010 to visit Shanghai and other places in the Mainland, incurring a total government subsidy of \$16.8 million. Subsidy level for individual participants varied according to the destination and duration of the tour they joined.

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**HAB076**

Question Serial No.

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

1494

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the number of uniformed groups receiving subvention at present? Please provide their names and respective amounts of subvention.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

There are now 10 youth uniformed groups receiving recurrent subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau for youth development. The organisations and the amounts of subvention they received in 2010-11 are listed below:-

<b>Uniformed groups</b>	<b>Annual subvention for 2010-11 (HK\$)</b>
Scout Association of Hong Kong	17,280,000
Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	10,130,000
Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps	1,080,000
Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps	1,272,000
Hong Kong Adventure Corps	984,000
Hong Kong Red Cross	7,430,000
Hong Kong St. John Ambulance	1,404,000
The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong	2,120,000
The Girls' Brigade, Hong Kong	924,000
Hong Kong Road Safety Association	840,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,464,000</b>

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**HAB077**

Question Serial No.

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

3105

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) According to the major findings of the Social Development Index 2010 of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, the Family Solidarity Subindex has recorded very substantial net social losses. In this connection, would the Administration provide information on its work on the promotion of family-friendly culture and family harmony and the expenditure involved for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- (b) Has any assessment been conducted on the effectiveness of the projects and work? If yes, what are the results and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) What are the work on the promotion of family-friendly culture and family harmony and the estimated expenditure involved in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

- (a) The Family Council has identified the following as key elements to a healthy and happy family life – Love and Care (愛與關懷); Respect and Responsibility (責任與尊重) and Communication and Harmony (溝通與和諧). The Council will continue its efforts in the education and publicity programmes/activities to publicise the family core values. The Council has also discussed ways to create a pro-family environment. These discussions were very useful in facilitating the Government and relevant stakeholders in planning the relevant policies, practices and services with the families in mind. In 2009-10, the expenditure involved was about \$8

million. In 2010-11, a total of \$25 million were involved in promoting family core values, including the launch of the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “Happy Family Info Hub” initiatives to further promote the family core values.

- (b) We have conducted regular opinion polls to gauge the effectiveness of the programmes and work of the Family Council through the “Happy Family Info Hub”. The polls also gauge the public awareness of the importance of families. In 2010-11, the expenditure involved was included in the total expenses for the “Happy Family Info Hub”. The results of the polls indicate that 84% of the respondents attached high importance to families and family life. 74% were satisfied with their family lives and 74% were aware of the work of the Family Council in respect of the promotion of family core values and the “Happy Family Campaign”. In 2011-12, an amount of \$0.6 million has been made available for another survey to update data on public awareness of the importance of families and family core values, with a view to further enhancing the work of the Family Council in these aspects.
- (c) The Family Council will continue to promote family core values, and to foster a pro-family environment through the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “Happy Family Info Hub” (an online platform allowing easy access to a wide range of family-related information and facilitating sharing of family-related issues in the internet). In 2011-12, the Family Council will introduce a series of family educational packages with a view to strengthening family values. Besides, a “Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme” will be launched to foster a pro-family culture and environment amongst the business sector and to give recognition to employers that demonstrate a family-friendly spirit. A total of \$27.5 million has been made available in 2011-12 for launching the award scheme and a series of family educational packages and other activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” as well as the maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”.

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**HAB078**

Question Serial No.

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

3106

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Regarding the community building programmes in 2009-10 and 2010-11, what were the various work activities and expenditures involved in gaining public acceptance of land use planning proposals for social welfare facilities? How many of these proposals were successfully implemented after promotion and lobbying by the executive authorities?
- (b) What are the various work activities and estimated expenditures involved in gaining public acceptance of land use planning proposals for social welfare facilities in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon.CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

Works and expenditures relating to gaining public acceptance of land use planning proposals for social welfare facilities are not chargeable to the above mentioned programme head.

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**HAB079**

Question Serial No.

3107

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) At the Legislative Council motion debate on “Social Welfare Land Use Planning” on 16 February 2011, the Administration responded that the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education would focus on the promotion of core civic values such as “respect” and “love” in the coming year, thereby encouraging the public to show their love to and gain a better understanding of the needs of the underprivileged and fostering greater mutual support and harmony between the community and the underprivileged. Would the Administration advise the works implemented in this respect in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and the respective expenditure involved?
- (b) Are there evaluation on the effectiveness of the relevant projects and works? What are the findings? What is the expenditure involved?
- (c) What are the works to be implemented in 2011-12 and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

- (a) The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) promotes civic education outside schools through various channels such as sponsoring community organizations to organise activities, publications, promotional programmes, production of TV programmes, thematic workshops and exhibitions. The expenditure for CPCE to promote civic education outside schools in 2009-10 and 2010-11 were about \$16.3 million and \$20.3 million respectively.

- (b) For projects organised by community organisations and sponsored by CPCE to promote core civic values, the sponsored organisations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects for examination by CPCE. The results indicated that these activities had been effective in promoting core civic values. There is no specific breakdown on the costs incurred for evaluating effectiveness.
- (c) In 2011-12, CPCE will continue to promote civic education outside schools with an estimated provision of about \$20.3 million. CPCE will continue to use the channels mentioned in (a) above and will encourage the community to promote such core civic values as “respect”, “responsibility” and “love” in particular.

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**HAB080**

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

Question Serial No.

3803

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing  
                              (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much resources has the Arts and Sport Development Fund allocated in the past three years (i.e. 2008, 2009 and 2010) to support the development of people with disabilities in the arts and sport fields? On average, how many disabled people were given the opportunity to pursue the arts and sport every year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Between 2008 and 2010, we allocated about \$5.24 million and \$1.27 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund to sports and arts programmes respectively benefiting over 600 and 7 200 people with disabilities.

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**HAB081**

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

Question Serial No.

0818

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration advised that in 2011-12 it would continue to encourage collaboration among different sectors in the community, in particular between National Sports Associations and district-based sports associations, with the aim of supporting the further development of sport in Hong Kong. What plans does the Administration have at this moment? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Government has the following initiatives to promote the further development of sport in Hong Kong through collaboration with “National Sports Associations” (NSAs) and district sports associations (DSAs) -

- Selected Sports in Selected Districts

We have earmarked \$50 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to provide grants to NSAs and DSAs to implement projects between 2009-10 and 2011-12. Under this initiative, NSAs and DSAs may team up to apply for grants to build or improve sports facilities or buy sports equipment. The expenditure for 2011-12 will depend on the number and scale of the applications received during the year.

- District-based recreation and sports programmes

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises district-based sports activities and provides funding for NSAs and other sports organisations to develop programmes such as the District Sports Teams Training Scheme. In 2011-12, LCSD will organise about 36 900 district-level recreation and sports programmes. The Department will spend an estimated \$143.5 million on community-based sports programmes, and will allocate a further \$94.6 million to NSAs and other sports organisations to organise around 8 900 sports programmes at the district level.

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**HAB082**

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

Question Serial No.

0819

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration advised that it would continue to promote participation in sport by developing and introducing wider choices of sports programmes to suit the needs of people of different age groups. What are the existing programmes? When will they be launched? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises activities to promote sport in the community to suit the needs of people of different backgrounds and age groups and provides funding for “national sports associations” (NSAs) and other sports organisations to develop programmes. Existing programmes include the District Sports Teams Training Scheme and Community Sports Clubs Project. In 2011-12, LCSD will organise about 36 900 recreation and sports programmes at an estimated cost of \$143.5 million. It will allocate a further \$94.6 million to NSAs and other sports organisations to organise around 8 900 sports programmes.

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**HAB083**

Question Serial No.

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

0820

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration advised that it would continue to implement and review the effectiveness of the feeder system for early identification and development of young potential athletes. Please provide an update on the progress of the initiative. The feeder system can help nurture athletes of which sports? When will the review be completed? Will the outcome be announced? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Feeder System Pilot Scheme has been implemented in phases since July 2009, and involves 22 “national sports associations” (NSAs): badminton, cycling, table tennis, windsurfing, athletics, fencing, rowing, swimming, tennis, judo, taekwondo, triathlon, volleyball, gymnastics, handball, karatedo, shooting, squash, tenpin bowling, wushu, as well as the sports associations for intellectually or physically disabled athletes. NSAs taking part in the scheme are required to submit an evaluation report one year after implementation of the programmes. The first full-year evaluation reports will be available in June 2011. We will consider the reports and review the effectiveness of the scheme, with particular regard to how far NSAs have achieved their targets. We will forward our assessment to the Sports Commission for consideration and advice on the way forward.

In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department allocated about \$12 million to NSAs to implement the scheme. In 2011-12, we will increase the funding to about \$19 million and extend the scheme to more NSAs.

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**HAB084**

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

Question Serial No.

0821

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration advised that it would continue to plan for the development of the proposed Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak. How is the planning work progressing? When will it be completed? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

We have completed the Technical Feasibility Study and the Event Profile and Economic Impact Assessment Study for the proposed Multi-purpose Stadium Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak. We will consider procurement and financing options for the MPSC having regard to the findings of the two studies as well as local and overseas experience. The estimated construction cost is \$19.7 billion in September 2010 prices. The time table is under review.

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**HAB085**

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

Question Serial No.

0822

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration advised that it would seek more support from the business sector for major events, including sponsorship of the purchase of more tickets for underprivileged people. How was the initiative received by the business sector so far? What are the major sports events scheduled for this year? How many underprivileged people stand to benefit from this initiative? What is the amount of saving that can be achieved by the Administration?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) of the Sports Commission has set up a Core Sponsor Group (CSG) of companies and encourages them, among other things, to sponsor the purchase of tickets to 'M' Mark and other major sports events for people from less privileged backgrounds. Since 2009-10, CSG members and event organisers have sponsored the allocation of a total of 7 734 tickets (with a total value of \$455,550) to people from less privileged backgrounds.

The 'M' Mark events scheduled for 2011 are as follows -

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>
1	20 February 2011	Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2011
2	25-27 March 2011	Cathay Pacific/Credit Suisse Hong Kong Sevens 2011 (Rugby)
3	11-12 June 2011	The 5 <sup>th</sup> Hong Kong DanceSport Festival
4	19-21 August 2011	2011 FIVB World Grand Prix – Hong Kong (Volleyball)
5	29-30 October 2011	Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2011
6	13-20 November 2011	Cathay Pacific/Sun Hung Kai Financial Hong Kong Squash Open 2011
7	15-20 November 2011	YONEX-SUNRISE Hong Kong Open Badminton Super Series 2011
8	1-4 December 2011	UBS Hong Kong Open Championship 2011 (Golf)

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**HAB086**

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

Question Serial No.

0823

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration advised that it would enhance the software in the arts and culture through arts programme development, audience building, arts education and manpower training. What are the measures to achieve this objective? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

In 2011-12, government spending in the arts and culture is estimated to be about \$2.8 billion (excluding expenditure on capital works). The breakdown of which is set out below –

<b>Expenditure Item (Programme Area)</b>	<b>Estimated Financial Provision for 2011-12 (\$ million)</b>
Public performing arts venues and programmes (Head 95, Programme (4))	862.2
Public libraries and activities (Head 95, Programme (5))	776.2
Public heritage, museums and exhibitions (Head 95, Programme (3))	514.3
Subvention for major performing arts groups (Head 53, Programme (6))	264.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Head 53, Programme (6))	236.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Head 53, Programme (6))	80.9 (excluding \$30 million project grants from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund)

Culture related expenditures (e.g. promotion work and administration) (Head 53, Programme (5))	88.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,822.3</b>

We have earmarked \$486 million from 2010-11 to 2014-15 for strengthening our cultural software. Details of the expenditure involved are set out as follows –

	<b>Measures</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (\$ million)</b>
1	Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	203
2	Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69
3	Enrich the content of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	80
4	Line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators	32
5	Support student participation in arts education activities	22
6	Step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community	80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>

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**HAB087**

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

Question Serial No.

0824

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration advised that it would work closely with the Advisory Committee on Arts Development in promoting local arts development, including reviewing the funding mechanism for the performing arts. What is the current progress of the review? When is it expected to complete? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply:

We have commissioned a consultant to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong and draw up comprehensive proposals for a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups. The study commenced in March 2010 for completion in 2011. The cost of the study is \$5.08 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Reply Serial No.

**HAB088**

Question Serial No.

2352

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will “continue to promote the development of social enterprises ... together with relevant stakeholders”. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the specific details of the work, the expenditures incurred in the past two years and the estimated expenditure involved in the coming year? Please also advise whether there were assessments on the effectiveness of the above work? If yes, what are the results? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In addition to its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), such as sponsoring the SE Summit and commissioning a business plan writing competition, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will launch in 2011-12 an SE Award Scheme and a “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and private enterprises that support SEs. HAB will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of “conscience consumption” among the general public. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to nurture social entrepreneurs.

In 2009-10 and 2010-11, HAB earmarked \$2.6 million annually to support and promote the development of SEs. In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million for the purpose.

The Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the Programme) set up under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2006 provides seed money for eligible organisations to run SEs during their initial operations. A total of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16. To encourage and facilitate the establishment of more SEs under the Programme, HAD has implemented a series of new measures starting from 2011. These measures include expanding the eligibility criteria for application on a trial basis to cover

non-profit making organisations which have not registered under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. The maximum funding period for successful applications will be extended from two to three years. In addition, to give incentive to projects with good business performance, grantees which plan to expand their business may apply for a one-off incentive grant to be disbursed on a matching basis. For projects that face business hardship, grantees may apply for a one-off supplementary grant to meet their operating expenses.

The Social Enterprise Advisory Committee which advises the Government on the formulation of policy for promoting the development of SEs, is assisting with the formulation and monitoring of the above measures to ensure their effectiveness.

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**HAB089**

Question Serial No.

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

2353

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will “continue to conduct public education on gambling-related issues, provide counseling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as conduct research on the impact of gambling”. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the expenditure on public education on gambling-related issues, the expenditure on counselling and treatment services and the number of service recipients, and the expenditure on the research on the impact of gambling for the past three years?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In 2008 and 2009, the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) provided an annual funding support of \$9.6 million for the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers. In 2010, the level of funding support for the four centres was increased to \$11 million per year. According to the four centres, there were 6 785, 6 447 and 9 678 new cases requiring counselling and treatment services in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

Around \$0.6 million, \$2.4 million and \$4.7 million were spent on public education programmes on gambling-related issues in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively. In 2008, we commissioned a survey at \$0.6 million on Hong Kong people's participation in gambling activities.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB090**

Question Serial No.

2354

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding “provide secretariat support to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) and its committees” stated in the Brief Description, would the Administration inform this Committee of the current progress of the CCF; the latest progress on donations and the current balance of the CCF; preliminary application arrangements and target beneficiaries, estimated timeline for inviting applications and formally granting of assistance; and the administrative expenses involved since the CCF was first proposed?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Following the first Steering Committee and Executive Committee meetings held on 1 and 30 December 2010 respectively, the Steering Committee held two public consultation sessions on 14 and 21 January 2011 to gauge public views on the operation of the CCF, including the target beneficiaries and assistance programmes. In the light of the views collected from the consultation sessions and other suggestions received from time to time, the Education, Home Affairs, Welfare and Medical Sub-committees are considering proposals on and priority of assistance programmes under their purview for consideration and endorsement by the Executive Committee and Steering Committee respectively. The Steering Committee plans to roll out the assistance programmes within the second quarter of 2011.

We plan to seek the approval of the Finance Committee for the proposed government injection of \$5 billion into the CCF at its meeting on 6 May 2011. Fund-raising is still underway, and we will announce the amount of donations received in due course.

As at 28 February 2011, the administrative expenses incurred in taking forward the CCF initiative amounted to about \$1.94 million.

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**HAB091**

Question Serial No.

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

2355

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12” that the Administration will “continue to work closely with the Betting and Lotteries Commission to ensure proper regulation of authorised horse race, football betting and lotteries”. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the vetting procedures for any proposed changes by the Hong Kong Jockey Club to the rules of the betting activities, amount of bet, form of betting and expansion of the network for placing bets? Would the Administration conduct extensive public consultation in this regard?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In accordance with the Betting Duty Ordinance (the Ordinance), the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) may, by issuing a licence to a company, authorise the conduct of horse race betting, football betting and lotteries.

Should a licensee wish to introduce new betting activities other than those authorised under the Ordinance, he/she should submit a detailed application (including the gaming method, amount of bets, form of betting and means of taking bets, etc.) to the SHA. When considering the application, the Administration would take into account all relevant factors, including the prevailing gambling policy and public acceptance, and consult the Betting and Lotteries Commission (BLC) as appropriate. The BLC may conduct public hearings as appropriate depending on individual case circumstances.

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**HAB092**

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

Question Serial No.

2356

Programme:                    (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Would the Administration inform this Committee why the revised financial provision in 2010-11 under this Programme is 8.3% (i.e. around \$21 million) less than the original estimate? In which area was there a reduction in expenditure? What was the impact on services and plans?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2010-11 is \$21 million (8.3%) less than the original estimate for 2010-11. The decrease in the 2010-11 revised estimate as compared with the original estimate is mainly due to a projected reduction in operating expenses to reflect the updated requirements for the Programme.

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**HAB093**

Question Serial No.

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

2357

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under “Matters Requiring Special Attention” that the Administration will “explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities to cater for public demand in the longer term”. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the proposed locations of the new sites? Would the local community and residents be consulted on the locations? What is the estimated demand for columbarium facilities in the longer term?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

As an ongoing exercise, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will assist the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP) to identify potential sites for columbarium development.

The BMCP will continue to work with departments concerned, including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities in order to meet the keen public demand for affordable niches.

According to the Administration's assessment based on past trend, the average annual number of deaths and cremations in Hong Kong in the next ten years (2011 to 2020) is estimated to be about 47 300 and 43 600 respectively.

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**HAB094**

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

Question Serial No.

2358

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Administration will “seek more support from the business sector for major events, including sponsorship of the purchase of more tickets for underprivileged people.” In this regard, please advise this Committee of the sports events that have allocated free tickets for the underprivileged; the number of such tickets as a percentage of the total number of tickets available for each event; the number of underprivileged benefited from this initiative and their total saving in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11).

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

In 2009-10 and 2010-11, there were nine major international sports events for which companies in the Core Sponsor Group established by the Major Sports Events Committee of the Sports Commission and the event organisers sponsored the purchase of tickets for allocation to people from less privileged groups. The details are as follows –

<b>Event name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Date of event</b>	<b>Tickets for less privileged/total tickets (%)</b>	<b>Total no. of tickets for less privileged</b>	<b>Value per event ticket</b>	<b>Total ticket value</b>
2009 East Asian Games (EAG)	2009-10	5-13 December 2009	1.3%	3 269	\$47 (average)	\$154,350
Cathay Pacific/ Credit Suisse Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2009-10	26 – 28 March 2010	0.08%	100	\$1,250	\$125,000
	2010-11	To be held on 25 – 27 March 2011	0.08%	100	\$1,250	\$125,000
Hong Kong DanceSport Festival	2010-11	27 - 28 November 2010	19.03%	1 405	Free of charge	Free of charge
FIVB World Grand Prix – Hong Kong (Volleyball)	2009-10	14 -16 August 2009	1.03%	340	\$20	\$6,800
	2010-11	20 – 22 August 2010	5.06%	1 380	\$20	\$27,600

Event name	Year	Date of event	Tickets for less privileged/total tickets (%)	Total no. of tickets for less privileged	Value per event ticket	Total ticket value
UBS Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2010-11	18 - 21 November 2010	0.39%	140	\$120	\$16,800
Hong Kong Open Badminton Super Series	2009-10	9 - 15 November 2009	2.49%	500	Free of charge	Free of charge
	2010-11	6 - 12 December 2010	2.42%	500	Free of charge	Free of charge
<b>Total</b>			Year 2009-10	<b>4 209</b>		<b>\$286,150</b>
			Year 2010-11	<b>3 525</b>		<b>\$169,400</b>

The total number of tickets of the above sports events allocated to people from less privileged groups was 7 734 with a total ticket value of \$455,550.

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**HAB095**

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

Question Serial No.

2359

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Administration will “continue to plan for the development of the proposed Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak.” In this regard, please provide this Committee with an update on the planning of the project, including cost-effectiveness, purposes, design and cost, etc. Please also advise the expenditure and manpower involved since the idea was first conceived; as well as the commencement date of the construction works and the commissioning date of the facility.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau, Architectural Services Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department have completed preliminary studies on the design concept, technical feasibility, event profile and economic impact of the multi-purpose stadium complex (MPSC). The plan is for the project to comprise a 50 000-seat multi-purpose stadium with a retractable roof to cater for major sports and other events, and a 5000-seat secondary stadium and a 4000-seat indoor sports arena that can be used for local or community events as well as international competitions.

The Chief Executive announced in the 2006-07 Policy Address that an MPSC equipped with world-class facilities would be included in the Kai Tak Development. The costs of the studies on the technical feasibility and the event profile and economic impact assessment were HK\$10.358 million and HK\$1.4 million respectively. Both studies involved a team of consultants with support from respective bureau/department.

We will consider procurement and financing options for the MPSC having regard to the findings of the two studies as well as local and overseas experience. The time table is under review.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB096**

Question Serial No.

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

2360

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 171 of the Budget Speech that the “Government has always attached great importance to sports development. We have taken an active role in promoting “sport for all”, developing elite sports and positioning Hong Kong as a leading location for international sports events. The redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (the Institute) at a cost of about \$1.8 billion is proceeding according to schedule. To tie in with the upgrading of its facilities, I propose to set up a \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund”. The investment return of the Fund will replace the current mode of providing subvention to the Institute. This will help make the Institute a world-class training centre, provide more comprehensive support to elite athletes, and strengthen our efforts to identify and train young athletes with potential.” In this regard, please advise this Committee of the details of the “Elite Athletes Development Fund” (the Fund). What are the differences between the new and the original subvention mode? How do they compare in terms of cost-effectiveness? When will the Fund be launched and the new subvention mode come into operation?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The proposal is for the investment return of the Fund to replace the current mode of subvention to the Institute, which is financed under the Government’s General Revenue Account. Assuming an average annual investment return of about 4-5%, the Fund will generate a return of \$280-350 million per annum. This is higher than the current annual subvention received by the Institute, and will facilitate the long-term development of the Institute so that it can effectively support elite athletes. Our target is to seek funding approval from the Legislative Council Finance Committee to establish the Fund as soon as possible within 2011.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB097**

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

Question Serial No.

2361

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 172 of the Budget Speech that “Last July, we also injected \$1.5 billion into the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund. Its investment return is used to support various sports, in particular team sports, and to organise more community sports programmes to promote greater public participation in sport. We will continue to build new district-based recreational and sports facilities and improve existing ones in the light of district demand. We will also press ahead with the planning of the multi-purpose stadium complex at Kai Tak.” In this regard, please advise this Committee of the new district-based recreational and sports facilities scheduled to be built and improved, as well as the annual expenditure involved in the next 3 years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The following district-based recreational and sports facilities are scheduled to be built or improved in the next three years. The total estimated capital cost involved is over \$9 billion and the estimated expenditure in 2011-12 is over \$2 billion. The expenditure for 2012-13 and beyond will depend on the progress of these projects.

*New facilities*

1. Tin Shui Wai public library-cum-indoor recreation centre
2. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and Swimming Pool Complex
3. Tseung Kwan O Complex in Area 44, Tseung Kwan O
4. Sports centre in Area 28A, Fanling/Sheung Shui
5. Swimming pool complex in Area 1 (San Wai Court), Tuen Mun
6. Lam Tin North Municipal Services Building
7. Sports centre and community hall in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai
8. Local open space in Area 25, Fanling/Sheung Shui
9. District open space in Area 37, Tseung Kwan O
10. Town park, indoor velodrome-cum-sports centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O
11. Public library and indoor recreation centre in Area 3, Yuen Long

*Improved facilities*

1. Redevelopment of Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex
2. Improvement works for Mong Kok Stadium

3. Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground
4. Conversion of secondary pool of Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool into indoor heated pool

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**HAB098**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2362

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the studies on home affairs related policies, please inform this Committee of the subject, objectives, expenditure and organisation commissioned in respect of each study conducted in the past two years; please also advise the subject and estimated expenditure in respect of the studies to be conducted in the next two years.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The required information is appended in the following tables:

**2009-10**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>	<b>Organisation Commissioned</b>
Longitudinal Study on Civic Engagement and Social Networks of Youth in Hong Kong	To follow up the first benchmark study conducted in 2004-05, by tracking the changes in civic engagement, social networks and other related characteristics of youth, and identify related factors affecting their civic engagement and social networks	920	Policy 21 Ltd.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>	<b>Organisation Commissioned</b>
Civic Awareness Study 2010	To assess the existing situation of civic awareness and to plan for future promotion of civic values among the public	350	Policy 21 Ltd.
Study on the manpower situation and needs of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong  [The study is conducted in collaboration with the Central Policy Unit.]	To collect up-to-date information on the sector and make recommendations on improvement measures	2,482	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Development and Strategy Research Centre and Performing Arts Asia.
Public Arts Education	To analyse the adequacy and effectiveness of the existing provision of “public arts education” in Hong Kong, and to recommend strategies to nurture a greater appreciation of culture and the arts among the local populace	650	InnoFoco Limited
Football development in Hong Kong	To facilitate formulation of the strategy of football development in Hong Kong	1,300	URS Scott Wilson Ltd.

## **2010-11**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>	<b>Organisation Commissioned</b>
Youth in Hong Kong – A Statistical Profile	To compile youth statistics on the aspects of demographic characteristics, education, employment, drug abuse, crimes, human capital, social capital and cultural capital, etc	145	Social Sciences Research Centre, University of Hong Kong



Subject	Objective	Expenditure (\$'000)	Organisation Commissioned
Hong Kong Youth Development Indicators	To provide data on various areas related to the life of young people so as to give readers a clearer picture of the current situation of Hong Kong youths	538	Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Lingnan University
Opinion Survey on National Education Promotional Activities of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE)	To collect public views on the effectiveness of national education promotional activities of the CPCE	500	Consumer Search Marketing Research Consultancy
Public Arts Education	To analyse the adequacy and effectiveness of the existing provision of “public arts education” in Hong Kong, and to recommend strategies to nurture a greater appreciation of culture and the arts among the local populace	650	InnoFoco Limited
Funding for major performing arts groups	To review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong, and draw up comprehensive proposals for a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups	3,080	GHK (Hong Kong) Limited and Creative Thinking- Positive Solutions Pty Ltd
Event Profile and Economic Impact Assessment of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex (MPSC) in Kai Tak and Other Major Sporting Venues in Hong Kong	To identify the nature and number of new and existing events likely to be held at the MPSC and to conduct an economic impact assessment on the event profiles and patronage projections	1,425	GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>	<b>Organisation Commissioned</b>
Review of the adequacy of sports venues for hosting an Asian Games similar to the scale of the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games	To assess the adequacy of sports venues in Hong Kong for hosting an Asian Games	76	GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd
Telephone Survey on Hong Kong's Bid to host the 2023 Asian Games	To gauge the public's views on whether Hong Kong should bid to host the 2023 Asian Games	170	Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Financial and Economic Impact Assessment of the Proposed 2023 Asian Games in Hong Kong	To assess the financial and economic impacts if Hong Kong were to host the Asian Games in 2023	1,356	GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd
Thematic Household Survey 2010 (1 <sup>st</sup> Round) (part relating to sport)	To study the Hong Kong people's level of interest and participation in sport and views on the availability and adequacy of sports facilities	790 (for the part relating to sport)	The Nielson Company (commissioned by the Census and Statistics Department)

## 2011-12

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>
Funding for major performing arts groups	2,000
Provision of Advisory Services on Project Design, Monitoring and Coordinating Services for Project Implementation; Statistical Services on Conducting Data Analysis and Compiling Study Report for the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT)	971
Provision of Services on Study of Students' Physical Fitness; Conducting the Physical Fitness Test for Secondary Schools and Kindergartens; Statistical Services on Conducting Data Analysis and Writing Up Study Report for the PFT	608

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b>
Provision of Services on Household Survey for the PFT	1,201
Provision of Services on Conducting the Physical Fitness Tests; Collecting and Inputting Data for the PFT	1,289

**2012-13**

No study is planned for 2012-13 at this stage.

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**HAB099**

Question Serial No.

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

2363

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding "...nurture more social entrepreneurs" mentioned in "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12", would the Administration inform this Committee of the specific work, the number of social entrepreneurs nurtured in the past two years and the percentage who are engaged in social enterprises eventually?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In 2009 and 2010, the Home Affairs Bureau sponsored a business plan writing competition. Through a series of seminars, workshops and preparing business plans, the competition aimed to encourage tertiary students to develop an interest in and knowledge about social enterprises (SEs), as well as nurturing in them social entrepreneurship. Of the 1 500 students who participated in the competition, 20 have put their business plans into practice. There is no tracking on how many others have engaged in other social entrepreneur pursuits. In 2011, apart from sponsoring a business plan writing competition, we will introduce a series of structured SE training programme to nurture more social entrepreneurs.

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**HAB100**

Question Serial No.

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

1702

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Starting from 2011, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education will focus on sponsoring civic education projects of larger scale and with greater publicity impact under the Community Participation Scheme. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) a breakdown by year the number of civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme, the total amount of sponsorship and the average amount of sponsorship per project for the past 3 years of 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11; and
- (b) the total amount of provision for the Community Participation Scheme and the estimated average amount of sponsorship per project from 2011 onwards?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

- (a) The number of approved projects of the Community Participation Scheme of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were 150, 152 and 117 respectively. The total sponsorship granted in the said three years were about \$4,691,000, \$4,919,000 and \$4,625,000 respectively. The average sponsorship per project were about \$31,200, \$32,300 and \$39,500 respectively in the said three years.
- (b) The estimated provision for 2011-12 would be about \$6 million. As funding applications this year are still being processed, we are unable to estimate the average amount of sponsorship per project at this stage.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB101**

Question Serial No.

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

1703

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is estimated that 36 civic education projects will be sponsored under the Co-operation Scheme with District Councils (the Scheme) in 2011-12. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) a breakdown by year of the number of civic education projects sponsored under the Scheme, the total amount of sponsorship and the average amount of sponsorship per project in the past three years of 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11; and
- (b) the total amount of provision for the Scheme and the estimated average amount of sponsorship per project from 2011 onwards.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

- (a) The Co-operation Scheme with District Councils (the Scheme) of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) was launched in 2009-10 on a pilot basis. In 2009-10, a total of 15 projects were sponsored under the Scheme amounting to about \$960,000, with an average sponsorship of about \$64,000 per project. As for 2010-11, a total of 13 projects were sponsored amounting to \$948,000, with an average sponsorship of about \$72,900 per project.
- (b) In 2011-12, an amount of \$3,600,000 has been reserved for the Scheme, with the maximum sponsorship of \$200,000 for each district. Since the 18 District Councils are yet to submit their proposals, we are unable to estimate the average amount of sponsorship per project at this stage.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB102**

Question Serial No.

1704

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is estimated that the number of participants sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland (the Scheme) will be 8 500 in 2011-12. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following :

- (a) The amount of allocation, mode of sponsorship and relevant information of the participating business and non-governmental organisations under the Scheme in the past 3 years of 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (b) A breakdown by nature of the organisers the number of study tours, number of participants of each tour, the amount of sponsorship per head and the destinations of the study tours under the Scheme in the past 3 years of 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11; and
- (c) The total amount of provision for the Scheme and the estimated average amount of sponsorship per tour from 2011 onwards?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

- (a) The Commission on Youth (COY) sponsors community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people under the Scheme. Only projects which are non-profit making and not for commercial, religious or political publicity for any individual or organisation would be considered.

COY's sponsorship is intended to cover only part of the tour cost. The remaining part will be met by participants' fee levied by the organiser and, if necessary, other funding sources. Depending on the destination of the tour (i.e. within or outside Guangdong Province), a standard rate of sponsorship per participant per day will apply in the calculation of sponsorship. The sponsorships granted by COY under the Scheme, including the donation from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries, in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were \$15.6 million, \$15.7 million and \$20.2 million respectively.

- (b) In the past 3 years, the COY sponsored a large number of study tours of various scales to the Mainland, and it is not possible to provide the exhaustive information of the Scheme. An overview of the study tours sponsored is provided as follows :

Year	Number of Sponsored Tours	Tours within Guangdong	Tours outside Guangdong	Number of Sponsored Participants*	Amount of Sponsorship per head per day
2008-09	214	42	172	8,143	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$160 (Within Guangdong Province)</li> <li>• \$370 (Outside Guangdong Province)</li> </ul>
2009-10	192	37	155	7,768	
2010-11	199	30	169	9,435	

\* Figures are presented on financial year basis which would not tally with the figures in the COR which is on calendar year basis.

- (c) The vetting of the applications under the Scheme for 2011-12 is underway. We anticipate a level of sponsorship similar to that of 2010-11.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB103**

Question Serial No.

2661

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding consultancy studies commissioned by the Home Affairs Bureau and the departments under its purview for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, if any, please provide the following information in the given format:

- (a) Please provide information in the table below for sponsored projects on public policy studies and strategic public policy studies from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
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- (b) Please provide the following information for any consultancy projects for which provisions have been earmarked in 2011-12.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/completed)	If expected to be completed in 2010-11, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
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- (c) What are the criteria in commissioning consultancy projects to research institutes?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (a) Consultancy projects on public policy studies and strategic public policy studies from 2008-09 to 2010-11:

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open tender	Study on Sport for All-Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities  <b>Part I</b> Consultancy Study	\$0.4 million	September 2007	Completed	A five-year action plan in two phases has been formulated. Phase I focusing on publicity and education, began in June 2009, and Phase II focusing on service enhancement, began in April 2010. Under Phase II the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is reviewing the programme mix and provision of sports facilities with a view to promoting more regular sports participation.	The findings and recommendations of the Study were released to the public through a press conference, news supplements and the LCSD website. We have also advised schools and district organisations of the outcome of the Study and we have also briefed District Councils.
Consumer Search	Open tender	<b>Part II</b> Household Survey	\$1.27 million	April 2008	Completed		
URS Scott Wilson Ltd.	Open tender	Football development in Hong Kong	\$1.3 million	June 2009	Completed	The Football Task Force chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs was set up to oversee the implementation of the report's recommendations.	We held a press conference on 11 March 2010 and briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 17 March 2010. The report is available on HAB's website.
Deloitte Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited	Open Tender	To recommend the future regulatory model for the Hong Kong property management industry.	\$810,000	August 2009	Completed	--	The results have been taken into account by the Home Affairs Department in formulating the proposals to introduce a regulatory framework for the property management industry.
GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd	Open tender	Event Profile and Economic Impact Assessment of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex	\$1.42 million	January 2010	Completed	The Administration will consider the procurement and financing options for the MPSC having regard to the findings	The study is for internal reference and will provide the basis for further planning

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/ tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
		(MPSC) in Kai Tak and Other Major Sporting Venues in Hong Kong				of the study.	of the project.
GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd	Single tender	Bid for the Asian Games - Where does Hong Kong Stand - Adequacy of Sports Venues for Hosting an Asian Games similar to the Scale of the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games	\$0.076 million	March 2010	Completed	The findings of the study were included in the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.	The findings of the study were included in the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.
The Nielson Company (commissioned by the Census and Statistics Department)	Open tender	Thematic Household Survey 2010 (1 <sup>st</sup> Round) (the part on sports)	\$0.79 million (for the part relating to sport)	March 2010	In progress	The study is still in progress.	The study is still in progress.
GHK(Hong Kong) Ltd	Single tender	Financial and Economic Impact Assessment of the Proposed 2023 Asian Games in Hong Kong	\$1.36 million	August 2010	Completed	The findings of the study were incorporated into the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.	The findings of the study were incorporated into the materials for public consultation on whether HK should bid for the 2023 Asian Games.
Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	Telephone Survey of Public Opinion	\$0.17 million	November 2010	Completed	The survey was part of the public consultation exercise to gauge the public's views on whether Hong Kong should bid to host the 2023 Asian Games.	The findings of the survey were reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on 10 December 2010
InnoFoco Limited	Selective Tendering	Name: Research Study on Public Arts Education  Description and objectives: The study aims to analyse the adequacy and	\$1.3 million	26 June 2009	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/ tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
		effectiveness of the existing provision of “public arts education” in Hong Kong, and to recommend strategies to nurture a greater appreciation of culture and the arts among the local populace.					
GHK (Hong Kong) Limited and Creative Thinking-Positive Solutions Pty Ltd	Selective Tendering	<p>The Research Study on a New Funding Mechanism for Performing Arts Groups in Hong Kong</p> <p>Description and objectives: The study aims to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong, and draw up comprehensive proposals on a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups.</p>	\$5.08 million  (Funding involved in 2010-11 is \$3.08 million)	12 March 2010	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/tender/others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups of the Administration on the study reports and the progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Development and Strategy Research Centre and Performing Arts Asia.	Tender	<p>Name:</p> <p>Study on the manpower situation and needs of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong</p> <p>Description and objectives:</p> <p>The study is conducted in collaboration with the Central Policy Unit to collect up-to-date information on the sector and make recommendations on improvement measures.</p>	\$2.48 million	2009	In progress	N/A as the study is in progress	N/A as the study is in progress

(b) Consultancy projects for which provision has been earmarked in 2011-12 :

Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/ tender/ others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/ completed)	If expected to be completed in 2010-11, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open tender	Provision of Advisory Services on Project Design, Monitoring and Coordinating Services for Project Implementation; Statistical Services on Conducting Data Analysis and Compiling Study Report for the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT)	\$0.97 million	February 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the LCSD website.
The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China	Open tender	Provision of Services on Study of Students' Physical Fitness; Conducting the Physical Fitness Test for Secondary Schools and Kindergartens; Statistical Services on Conducting Data Analysis and Writing Up Study Report for the PFT	\$0.61 million	February 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the LCSD website.
MVA Hong Kong Limited	Open tender	Provision of Services for Household Survey on the PFT	\$1.2 million	March 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the LCSD website.
The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China	Open tender	Provision of Services on Conducting the Physical Fitness Tests; Collecting and Inputting Data for the PFT	\$1.29 million	March 2011	In progress	We plan to release the findings and recommendations of the Study through channels such as news supplements and the LCSD website.



Name of consultants	Ways of commissioning the studies (open bidding/ tender/ others (please specify))	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies (under planning/in progress/ completed)	If expected to be completed in 2010-11, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
GHK (Hong Kong) Limited and Creative Thinking-Positive Solutions Pty Ltd	Selective Tendering	<p>Name: The Research Study on a New Funding Mechanism for Performing Arts Groups in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Description and objectives: The study aims to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong, and draw up comprehensive proposals on a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups.</p>	<p>\$5.08 million</p> <p>(Funding involved in 2011-12 is \$2 million)</p>	12 March 2010	In progress	N.A.

- (c) We assess tenders to undertake consultancy projects by using marking schemes that take into account factors such as the experience of the tenderer, professional qualifications of the project teams, details of the manpower plan and implementation plan and the fee proposal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 21 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB104**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2753

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) and the increasing cross-boundary co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide information on cross-boundary co-operation projects involving the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and departments under its purview:

- (a) Please set out in the table below the information on cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland from 2008-09 to 2010-11:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?
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- (b) Please set out in the table below the information on cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland for 2011-12:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
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- (c) Apart from the projects set out in the above tables, are there any cross-boundary co-operation conducted in other forms? If yes, what are the forms of co-operation? What are the manpower and expenditure involved for the past three years and for 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

(a) Information on cross-boundary co-operation projects from 2008-09 to 2010-11:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?
10 <sup>th</sup> Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) Cultural Cooperation Meeting	To enhance the cultural cooperation of GPRD, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three sides to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward. This was related to the Framework Agreement.	The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed from within the existing resources of HAB and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province	Held in February 2009	Yes. A press release was issued and the relevant information was uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net ( <a href="http://www.prdculture.org">www.prdculture.org</a> ). The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed from within the existing resources of HAB and LCSD.
11 <sup>th</sup> GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting	ditto	ditto	ditto	Held in June 2010	Ditto
The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao International Sporting Goods Fair	The fair has been organised in Guangzhou annually since 2004. The LCSD has a booth at the Fair to promote sports events held in Hong Kong; this is not related to the Framework Agreement.	2008-09: \$469,817 2009-10: \$408,697 2010-11: \$437,872 Estimated expenditure for 2011-12: \$500,000	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	Completed	Publicity materials were distributed to the public at the fair. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?
The Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Football Exchange Programme	The programme is organised in Macao annually. LCSD sends two youth teams to compete with teams from Guangdong and Macao; this is not related to the Framework Agreement.	2008-09: \$60,897 2009-10: \$57,826 2010-11: \$54,131 Estimated expenditure for 2011-12: \$65,000	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	Completed	Publicity was released through the “national sports association” (NSA) concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.
Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macao Youth Basketball Exchange Programme	The programme is organised in Hong Kong annually. Two youth teams (boys and girls) from Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong respectively take part; this is not related to the Framework Agreement.	2008-09: \$273,081 2009-10: \$238,791 2010-11: \$253,558 Estimated expenditure for 2011-12: \$300,000	The Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Sport	Completed	Publicity was released through the NSA concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.
The Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth	The programme has been hosted by Hong Kong and Shanghai in alternate year since 2005; this is not related to the Framework Agreement.	2008-09: \$281,008 In 2009-10, due to the spread of H1N1 in the community, the camp was postponed to 2010-11. 2010-11: \$290,423 Estimated expenditure for 2011-12: \$300,000	The Shanghai Sports Bureau	Completed	Publicity was released through the NSA concerned. LCSD participated in the programme using existing manpower and financial resources.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?
The development of GPRD Cultural Information Website	<p>To develop a brand new GPRD Cultural Information Website (www.prdculture.org) to facilitate prompt and accurate dissemination of information on cultural activities in the region so that the people of Guangdong, Hong Kong (HK) and Macao could have a better picture of the diverse cultural characteristics and vibrant cultural life of the region. The objective was to provide a more effective means of fostering cultural exchange and collaboration among the three places and building a cultural brand for the region.</p> <p>This was related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	<p>\$310,000 (total cost borne by Hong Kong from 2007-08 to 2010-11) The one-off capital investment for the website in 2007 as well as its operating, administration and maintenance costs in the subsequent years were equally shared by Guangdong, HK and Macao.</p>	<p>Department of Culture Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region</p>	<p>The website was officially commissioned in 2009.</p>	<p>The development of the GPRD Cultural Information Website was one of the projects initiated by the GPRD Cultural Co-operation Meeting. During the development process and at the commissioning of the website, press releases have been issued and other means of publicity have been employed to introduce the website to the public and relevant user groups. The Department of Culture Guangdong Province was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the website, while all the daily liaison work was undertaken by the existing staff of LCSD. No additional manpower and costs were therefore involved.</p>
4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition (2008 to 2011)	<p>To collaborate with the Shenzhen Library each year in reading promotional activities, to promote reading in the society through</p>	<p>\$393,000 (total expenses)</p>	<p>Shenzhen Library</p>	<p>Completed in respective years</p>	<p>Promotion to the public through publicity poster, leaflet, press release, e-news and webpage, absorbed by existing manpower provision; publicity expenses included in the programme cost</p>

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?
	<p>organising writing competition on the same theme and reciprocal travelling exhibitions of winning entries</p> <p>2008-09 China Today</p> <p>2009-10 Cities Today</p> <p>2010-11 Modern China</p> <p>This is related to the Framework Agreement.</p>				
Strolling in the Fragrant Garden: Paintings of Ju Chao and Ju Lian	<p>Exhibition, an exchange programme of the GPRD Cultural Co-operation project and a touring programme in Guangzhou and HK.</p> <p>This was related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$603,000	Guangzhou Museum of Art	31 October 2008 to 1 February 2009	The exhibition was publicised through the Guangzhou Museum of Art which absorbed the costs incurred.
International Museums Day 2009, Hong Kong	<p>Event of GPRD Cultural Co-operation</p> <p>This was related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$1,307,000	Department of Culture Guangdong Province, Guangzhou Municipal Bureau of Culture, Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region.	16 and 17 May, 2009	General programme publicity. The cost was included in the total budget of the exhibition.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?
Inscription of Cantonese Opera onto the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity	<p>Joint project with the governments of Guangdong and Macao</p> <p>This was related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$830,000 (CNY \$0.7 million)	Department of Culture Guangdong Province	Cantonese Opera was officially inscribed onto UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in September 2009	The inscription has been widely covered by local media in September and October 2009.
A Retrospective Exhibition of Ding Yanyong's Art	<p>Exhibition, an exchange programme of the GPRD Cultural Co-operation project and a touring programme in Guangzhou and HK</p> <p>This was related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$18,000	Guangzhou Museum of Art	12 November 2009 to 1 March 2010	The exhibition was publicised through the Guangzhou Museum of Art which absorbed the cost incurred.
Revolution Once More: Dr Sun Yat-sen from Xing Zhong Hui to the Governments in Guangzhou	<p>Exhibition, an exchange programme between HK and Guangdong.</p> <p>This was related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$600,000	Guangzhou Museum	17 September 2010 to 16 March 2011	General exhibition publicity. The cost was included in the total budget of the exhibition.
Cantonese Opera Day	<p>Event of GPRD Cultural Co-operation. Each year to organise Cantonese Opera Day on the last Sunday of November by the cultural departments of Guangdong, Macao and HK.</p> <p>This was related</p>	\$900,000	Department of Culture Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Every year on the last Sunday of November (30 November 2008 29 November 2009 28 November 2010)	Promotion to the public through event poster, leaflet, press release, e-news, LCS and GPRD cultural websites etc. Publicity expenses included in the programme cost.

<b>Name of projects</b>	<b>Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement</b>	<b>Expenditure involved</b>	<b>Mainland departments or organisations involved</b>	<b>Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)</b>	<b>Have the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?</b>
	to the Framework Agreement.				

(b) Information on cross-boundary co-operation projects for 2011-12:

<b>Name of projects</b>	<b>Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement</b>	<b>Expenditure involved</b>	<b>Mainland departments or organisations involved</b>	<b>Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)</b>	<b>Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting	To enhance the cultural cooperation of GPRD, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three sides to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward. This is related to the Framework Agreement.	The manpower and expenditure involved will be absorbed from within the existing resources of HAB and LCSD.	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province	In progress. Date to be confirmed by Guangdong Province	Yes. A press release will be issued and the relevant information will be uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net ( <a href="http://www.prdculture.org">www.prdculture.org</a> ). The manpower and expenditure involved will be absorbed from within the existing resources of HAB and LCSD.
The GPRD Cultural Information Website	To develop a brand new GPRD Cultural Information Website	\$71,000 (operating and maintenance cost to be borne by Hong	Department of Culture Guangdong Province and the Cultural	An on-going project. Continued efforts will be made to enhance the design	The development of the GPRD Cultural Information Website was one of the projects initiated by the GPRD Cultural Co-



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	<p>(www.prdculture.org) to facilitate prompt and accurate dissemination of information on cultural activities in the region so that the people of Guangdong, HK and Macao could have a better picture of the diverse cultural characteristics and vibrant cultural life of the region. The objective was to provide a more effective means of fostering cultural exchange and collaboration among the three places and building a cultural brand for the region.</p> <p>This is related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	Kong in 2011-12)	Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	of the website, enrich its content and widely publicise it to the public.	operation Meeting. During the development process and at the commissioning of the website, press releases have been issued and other means of publicity have been employed to introduce the website to the public and relevant user groups. The Department of Culture Guangdong Province was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the website, while all the daily liaison work was undertaken by the existing staff of the LCSD. No additional manpower and costs were therefore involved.
4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition	To collaborate with the Shenzhen Library in reading promotional activities, to promote reading in the society through organising writing competition on the same theme and reciprocal travelling exhibitions of winning entries.	\$139,000 (estimated)	Shenzhen Library	An annual event October 2011 to April 2012	Promotion to public through publicity poster, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage, absorbed by existing manpower provision; publicity expenses included in the programme cost.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Mainland departments or organisations involved	Progress (percentage of completion, commencement date and expected completion date)	Will the specific details, purposes, expenditure and the impact on the public, community, culture and eco-system been released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
	This is related to the Framework Agreement.				
Dr Sun Yat-sen and Guangzhou in the Post-1911 Revolution Period	<p>- Exhibition - A Cultural exchange programme between HK and Guangdong</p> <p>This is related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$740,000	The Memorial Museum of Generalissimo Sun Yat-sen's Mansion	In progress. September 2011 to March 2012	Exhibition will be publicised and the cost will be included in the total budget.
Ceramics of the Maritime Silk Road	<p>Exhibition to tie in with the GPRD Cultural Co-operation</p> <p>This is related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$1,200,000	Macao Museum Guangdong Provincial Museum	Early stages of preparation. Exhibition staged from May to October 2012 at Macao Museum, November 2012 to June 2013 at Guangdong Provincial Museum, and July to December 2013 at HK Museum of Art.	Exhibition will be publicised and the cost will be included in the total budget.
Cantonese Opera Day	<p>Event of GPRD Cultural Co-operation. Each year to organise Cantonese Opera Day on the last Sunday of November by the cultural departments of Guangdong, Macao and HK.</p> <p>This is related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	\$950,000	Department of Culture Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Every year on the last Sunday of November (27 November 2011)	Promotion to the public through event poster, leaflet, press release, e-news, LCSD and GPRD cultural websites etc. Publicity expenses included in the programme cost.

(c) Nil.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB105**

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

Question Serial No.

0693

Programme:                    (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011-12, the Government will work closely with the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee and the Cantonese Opera Development Fund Advisory Committee in supporting the development of Cantonese opera as an important local art form already inscribed onto the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Please advise this Committee of the details of the work concerned and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Government injected \$69 million into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) in 2010-11 to provide greater support in the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera. Part of the funding will be used to support the extension and expansion of the “Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Troupe for New Talent” Three-Year Grant Scheme, which has been strongly supported by the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee (COAC) and the Cantonese opera sector.

In addition, the CODF Executive Committee has conducted a series of consultation sessions to gauge the needs of the Cantonese opera sector and proposed to provide funding support for projects which seek to:

- (a) enhance nurturing of new talents and professional training;
- (b) elevate the standard of Cantonese opera trainers;
- (c) promote audience building and creation of new plays;
- (d) preserve the artistry of Cantonese opera masters, e.g. encouraging and supporting the publication of audio-visual and written records of the works of master artists; and
- (e) enhance research and archival works in Cantonese opera.

Apart from the funding support by the CODF, in the financial year 2011-12, the Government plans to spend more than \$30 million in support of the development of Cantonese opera through programmes and exhibitions to be organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Cantonese opera training programme under the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and the Cantonese opera projects to be supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council.

In conjunction with COAC, we will continue to consult the Cantonese opera sector on various projects relating to the provision of performance venues for the Cantonese opera. These projects include Yau Ma Tei Xiqu Activity Centre Phase I (expected to be completed by end 2011) and the planning of its Phase II development; an annex building at Ko Shan Theatre (expected to be completed by 2013); the enhancement of LCSD's Venue Partnership Scheme and priority venue hiring policy for Cantonese opera troupes.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB106**

Question Serial No.

0694

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

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Included under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-2012 is to review the funding mechanism for the performing arts. Please provide details of the review. Is there a timetable for the review? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The study aims to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong and draw up comprehensive proposals for a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups. We have commissioned a consultant to take forward the study, which commenced in March 2010 for completion in 2011. The cost of the study is \$5.08 million. The work arising from overseeing the study will be absorbed by the existing staff within the Home Affairs Bureau.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB107**

Question Serial No.

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

0699

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the estimates of the Home Affairs Bureau on social harmony and civic education in 2011-12, what are the measures funded for promoting the development of social enterprises and nurturing more social entrepreneurs? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Apart from its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), such as sponsoring the SE Summit and commissioning a business plan writing competition, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will launch in 2011-12 an SE Award Scheme and a “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and private enterprises that support SEs. HAB will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of “conscience consumption” among the general public. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to nurture social entrepreneurs. In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million for promoting the development of SEs.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ RAYMOND YOUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB108**

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

Question Serial No.

0700

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will encourage collaboration among different sectors in the community, in particular between National Sports Associations (NSA) and district-based sports associations, with the aim of supporting the further development of sport in Hong Kong. In this connection, would the Administration provide the amount of funding granted to each NSA and district-based sports association for the promotion of sports development in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11)?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides annual subvention to NSA and other sports organisations through the Sports Subvention Scheme. Details of the subventions provided to NSA in the past three years are attached. District-based sports associations also receive subvention from the Home Affairs Department for organising sports programmes and activities. The total subvention provided was \$1.8 million in 2008-09, and \$2 million each in 2009-10 and 2010-11. To encourage collaboration between NSA and district-based sports associations in the promotion, from 2009-10 to 2011-12 we have earmarked \$50 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to provide grants to NSA and district sports associations that team up to build or improve sports facilities or buy sports equipment. The total amount of funding granted for this initiative since 2009-10 is about \$26 million.

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## Subvention to National Sports Associations

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,299,564	1,346,235	1,385,862
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association	4,727,919	4,732,255	4,487,120
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association	8,388,523	8,759,253	10,278,774
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association	3,028,179	3,109,797	3,419,609
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	8,826,556	9,126,025	9,203,100
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council	2,184,629	1,208,726	1,868,780
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	663,993	875,338	750,796
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association	650,120	808,004	959,711
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union	2,632,234	2,807,616	2,726,170
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon & Lion Dance Association	1,353,650	1,393,922	1,873,304
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,151,700	2,056,907	2,600,387
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association	5,462,536	5,636,349	6,619,220
13.	Hong Kong Dancesport Association	2,041,401	1,989,592	2,318,150
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,566,231	1,646,804	1,715,150
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,506,165	1,515,729	1,493,686
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	4,138,085	5,137,215	4,979,080
17.	Hong Kong Football Association	7,306,164	7,506,215	8,920,534
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association	869,588	1,045,229	1,031,483
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association	1,344,902	1,385,683	1,463,518
20.	Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	3,682,723	3,860,388	4,557,600

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China	3,085,221	3,377,234	4,589,230
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association	1,693,484	1,704,757	2,137,573
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association	604,405	615,415	766,021
24.	Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	1,979,597	2,016,557	2,700,968
25.	Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China	1,240,675	973,766	2,119,136
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club	325,470	507,543	517,924
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association	702,539	711,512	753,216
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	1,696,434	1,719,512	1,892,870
29.	Hong Kong Life Saving Society	3,602,626	3,711,587	4,492,215
30.	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	1,921,567	2,066,389	2,157,508
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association	902,619	701,982	880,252
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	2,025,710	2,047,427	2,124,668
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports	1,542,373	1,562,804	1,692,865
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	6,266,776	6,394,103	6,549,611
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	3,625,735	3,622,495	3,923,644
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	914,355	892,986	968,724
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,363,500	6,624,361	6,600,230
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	1,872,854	1,906,167	2,597,786
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association	723,575	622,901	732,743
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union	954,631	962,907	1,030,614
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,127,795	1,176,191	1,232,569
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	453,162	448,598	476,937
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	4,320,364	4,394,100	5,357,704
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically	3,870,104	3,965,462	5,083,992

	<b>Name of National Sports Association</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
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45.	Hong Kong Squash	8,479,737	9,049,716	10,201,665
46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	8,192,222	8,426,071	8,943,425
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	7,662,296	7,716,022	10,009,906
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	1,412,495	1,420,948	1,995,254
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association	6,027,793	6,281,024	6,575,498
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress	3,314,365	3,351,944	4,429,751
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	3,560,334	3,680,143	4,155,227
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association	1,074,184	1,044,441	1,061,719
53.	University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	610,875	1,121,063	650,969
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	5,832,014	6,049,976	7,598,248
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association	581,434	587,012	656,552
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	532,964	552,340	858,180
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	6,352,652	6,529,455	7,743,791
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union	3,368,681	3,106,824	3,872,770
	<b>Total</b>	<b>172,642,479</b>	<b>177,591,017</b>	<b>202,783,989</b>

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB109**

Question Serial No.

2280

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau's main responsibilities include acting as a focal point of contact between the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Mainland authorities as well as co-ordinating and enhancing exchanges and co-operation with Taiwan. This year marks the centenary of the 1911 Revolution. There will be many commemorative activities involving Chinese in the Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong and overseas. Would the Administration please advise the specific arrangements for activities commemorating the centenary of the 1911 Revolution? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Government has redeployed resources to organise a wide range of activities together with the community to commemorate the centenary of the 1911 Revolution. These activities include large scale exhibitions, talks and seminars, cultural performances, creative competitions, heritage tours, issuance of commemorative stamps, etc. The series of activities were launched in September 2010 and will last until early 2012.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB110**

Question Serial No.

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

2712

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (COY) in promoting national education among the general public, particularly for the youth, would the Administration please advise the estimated expenditure, work plan and estimated number of participants for national education in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The provision earmarked for the collaboration with CPCE and COY in 2011-12 for national education promotion is about \$33 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organisations to organise promotional activities and youth study tours to the Mainland, promotional programmes on the Basic Law, national education TV programmes and publications enhancing public interest in various aspects of the Motherland (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

For youth study tours to the Mainland sponsored by the COY, the estimated number of participants in 2011 would be about 8 500. As regards the number of participants of other programmes and activities, we are unable to provide an estimation as they are yet to be planned by various organisations.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB111**

Question Serial No.

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

2713

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government will support the Family Council in launching the Happy Family Campaign and the Happy Family Info Hub. Please advise the details of the plan and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Family Council will continue to promote family core values, and to foster a pro-family environment through the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “Happy Family Info Hub” (an online platform allowing easy access to a wide range of family-related information and facilitating sharing of family-related issues in the internet). In 2011-12, the Family Council will introduce a series of family educational packages with a view to strengthening family values. Besides, a “Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme” will be launched in April 2011 to give awards to companies which foster a pro-family culture and environment, and demonstrate a family-friendly spirit. An amount of \$27.5 million has been made available in 2011-12 for launching the award scheme and a series of family educational packages and other activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” as well as the maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”.

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RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title

Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date

18 March 2011

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB112**

Question Serial No.

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

2714

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to fostering partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises and nurturing more social entrepreneurs, please advise the specific plan, manpower and expenditure involved in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

To foster partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will, in addition to its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of SEs, launch in 2011-12 a “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition to private enterprises that support SEs.

To nurture more social entrepreneurs, HAB will continue to sponsor a business plan writing competition for tertiary students. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes.

In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million to carry out the abovementioned and other measures to promote the development of SEs. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of HAB will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid measures.

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**HAB113**

Question Serial No.

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

2715

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the conduct of public education on gambling-related issues, provision of counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as conduct of research on the impact of gambling, please advise the estimated expenditure involved in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

In 2011-12, the Ping Wo Fund has designated around \$15 million to support public education programmes on gambling-related issues, operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers as well as a research on Hong Kong people's participation in gambling activities.

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**HAB114**

Question Serial No.

2716

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2010, there were 30 422 data subjects and curriculum vitae in the Central Personality Index, how many of them are serving on Government advisory or statutory bodies? Please provide the number and proportion by gender.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Of the 30 422 data subjects/curriculum vitae included in the Central Personality Index, 4 917 persons were serving on Government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) as at end December 2010. These persons included those appointed by the Government, as well as representatives of relevant organisations, elected, ex-officio or members appointed by the concerned ASBs. As at end December 2010, there were 5 714 non-official post-holders appointed by the Government to ASBs. Of these, 1 663 (29.1%) were female and 4 051 (70.9%) were male.

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**HAB115**

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

Question Serial No.

2717

Programme:            (4) 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 measures to be implemented in 2011-12 to meet the training and competition needs of elite athletes. What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) is responsible for the training of elite athletes. In 2011-12, we will provide funding to the HKSI to allow it to provide coaching support, sports science and sports medicine services, and support for local and overseas training and competition. We estimate that over 1 100 athletes will receive direct HKSI support in 2011-12. The estimated subvention to the HKSI for 2011-12 is \$155.3 million.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB116**

Question Serial No.

2718

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) In 2010, there were 9 365 participants under the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland. What are the relevant details? Please provide information on the activities organised, the organisations sponsored, the Mainland provinces and cities visited as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.
- (b) In 2011, the estimated number of participants under the Scheme is 8 500. What are the relevant details?
- (c) What are the reasons for an anticipated decrease in the number of participants in 2011 comparing with 2010?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) In 2010-11, the Commission on Youth (COY) granted sponsorship of about \$20 million, including the donation from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries through the “Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland”. Generally speaking, the Scheme has sponsored 199 study tours to the Mainland. The destinations of 30 tours were in Guangdong Province and 169 outside Guangdong Province. The organisations sponsored are mainly educational institutes and community organisations, and all projects are required to be non-profit-making. One Executive Officer and other supporting staff are responsible for overseeing the Scheme among other duties.
- (b) The vetting of applications under the Scheme in 2011-12 is underway. Details of the study tours to be sponsored are not available at this stage.
- (c) For 2011-12, the vetting of applications under the Scheme is underway. We anticipate a level of allocation similar to that of 2010-11. In order to enhance the effectiveness of the study tours and to enable the participants to benefit more from such experience,

starting from 2011-12, the applicant organisations are required to substantiate their programme by providing pre- and post-tour activities, such as thematic seminars or workshops and experience sharing sessions etc. Since the cost of each tour might increase while the funds allocated for the projects would be at a level similar to that of last year, the estimated number of participants is adjusted downward to 8 500.

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**HAB117**

Question Serial No.

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

2719

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the implementation of a feeder system to strengthen junior athlete identification and development programmes for 21 sports, as well as multi-sports for athletes with disabilities, please set out the names of the projects to be implemented in 2011-12 and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

Under the Feeder System Pilot Scheme, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department allocates funding to “national sports associations” for focused training of junior athletes, participation in local and overseas competitions and strengthening of junior and regional squads. For 2011-12, we have earmarked funding of up to \$19 million for the scheme.

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**HAB118**

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

Question Serial No.

2720

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2010, there were 546 athletes on the elite training programme. Based on the categorisation defined by the eligibility criteria under Sports Aid Foundation Fund, please advise the number of Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) scholarship athletes and non-HKSI scholarship athletes and the monthly stipends they received.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2007-08, the HKSI implemented a new financial support scheme known as the Elite Training Grant (ETG) to replace the Sports Aid Foundation Fund. All 546 athletes on the elite training programme are scholarship athletes and receive direct financial assistance under the ETG scheme. Monthly grants under the scheme range from \$425 for a part-time junior athlete to \$25,000 for full-time top level athletes.

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**HAB119**

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

Question Serial No.

2721

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much resources will be allocated in 2011-12 to help athletes perform at a high level in the London 2012 Olympic Games?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

We will allocate grants from the Arts and Sport Development Fund to support Hong Kong athletes' preparation for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games on receipt of proposals from the Hong Kong Sports Institute and relevant "national sports associations".

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**HAB120**

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

Question Serial No.

2722

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Administration will strengthen its efforts in developing a cultural network with the Mainland and other places. Are there any specific plans? What are the estimated manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other places.

To enhance the cultural cooperation of the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD), Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three sides to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward. The last GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting was held in June 2010. The three sides agreed to make available the relevant infrastructure such as performing venues, libraries and museums, for establishing a platform for exchange and cooperation, and put in place a cooperation mechanism for enhancing cultural exchange.

The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Guangdong in 2011-12. The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD on enhancing cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland in 2011-12 is about \$24 million. Separately, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) has budgeted \$2 million for cultural exchange with the Mainland in 2011-12.

We have also strengthened our cultural cooperation with Taiwan. The “Hong Kong–Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee” was established under the “Hong Kong–Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council” in August 2010 to further promote cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Taiwan and to serve as the counterpart of the “Cultural Cooperation Committee” under the “Taiwan-Hong Kong Economic and Cultural Cooperation Council”. The two committees have decided to organise the first cultural cooperation forum in May this year in Hong Kong. The forum is expected to further enhance the exchange, liaison and cooperation of the two sides.

For cultural exchanges with overseas countries, we have been making efforts to enhance cooperation with other places in the field of culture and the arts through the signing of



Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation (MoU). So far, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has signed MoUs with 12 countries. We will continue to organise a series of cultural activities to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts. The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD in this regard in 2011-12 is about \$59 million.

HAB also administers the Arts Development Fund (ADF) which supports outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2010-11, over 35 projects have been funded with a total grant of about \$3.5 million. In 2011-12, subject to the number and eligibility of funding applications received, HAB will continue to provide funding support under the ADF to support local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities.

The above work will be absorbed by the existing staff within HAB, LCSD and HKADC.

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**HAB121**

Question Serial No.

1521

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What are the details regarding the setting up of the Service Corps? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply :

The Chief Executive announced in his 2010-11 Policy Address the establishment of the Service Corps under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) as a new initiative in youth development. We will subsidise about 100 young people aged between 18 and 29 to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland for six to 12 months.

During the service period, accommodation, transportation, stipend and medical insurance will be covered by the HAB. To better prepare the participants for the endeavor and to assist them in coping with the difficulties during the service period, suitable training and counseling services will be provided for the participants. An award would also be granted upon satisfactory completion of service.

The Service Corps is a two-year pilot project expected to commence in 2011-12. Its total estimated expenditure is \$9.804 million.

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**HAB122**

Question Serial No.

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

1522

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration conducts research on the impact of gambling every year. What are the research outcome obtained so far? What is the expenditure involved? Is there any timetable for such research?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply :

We commission local tertiary institutions to conduct surveys on Hong Kong people's participation in gambling activities periodically. The survey findings are released where appropriate to relevant bodies such as the Legislative Council and the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee. The findings provide useful reference for the Government to understand the impact of gambling on gamblers and to devise appropriate strategies to address gambling-related problems in the community.

We are conducting a new survey to examine, amongst other things, the characteristics, problems and needs of problem and pathological gamblers. Around \$0.7 million of the Ping Wo Fund has been designated for this purpose.

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**HAB123**

Question Serial No.

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

1523

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the information of the Administration, how many problem and pathological gamblers are there in Hong Kong at present? What is the expenditure involved in the provision of counselling and treatment services?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply :

According to the findings of our latest survey, the prevalence rates of possible problem gamblers and possible pathological gamblers are 2.8% and 1.7% respectively. We are now conducting a new survey supported by the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) to gauge, amongst other things, the prevalence of gambling activities in Hong Kong.

Currently, the Fund provides an annual funding of \$11 million to finance the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers.

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**HAB124**

Question Serial No.

1524

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

Programme : (7) Subventions: Duty Lawyer Service and Legal Aid Services Council

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There has been feedback from the public that the waiting time for the Legal Advice Scheme is rather long and cannot satisfy the public's immediate needs for legal advice. Would the Administration consider providing more resources to shorten the public's waiting time?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply :

The Free Legal Advice Scheme (the Scheme) is provided under the Duty Lawyer Service (DLS) which receives recurrent subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau. The DLS is considering ways to enhance support services for the Scheme and to attract more volunteer lawyers to join. We have earmarked \$3 million as additional staffing support at the District Offices for the Scheme. To encourage more lawyers to participate in the Scheme, thereby shortening the waiting time, we will launch a further recruitment exercise and offer a travelling allowance of \$300 to the volunteer lawyers under the Scheme for each pro bono legal service session in the coming financial year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB125**

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

Question Serial No.

1933

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In July 2010, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved an injection of \$1.5 billion into the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF). The investment return of the ASDF will be used to support various sports and to organise more community sports programmes. In this connection, will the Government please provide following information:

- (a) A breakdown by sport of the total number of funding applications, the number of approved applications and the amount of funding granted in the past three years.
- (b) The investment income of the ASDF will be used to support new initiatives on the advice of the Sports Commission. Has the Government earmarked additional resources for the planning and construction of new sports facilities in order to provide effective support for the athletes concerned and promote the development of related sports?

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

- (a) A breakdown by sport of the total number of funding applications, the number of approved applications and the amount of funding granted in the past three years (2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11) is attached.
- (b) We have earmarked resources for the completion of 15 new or improved district-based sports facilities in the next three years. The total capital cost involved is over \$9 billion. In addition, the \$1.8 billion redevelopment project of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) is due for completion by the end of 2013. These new or upgraded facilities will support athletes engaged in training and competition and promote the development of related sports.

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**ASDF - breakdown by sport of the total number of funding applications,  
approved applications and the amount of funding granted in the past three years  
(in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11)**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Total number of funding applications</b>	<b>Number of approved applications</b>	<b>Amount of funding granted (\$)</b>
Aquathon	1	1	350,000
Athletics	1	1	350,000
Badminton	2	2	2,000,000
Baseball	2	2	700,000
Beach games	2	2	3,620,000
Boccia	1	1	650,000
Bodybuilding	1	1	650,000
Cricket	2	2	5,000,000
Cycling	3	3	3,505,000
Dance Sport	3	3	4,159,400
Figure Skating	1	1	350,000
Gymnastics	1	1	350,000
Indoor Rowing	1	1	350,000
Karate	1	1	650,000
Martial Arts	1	1	666,900
Rope Skipping	1	1	350,000
Rowing	1	1	650,000
Rugby	2	2	1,000,000
Squash	4	4	5,000,000
Table Tennis	1	1	350,000
Tenpin Bowling	2	2	1,300,000
Weight-lifting	1	1	350,000

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Total number of funding applications</b>	<b>Number of approved applications</b>	<b>Amount of funding granted (\$)</b>
Preparation for and Participation in Multi-sports Games	74	68	70,625,198
Other "One-off" Projects	4	4	6,019,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>108,996,348</b>



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB126**

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

Question Serial No.

1934

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In paragraph 171 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposes to set up a \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund” (the Fund) to replace the current mode of providing subvention to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI). In this connection, please advise:

- (a) What is the Government’s annual target return on investment?
- (b) How will the Government determine the target return?
- (c) How will the Government provide sustainable and additional resources for the HKSI if the return falls short of the target?
- (d) In comparison with the current mode of subvention, how will the Government ensure that the new one is flexible enough to facilitate the sustained development of the HKSI as well as sports development in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

- (a) Assuming an average annual investment return of about 4-5%, the \$7 billion Fund will generate a return of \$280-350 million per annum.

The proposal is for the investment return of the Fund to replace the current mode of subvention to the HKSI, therefore the target return would be sufficient to facilitate the long-term development of the HKSI so that it can effectively support elite athletes in the form of direct financial assistance, coaching support, sports science and sports medicine services, and support for local and overseas training and competition.

- (c) and (d)

We will seek advice from relevant bureaux and departments and discuss with the HKSI on the most appropriate approach to the structure and investment strategy of the Fund, and to cater for the scenarios where in a particular year investment return may fall short of the amount needed.

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**HAB127**

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

Question Serial No.

1935

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

From 2009-10 to 2011-12, how much resource and manpower have been or will be appropriated for the implementation of the “Selected Sports in Selected Districts” initiative to help develop sport in the community?

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

On the advice of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Committee (the Committee), the Government has earmarked \$50 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to provide grants to “national sports associations” and district sports associations to help implement projects under the “Selected Sports in Selected Districts” initiative from 2009-10 to 2011-12. To date, on the advice of the Committee we have approved the allocation of about \$26 million to help implement 16 projects under this initiative.

A team of staff including one Senior Executive Officer, one Executive Officer II, one Assistant Clerical Officer and one Clerical Assistant assist the Committee in overseeing the implementation of this and other initiatives.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB128**

Question Serial No.

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

1937

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is estimated that 550 athletes will be taking part in the elite training programme in 2011-12. In this connection, please provide a breakdown by sport of the number of elite athletes participating in the programme, their average ages and average retirement ages in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11).

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

A breakdown by sport of the number of athletes taking part in the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) elite training programme and the average age and retirement age of the athletes for the past three years, is as follows –

Sports	No. of Athletes		
	2008	2009	2010
Athletics	12	42	32
Badminton	38	29	33
Bodybuilding *	4	-	-
Billiard Sports	6	13	19
Cycling	34	39	34
Equestrian *	5	6	4
Fencing	35	32	40
Football *	-	-	23
Gymnastics *	2	3	2
Judo *	1	-	-

Karatedo	3	30	45
Rowing	26	38	23
Rugby *	-	-	13
Shooting *	2	2	1
Skating *	2	-	-
Squash	25	23	24
Swimming	39	30	55
Table Tennis	20	19	25
Tennis *	8	11	17
Tenpin Bowling	13	20	17
Triathlon	20	26	25
Weightlifting *	1	1	1
Windsurfing	19	24	25
Wushu	37	38	39
Sports of athletes with disability	68	58	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>546</b>
Average age of the athletes	21.49	22.35	21.25
Average retirement age of the athletes	28.9	29.1	30.1

*Note:*

The 14 sports currently on the elite programme are: athletics, badminton, billiard sports, cycling, fencing, karatedo, rowing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tenpin bowling, triathlon, windsurfing and wushu.

The sports marked with an asterisk (\*) are not on the elite programme, but their athletes have achieved outstanding results in international competitions and are therefore eligible to receive elite training support.

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**HAB129**

Question Serial No.

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

1938

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

According to the Government's estimation, the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited's income generated from donations and sponsorship is expected to decrease by as much as 54% from \$6.6 million (actual) in 2010 to approximately \$3 million in 2011. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Hong Kong Sports Institute received a comparatively large amount of donations and sponsorship in 2010, due to the sponsorship received for providing incentive awards to Hong Kong medallists at the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games and Asian Para Games. The projected income for 2011 is lower as there will be no major games to attract such sponsorship this year.

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**HAB130**

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

Question Serial No.

1939

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Concerning the support for elite athletes, please set out the work programmes, target groups, number of participating athletes, provision and manpower involved and effectiveness of the following programmes in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11):

- (a) The Enhanced Athletes Educational and Vocational Development Programmes
- (b) The Elite Athletes Tutorial Support
- (c) The Athletes Development Programme
- (d) The Elite Athletes Apprenticeship Programme
- (e) The Elite Coaching Apprenticeship Programme
- (f) The Hong Kong Athletes Career and Education Programme

Asked by: Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply:

The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) runs the Enhanced Athletes Educational and Vocational Development Programmes to provide educational and career development support to athletes on the HKSI's elite training programme. The Programmes include elements such as: Elite Athletes Tutorial Support, the Elite Athletes Development Programme and the Elite Coaching Apprenticeship Programme. The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) runs the Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme (HKACEP), which provides education and employment training and counselling services to active and retired athletes. Athletes may also be recommended to work in HKACEP supporting corporations.

Further information about these programmes is set out in the tables below –



*The Enhanced Athletes Educational and Vocational Development Programmes*

Programme	Manpower involved	Target groups	No. of athletes benefited		
			2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Elite Athletes Tutorial Support	8 staff	Athletes on the HKSI elite training programme	120	120	67
Elite Athletes Development Programme			320 (at 32 workshops)	392 (at 34 workshops)	400 (at 35 workshops)
Elite Coaching Apprenticeship Programme			3	5	5

*The Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme*

Manpower involved	Target groups	No. of athletes benefited		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
3 staff	Active and retired athletes	28	69	75

The "Elite Athletes Apprenticeship Programme" is not one of the programmes run by the HKSI or the SF&OC at the moment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB131**

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

Question Serial No.

0642

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to implement and review the effectiveness of the feeder system for early identification and development of young potential athletes in 2011-12. In this connection, will the Government please provide following information:

- (a) In the Finance Committee meetings to examine the Estimates of Expenditure held in 2010, the Government advised that it had budgeted \$18 million per annum from 2010-11 onwards to support the implementation of enhanced feeder programmes by 21 National Sports Associations (NSAs) and two sports associations for athletes with disabilities. Please provide a detailed breakdown of funding for each NSA.
- (b) How many young athletes participated in the funded projects organised by the NSAs last year? Please provide information on their age groups.
- (c) What is the estimated expenditure for reviewing the feeder systems of the NSAs? Please also provide details of the review mechanism.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

- (a) The detailed breakdown of the funding allocated in 2010-11 to 22 NSAs to implement the feeder system is set out at the **Annex**.
- (b) About 8 800 athletes aged between six and 18 took part in the funded projects organised by NSAs last year.
- (c) NSAs are required to submit an evaluation report one year after implementation of the programmes. We will review the effectiveness of the scheme, with particular regard to how far NSAs have achieved their targets and forward our assessment to the Sports Commission for consideration. We will conduct the evaluation using existing manpower and no additional expenditure is required.

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**Breakdown of Feeder System Allocations to NSAs in 2010-11**

<b>NSA</b>	<b>Subvention (\$)</b>
Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association	1,379,164
Hong Kong Badminton Association	557,264
Hong Kong Cycling Association	776,982
Hong Kong Fencing Association	249,654
Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	172,722
Handball Association of Hong Kong, China	526,329
Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	528,484
Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China	425,032
Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	608,900
Hong Kong Shooting Association	374,984
Hong Kong Squash	386,815
Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	243,900
Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	837,438
Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	503,819
Hong Kong Tennis Association	835,976
Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress	641,749
Hong Kong Triathlon Association	69,028
Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	546,577
Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	901,248
Hong Kong Wushu Union	112,628
Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	763,540
Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	819,964
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12,262,197</b>

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**HAB132**

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

Question Serial No.

0643

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the estimated expenditure of the Outward Bound Hong Kong, will the Government please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? Is it higher or lower than the estimated expenditure for 2010-11? What are the reasons?
- (b) The actual number of underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk assisted to take courses was 447 in 2010, which is markedly lower than the estimated figure for 2010 (i.e. 600) as indicated in the last Budget. What are the reasons?
- (c) The training programme days provided by the Outward Bound Hong Kong decreased from 4 309 in 2009 to 2 986 in 2010. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The estimated subvention for the Outward Bound Hong Kong (OBHK) for 2011-12 is \$1,771,000, which is the same as the subvention for 2010-11. The difference in the number of people taking courses and the number of training programme days in 2009 and 2010 is mainly due to the OBHK implementing a revised enrolment on a trial basis due to an increase in service demand in 2009. Courses originally scheduled for the first quarter of 2010 were advanced to 2009, which accounts for the increase in the number of subsidised participants and training programme days in 2009 and the consequent decrease in these figures in 2010.

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**HAB133**

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

Question Serial No.

0644

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What is the estimated expenditure for providing support to athletes preparing for participation in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2011-12? In addition, what are the details and expenditure involved in supporting athletes participating in other major international sports events in 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

We will allocate grants from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to support Hong Kong athletes' preparation for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games on receipt of proposals from the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) and relevant "national sports associations". We will set aside sufficient funding from the ASDF to support Hong Kong athletes' participation in other major international sports events in 2011-12, such as the 2011 National City Games in Nanchang.

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**HAB134**

Question Serial No.

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

0645

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What was the actual expenditure incurred in 2010-11 for the implementation of the “Selected Sports in Selected Districts” initiative to help develop sport in the community? What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What are the details of the initiative? What are the details and expenditure involved in reviewing the effectiveness of the initiative?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2010-11, the expenditure incurred on the “Selected Sports in Selected Districts” initiative was about \$3.8 million. The estimated expenditure for 2011-12 will be dependent on the number and scale of the applications received during the year. In 2009, we earmarked \$50 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to encourage collaboration among different sectors in the sports community by providing grants to “national sports associations” and district sports associations to team up and implement projects under the initiative from 2009-10 to 2011-12. A team of staff including one Senior Executive Officer, one Executive Officer II, one Assistant Clerical Officer and one Clerical Assistant assist in overseeing the implementation of this and other initiatives.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB135**

Question Serial No.

**0646**

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland, what is the estimated expenditure in 2011-12? Why does the Administration estimate that the number of participants will reduce from 9 365 in 2010 to 8 500 in 2011? Has the Administration earmarked provision for reviewing the effectiveness of the Scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

In 2010-11, the Commission on Youth (COY) granted sponsorship of about \$20 million, including the donation from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries, for organising study tours to the Mainland under the “Community Participation Scheme”. For 2011-12, the vetting of applications under the Scheme is underway. We anticipate a level of allocation similar to that of 2010-11. In order to enhance the effectiveness of the study tours and to enable the participants to benefit more from such experience, starting from 2011-12, the applicant organisations are required to substantiate their programme by providing pre- and post-tour activities, such as thematic seminars or workshops and experience sharing session, etc. Since the cost of each tour might increase while the funds allocated for the projects would be at a level similar to that of last year, the estimated number of participants is adjusted downward to 8 500.

The sponsored organisations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the tours for examination by the COY.

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**HAB136**

Question Serial No.

0647

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (COY) in promoting national education among the general public, particularly for the youth, would the Administration please advise the estimated expenditure, work plan and estimated number of participants for national education in 2011-12. Please also provide a comparison with the actual expenditures in 2010-11 and 2009-10 and the reasons for any increase or decrease.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

The provision earmarked for the collaboration with CPCE and COY in 2011-12 for national education promotion is about \$33 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organisations to organise promotional activities and youth study tours to the Mainland, promotional programmes on the Basic Law, national education TV programmes and publications enhancing public interest in various aspects of the Motherland (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

For youth study tours to the Mainland sponsored by the COY, the estimated number of participants in 2011 would be about 8 500. As regards the number of participants of other programmes and activities, we are unable to provide an estimation as they are yet to be planned by various organisations.

The earmarked provision for 2011-12 is similar to the estimated expenditure in 2010-11, which are about \$33 million. Compared with the expenditure of \$19 million in 2009-10, the increase is mainly due to an increase in funding support for a number of mega events (such as Shanghai Expo, Asian Games in Guangzhou, Universiade in Shenzhen and commemorative activities for the centenary of 1911 Revolution), and other community projects.

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**HAB137**

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

Question Serial No.

0806

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF):

- (a) Has the investment advisory committee of the ASDF developed a long-term and effective investment strategy? If yes, what are the details and the estimated annual investment return? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Please advise details of the 26 grants awarded in 2010, as well as details and justifications for awarding 35 grants in 2011. Do these 35 grants include those offered by the Football Task Force which is responsible for the Consultancy Study for Football Development in Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) Has the Government received any recommendations from the Sports Commission on supporting new initiatives? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

- (a) The Sir David Trench Fund Investment Advisory Committee oversees the investment of the ASDF and regularly reviews the investment strategy for the fund. The ASDF has investments in both bonds and equities with the aim of generating an investment return of 4% to 5% per annum in the long run.
- (b) In 2010, we allocated \$49,276,026 from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) for the 26 projects set out at the **Annex**. For 2011, we estimate that about 35 sports projects would be eligible for funding from the ASDF, including athletes' preparation for and participation in major games and funding for major sports events. We will also earmark funding for the development of local football, according to the progress made in this area.
- (c) The Sports Commission has advised that the investment returns from the ASDF could be used to support new initiatives such as the development of team sports that have potential for greater spectator appeal and public participation, as well as the upgrading of school and district-based programmes.

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## ASDF - approved grants in 2010

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Approved Amount (HK\$)</b>
1.	Preparation for 2010 Asian Games and 2010 Asian Para Games	6,900,000
2.	Preparation for 2010 Winter Olympic Games	100,000
3.	2010 Asian Games Preparation for Elite Sports	10,000,000
4.	The 4th All China Games 2010	1,900,000
5.	Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Games (Hockey)	500,000
6.	1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore	774,000
7.	16th Asian Games in Guangzhou	6,120,000
8.	2nd Asian Beach Games in Muscat, Oman	1,620,000
9.	7th Asian Winter Games in Astana-Almaty, Kazakhstan	1,390,000
10.	2nd Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Games	2,622,500
11.	Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Para Games	400,000
12.	Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games	100,000
13.	3rd Supplementary Preparation for the 2010 Asian Games - Gymnastics	100,000
14.	Participation in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Para Games	2,080,834
15.	Participation in the 11th All China Secondary School Students Games	1,643,842
16.	Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Squash Open 2009	1,000,000
17.	Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2009	2,000,000
18.	The YONEX-SUNRISE Hong Kong Open Badminton Super Series 2009	1,000,000
19.	2nd Asian University Table Tennis Championship	350,000
20.	10th AKF Junior & Cadet Karate Championship 2010	650,000
21.	3rd Tour of Hong Kong Shanghai - Hong Kong Stage (2008)	1,855,000
22.	Cathay Pacific Sun Hung Kai Financial Hong Kong Squash Open 2010	1,000,000

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Approved Amount (HK\$)</b>
23.	3rd Asian Gymnastics for All Festival	350,000
24.	Proposed bid to host the 2023 Asian Games - Consultancy Study on Financial and Economic Impact Assessment	1,295,750
25.	Proposed bid to host the 2023 Asian Games - Public Consultation Exercise and Preparation for HK's Bid to Host the 2023 Asian Games	2,109,500
26.	Proposed bid to host the 2023 Asian Games - Further Publicity Activities for HK's Potential Bid to Host the 2023 Asian Games	1,414,600
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>49,276,026</b>

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB138**

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

Question Serial No.

0807

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Budget proposed to set up a \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund”. The investment return of the Fund will replace the current mode of providing subvention to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI). In this connection, will the Government please provide the following information:

- (a) What are the operation mode and investment strategy of the Fund?
- (b) Has the Government made any estimation on the average annual investment return? If yes, please provide details; if no, will that affect the future planning of the HKSI?
- (c) Will the Government formulate any contingency plan or earmark additional resources to support the operation of the HKSI in case the Fund suffers investment losses or the investment return is less than the amount of Government subvention in the past?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The proposal is for the investment return of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (the Fund) to replace the recurrent subvention to the HKSI, which supports the HKSI's elite training programme and related initiatives. Assuming an average annual investment return of about 4-5%, the \$7 billion Fund will generate a return of \$280-350 million per annum, which would be sufficient to facilitate the long-term development of the HKSI. We will seek advice from relevant bureaux and departments and discuss with the HKSI the most appropriate approach to the investment strategy for the Fund, including the need to cater for the possibility that in a particular year the investment return may fall short of the target return.

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**HAB139**

Question Serial No.

2590

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Bureau will continue to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs) and nurture more social entrepreneurs together with relevant stakeholders during 2011-12. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the estimated expenditure and how many social entrepreneurs are expected to be nurtured?
- (b) As proposed in the Budget, the Government has earmarked \$150 million to keep rolling out the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme over the next five years. The maximum funding period is extended from two years to three years, and the eligibility requirements are relaxed on a pilot basis to cover non-profit making organisations which are not exempted from tax under the Inland Revenue Ordinance. What are the details of the Programme?
- (c) The Financial Secretary also mentioned that additional resources would be allocated to introduce an award scheme. What are the additional resources? How many more SEs are expected to be set up and how many social entrepreneurs are expected to be nurtured?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

(a) and (c)

Apart from its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), such as sponsoring the SE Summit and commissioning a business plan writing competition, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will launch in 2011-12 an SE Award Scheme and a “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and private enterprises that support SEs. HAB will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of “conscience consumption” among the general public. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to better equip around 200 existing or potential social entrepreneurs. In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million for promoting the development of SEs.

- (b) The Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the Programme) set up under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2006 provides seed money for eligible organisations to run SEs during their initial operations. A total of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16. To encourage and facilitate the establishment of more SEs under the Programme, HAD has implemented a series of new measures starting from 2011. These measures include expanding the eligibility criteria for application on a trial basis to cover non-profit making organisations which have not registered under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. The maximum funding period for successful applications will be extended from two to three years. In addition, to give incentive to projects with good business performance, grantees which plan to expand their business may apply for a one-off incentive grant to be disbursed on a matching basis. For projects that face business hardship, grantees may apply for a one-off supplementary grant to meet their operating expenses.

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**HAB140**

Question Serial No.

3299

Head: 53 – GS: Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the expenditures on civic education and human rights education, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the expenditures of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) in the past three financial years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? What were the respective expenditures and activities for national and human rights education?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure for civic education in 2011-12? What are the respective estimated expenditures, details, activities and plans for human rights education and national education?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

- (a) The total expenditure of the CPCE and the expenditure on national education in the last three years are appended below:

	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b> <b>(Revised estimates)</b>
	<b>(\$'000)</b>	<b>(\$'000)</b>	<b>(\$'000)</b>
CPCE	10,426	16,340	20,315
National education	7,720	9,320	8,440

National education promotional activities include study and exchange tours to the Mainland, participation in national mega events, thematic TV programmes and exhibition about the Mainland and Chinese culture, production of TV announcements in the public interest (API) series on national anthem, promotional programmes on the Basic Law, opinion surveys as well as other publicity programmes.

The promotion of civic values include promotion of values and concepts such as human rights, equality and righteousness etc. There is no separate breakdown of expenditure on activities promoting a specific value or civic concept.

- (b) The estimated provision for the promotion of civic education outside school in 2011-12, including the promotion of human rights and national education, is \$20,315,000. CPCE will continue to promote civic education, including human rights and national education, through organising and sponsoring community organisations to organise activities (including study and exchange tours to the Mainland, community involvement activities, publications, production of TV programmes, thematic workshops and exhibitions). There is no separate projection on the expenditure on activities promoting a specific value or civic concept.

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**HAB141**

Question Serial No.

2993

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

Programme : (3) District, Community, and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will explore the feasibility of obtaining new sites for the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to develop columbarium facilities in 2011-12. What are the details of work, schedule and expenditure involved?
- (b) The estimated expenditure for this Programme will decrease by 8% in 2011-12 and reduction in operating expenses is given as the main cause by the HAB. What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply :

- (a) As an ongoing exercise, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will assist the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCP) to identify potential sites for columbarium development. The BMCP will, through deployment of its own resources, continue to work with departments concerned, including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, to explore new sites for columbarium facilities.
- (b) The decrease of \$3 million (i.e. 8%) in the draft estimate for 2011-12 under this Programme as compared with the original estimate is mainly due to the reduced operating expenses, covering hire of service, stores and equipment and miscellaneous administration expenses.

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**HAB142**

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

Question Serial No.

0307

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in paragraph 169 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech, the Government will allocate over \$2.8 billion in 2011-12 for the development of art and cultural software. In this connection, please provide details of the relevant programmes and the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

The breakdown of the expenditure (including personal emoluments) for the development of art and cultural software in 2011-12 is set out below —

<b>Expenditure Item (Programme Area)</b>	<b>Estimated Financial Provision for 2011-12 (\$ million)</b>
Public performing arts venues and programmes (Head 95, Programme (4))	862.2
Public libraries and activities (Head 95, Programme (5))	776.2
Public heritage, museums and exhibitions (Head 95, Programme (3))	514.3
Subvention for major performing arts groups (Head 53, Programme (6))	264.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Head 53, Programme (6))	236.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Head 53, Programme (6))	80.9 (excluding \$30 million project grants from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund)

Culture related expenditures (e.g. promotion work and administration) (Head 53, Programme (5))	88.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,822.3</b>

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**HAB143**

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

Question Serial No.

0308

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In July 2010, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved an injection of \$1.5 billion into the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund. Please provide a breakdown of the total number of funding applications submitted to the Fund, the number of approved applications, the amount of funding granted and the average time taken for approving the applications in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11) by different art forms.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

Before the injection of funds to the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) in July 2010, the arts portion of ASDF primarily supported the arts projects of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). All of the 32 applications submitted by HKADC (involving 136 arts projects with a total funding of about \$66 million) were approved under the arts portion of ASDF from 2008-09 to 2010-11. The average time taken for approving an application was 27 days. Details of these applications are set out below –

Financial Year	Application	Art Form	Approved Amount (\$)
2008-09	The 3rd Guangzhou Triennial	Visual Arts	800,000
	Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme	Arts Education	1,240,000
	Arts Ambassadors-in-school Scheme	Arts Education	1,700,000
	The 4th Fresh Wave Short Film Competition	Film and Media Arts	1,700,000
	Hong Kong Youth Dance Season II	Dance	1,000,000
	Internship Scheme	Music/Drama/Xiqu	3,600,000



	C For Culture (2nd Year Grant)	Arts Criticism	1,540,000
	Chinese Auto/Biography (Hong Kong) International Conference	Literary Arts	680,000
	Fresh Wave 2010 - Local Competition Section (previously entitled the 5th Fresh Wave Short Film Competition)	Film and Media Arts	1,500,000
	Multi-project Grants 2009-11 (involving 30 projects)	Various art forms	4,000,000
	Venue Arrangement for Venice Biennale 2011 and 2013	Visual Arts	3,025,000
Sub-total	11 applications (40 projects) in 2008/09		20,785,000
2009-10	The 5th China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industry Fair	Arts Administration	1,000,000
	Arts Education in Kindergartens – A Pilot Scheme	Arts Education	1,512,000
	Hong Kong Dance Festival 2010	Dance	4,690,000
	Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre Community Arts Promotion Scheme	Visual Arts	1,700,000
	Hong Kong Arts Development Awards 2009	Multi-disciplinary Arts	1,044,000
	2nd Arts Ambassadors-in-school Scheme	Arts Education	2,500,000
	Fresh Wave 2010-International Short Film Festival (1st Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival)	Film and Media Arts	1,300,000
	Participating in the 54th Venice Biennale 2011	Visual Arts	3,960,000
	Young Musicians Performance Platform Series	Music	1,570,000
	Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme 2010-11	Arts Education	2,189,000
	Survey on the Current Status of Industrial Buildings for Arts Activities and Future Demand	Multi-disciplinary Arts	300,000
	Multi-project Grants 2010-12 (involving 39 projects)	Various art forms	5,000,000

	2009-2010 中國中學生作文大賽決賽及頒獎典禮 (No English Name)	Literary Arts	384,700
Sub-total	13 applications (51 projects) in 2009/10		27,149,700
2010-11	2010 Hong Kong, Macau Visual Arts Exhibition	Visual Arts	1,055,000
	Fresh Wave 2011	Film and Media Arts	3,600,000
	3rd Arts Ambassadors-in-school Scheme	Arts Education	2,500,000
	Art Criticism Induction Scheme	Arts Criticism	865,000
	The 3rd Large Scale Interactive Media Arts Exhibition	Film and Media Arts	2,000,000
	Hong Kong Photo Festival 2010	Visual Arts	1,100,000
	Hong Kong Arts Development Awards 2010	Multi-disciplinary Arts	1,978,000
	Multi-project Grants 2011-13 (involving 38 projects)	Various art forms	5,000,000
Sub-total	8 applications (45 projects) in 2010-11		18,098,000
Grand Total	32 applications (136 projects) from 2008-09 to 2010-11		66,032,700

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB144**

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

Question Serial No.

0309

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regards to the development of arts and culture in Hong Kong, please provide the following information:

Please provide a breakdown of the expenditures of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) over the past three years on manpower, operation, direct funding support for individual artists, arts projects, cultural and arts programmes, as well as the respective percentages of each of the above expenditure items in the overall funding allocated to the HKADC.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) receives recurrent subvention and one-off grant on a project basis from the Government. Apart from such funding, the HKADC also relies on the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to support worthwhile projects that contribute to the further development of the arts in the community. The breakdown of funding allocated to the HKADC from 2008-09 to 2010-11 is set out below -

<b>Funding allocated to the HKADC</b>	<b>2008-09 \$ million</b>	<b>2009-10 \$ million</b>	<b>2010-11 \$ million (Estimated)</b>
Government recurrent subvention	\$84.0	\$79.7 <sup>1</sup>	\$79.6
Government one-off grants	\$5.9	\$1.75	\$1.75
ASDF (Arts Portion)	\$20.8	\$27.1	\$18.1
Total	\$110.7	\$108.55	\$99.45

Note 1. The funding responsibility for the Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF) was transferred to the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority on 1 April 2009 and subsequently to the Communications and Technology Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau on 1 June 2009. The funding for the HKIFF in 2008-09 was \$10.9M.

For the HKADC's recurrent expenditure from 2008-09 to 2010-11, the breakdown is set out below-

<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>2008-09 \$ million</b>	<b>2009-10 \$ million</b>	<b>2010-11 \$ million (Estimated)</b>
Administration	\$24.7 (28.2%)	\$20.5 (26.1%)	\$22.5 (26.6%)
Grant support provided to arts practitioners direct	\$49.6 (56.5%)	\$43.2 (55.0%)	\$46.3 (54.8%)
Projects directly overseen by the HKADC	\$13.4 (15.3%)	\$14.9 (18.9%)	\$15.7 (18.6%)
Total <sup>2</sup>	\$87.7 (100%)	\$78.6 (100%)	\$84.5 (100%)

Note 2. Part of the recurrent expenditure is covered by the HKADC's other sources of income, e.g. interest income and donation.

For projects supported by the ASDF, the HKADC absorbs almost all of the administrative staff cost and transfers all the funds granted directly to the arts community.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB145**

Question Serial No.

2082

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

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Concerning the grant schemes of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), please provide a breakdown by type of activity (performance, exhibition, publication, education activity, community or promotion project) of the number of applications processed, the percentage of successful applications, the number of audience outreached and the cost per audience of the following schemes in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11).

- (a) Devolved grant
- (b) Emerging artist grant
- (c) One-year grant
- (d) Partnership projects
- (e) Pro-active projects

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

The breakdown of figures for the above-listed types of grant schemes of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council is set out at **Annex**.

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Type of grant	Type of activity	No. of applications processed			Percentage of successful applications			No. of audience outreached			Cost per audience \$		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
(a) Devolved grant <sup>1</sup>	performance	4	0	6	50%	0%	33%	6 650 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup>	not available <sup>3</sup>	150.38	0	not available <sup>3</sup>
(b) Emerging artist grant	performance	8	15	16	75%	73%	75%	1 820 <sup>2</sup>	4 038 <sup>2</sup>	not available <sup>3</sup>	98.90	81.72	not available <sup>3</sup>
	exhibition	1	9	8	0%	56%	63%	0 <sup>2</sup>	3 820 <sup>2</sup>		0	23.56	
	publication	1	2	2	100%	100%	0%	5 000 <sup>2</sup>	1 800 <sup>2</sup>		2.00	8.33	
(c) One-year grant	dance	4	10	4	50%	40%	100%	19 610	65 696	not available <sup>3</sup>	59.66	30.44	not available <sup>3</sup>
	drama	16	16	16	69%	75%	75%	375 646	365 274		16.56	17.71	
	film and media arts	5	5	4	100%	100%	100%	118 820	231 381		23.44	11.69	
	multi-disciplinary arts	6	8	7	50%	75%	86%	14 303	343 868		118.86	7.27	
	music	3	8	7	100%	50%	71%	21 956	50 383		45.55	33.65	
	visual arts	6	9	7	100%	67%	86%	305 405	792 815		6.01	4.63	
	xiqu	5	5	4	40%	40%	75%	7 170	11 507		237.06	148.61	

Type of grant	Type of activity	No. of applications processed			Percentage of successful applications			No. of audience outreached			Cost per audience \$		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
(d)Partnership projects	exhibition	1	0	1	not applicable			24 000	0	24 000	25.88	0	31.25
	publication	1	0	0				4 000	0	0	62.00	0	0
	community project	2	0	1				20 404	0	49 562	12.49	0	34.30
	promotion project	2	1	1				1 004 754	4 754	4 754	0.12	25.45	25.45
(e) Pro-active projects	performance	2	4	0	not applicable			11 656	17 077	0	113.42	174.91	0
	exhibition	4	1	3				337 722	10 000	660 000	15.86	50.00	5.38
	publication	11	9	14				820 602	470 595	819 469	8.25	11.46	9.64
	education	5	12	6				1 557 078	624 802	668 119	2.21	17.67	11.46
	community project	2	0	0				30 140	0	0	41.42	0	0
	promotion project	7	11	6				3 732 870	4 737 452	3 375 652	2.12	2.63	4.17

Note

1. Objective of devolved grant is to support emerging artists and arts groups in performing arts.

2. Audience outreach is not the key objective of devolved grant and emerging artists grant. The objective of these grants is to provide opportunities for emerging artists in presenting and creating artistic work, and gain professional experience that will enable them to further their career.
3. Final figures are unavailable as some of the projects have not been completed.



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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB146**

Question Serial No.

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

0835

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Has the Administration set aside estimated expenditure and staffing for promoting the specific work on the development of social enterprises (SEs) in 2011-12. If yes, what are the details? Please also provide the number of registered SEs for the past three years.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

Apart from its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), such as sponsoring the SE Summit and commissioning a business plan writing competition, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will launch in 2011-12 an SE Award Scheme and a “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and private enterprises that support SEs. HAB will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of “conscience consumption” among the general public. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to nurture social entrepreneurs. In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million for promoting the development of SEs.

The Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the Programme) set up under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2006 provides seed money for eligible organisations to run SEs during their initial operations. A total of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16. To encourage and facilitate the establishment of more SEs under the Programme, HAD has implemented a series of new measures under the Programme starting from the first quarter of 2011. These measures include expanding the eligibility criteria for application on a trial basis to cover non-profit making organisations which have not registered under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. The maximum funding period for successful applications will be extended from two to three years. In addition, to give incentive to projects with good business performance, grantees which plan to expand their business may apply for a one-off incentive grant to be disbursed on a matching basis. For projects that face business hardship, grantees may apply for a one-off supplementary grant to meet their operating expenses.

Subject officers of various grades and ranks of HAB and HAD will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid measures amongst other duties. There is currently no registration system for SEs, and hence no “registered SEs” per se.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB147**

Question Serial No.

1971

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration advise the estimated expenditure on national education?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

The provision earmarked by the Home Affairs Bureau to national education programmes in 2011-12 is about \$33 million.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB148**

Question Serial No.

0359

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned in paragraph 173 of the Budget that the Government “will allocate additional resources to introduce an award scheme in an effort to foster a social enterprise spirit and nurture talent in this field”. Please advise the relevant measures and the resources to be allocated. When will work begin to help those in need? What measures will be taken to help the social enterprises currently receiving financial assistance to improve their operation?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply :

We will launch an Social Enterprise (SE) Award Scheme and a “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful social enterprises (SEs) and private enterprises that support SEs. We will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of “conscience consumption” among the general public. We will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to nurture social entrepreneurs. In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau has earmarked \$13 million for promoting the development SEs. The Social Enterprise Advisory Committee is deliberating on the implementation details of the aforesaid new measures.

The Home Affairs Department launched in 2006 the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the Programme) to provide seed grants to eligible non-profit making organisations for the establishment of SEs. Grantees of the Programme are required to submit progress reports on a regular basis to enable the Programme’s Advisory Committee to examine the implementation progress and to give advice as appropriate. For projects with business performance that compare less favourably to the original business plans, the Programme’s Advisory Committee will hold meetings with the grantees to understand the difficulties they are facing and give advice to them as appropriate. Thereafter, the grantees are required to submit business improvement proposals and continue to report progress of the business.

Grantees with business hardship may apply for a one-off supplementary grant to subsidise the operating expenses provided that they can demonstrate confidence and determination to sustain the SE business with the benefit of the supplementary grant.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB149**

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

Question Serial No.

0362

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) received an injection of \$1.5 billion in July 2010. Has the increased investment return of the ASDF translated into an increase in the number of funded projects?
- (b) What is the percentage of total approved funding to the investment return of the sports portion of the ASDF? Are there any projects that called for the ASDF to dip into its capital base (the \$1.5 billion injection) in order to provide the required funding support?
- (c) Would the Administration please provide the following information for 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Scope/nature of approved project	Number of application received	Number of approved project	Approved funding (\$)
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Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

- (a) As the capital injection to the ASDF was only made in July 2010, its full-year effect on the investment return of the fund and the consequent effect on the number of projects supported cannot yet be assessed.
- (b) As at the end of February 2011, the percentage of total approved funding to the investment return of the sports portion of the ASDF was about 37%. There is no need to dip into the capital base of ASDF.

(c)

Scope/nature of approved project	Number of applications received		Number of approved projects		Approved funding (\$)	
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11
Preparation for Major Games	29 (6 projects)	10 (5 projects)	6	5	18,018,100	3,722,500
Participation in Major Games	7	7	7	7	17,907,930	15,528,676
Hosting Major Events	14	4	14	4	11,050,000	3,855,000
Other "One-off" Activities	0	3	0	3	0	4,819,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>46,976,030</b>	<b>27,926,026</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB150**

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

Question Serial No.

0363

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Over the past three years, how many athletes benefited from projects aimed at supporting their preparation for major multi-sport games? What was the average level of financial assistance for each athlete? How many athletes were affected by projects that were denied of funding support?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

Since 2008-09, we have allocated funds from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to help over 1 400 athletes prepare for major multi-sports games. The level of preparation funding takes account of the different training needs of athletes in the different sports, for example, the degree to which specialised equipment or overseas training might be required. Although we can calculate a notional figure for the average level of assistance for each case of athlete preparation – this figure would be approximately \$36,000 – this is not a reliable indicator of the level of support provided to individual athletes. Funding applications concerning 57 athletes were not approved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB151**

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

Question Serial No.

0364

Programme:                    (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What measures have been taken by the Administration to support sports development at district level? Are there staff dedicated to the related work? What is the establishment involved? What is the estimated expenditure for sports development at district level in 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply:

The Government has the following initiatives specifically to promote sport at the district level -

- *Selected Sports in Selected Districts*

We have earmarked \$50 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to provide grants to “National Sports Associations” (NSAs) and district sports associations (DSAs) to implement projects between 2009-10 and 2011-12. Under this initiative, NSAs and DSAs may team up to apply for grants to build or improve sports facilities or buy sports equipment. The staff involved in the implementation of this initiative includes one Senior Executive Officer, one Executive Officer II, one Assistant Clerical Officer and one Clerical Assistant. The expenditure for 2011-12 will depend on the number and scale of the applications received during the year.

- *District-based recreation and sports programmes*

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises district-based sports activities and provides funding for NSAs and other sports organisations to develop programmes such as the District Sports Teams Training Scheme.

In 2011-12, LCSD will organise about 36 900 district-level recreation and sports programmes. There are some 5 000 staff working in the Leisure Services Branch of LCSD. As their duties are not limited to district-based sports development, it is not practicable to pinpoint the exact number of staff dedicated to working on sports development at the district level. In 2011-12, LCSD will spend an estimated \$143.5 million on community-based sports programmes, and will allocate a further \$94.6 million to NSAs and other sports organisations to organise around 8 900 sports programmes at the district level.

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**HAB152**

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

Question Serial No.

0715

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The provision for Programme (5) in 2011-12 is \$88.3 million, which is much lower than the revised estimate for 2010-11 (\$1,658.5 million). What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

Provision for Programme (5) Culture in 2011-12 is \$1,570.2 million lower than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to the one-off injection in 2010-11 of \$1.5 billion into the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund as seed money to provide sustainable support for the long-term development of arts and culture, and \$69 million into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund to support more projects on the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera.

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**HAB153**

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

Question Serial No.

0716

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 169 of the Budget Speech that the Government would allocate over \$2.8 billion for the development of art and cultural software. What are the specific plans in this regard? Which aspects of art and cultural software will be given priority over the others?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

We are strengthening Hong Kong's cultural software through a multi-pronged approach, i.e. arts programme development, manpower training, promotion of arts education, audience building, and facilitating cultural exchanges. The breakdown of the expenditure (including personal emoluments) for the development of art and cultural software in 2011-12 is set out below –

<b>Expenditure Item (Programme Area)</b>	<b>Estimated Financial Provision for 2011-12 (\$ million)</b>
Public performing arts venues and programmes (Head 95, Programme (4))	862.2
Public libraries and activities (Head 95, Programme (5))	776.2
Public heritage, museums and exhibitions (Head 95, Programme (3))	514.3
Subvention for major performing arts groups (Head 53, Programme (6))	264.2
Subvention for Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (Head 53, Programme (6))	236.2

Subvention for Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Head 53, Programme (6))	80.9 (excluding \$30 million project grants from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund)
Culture related expenditures (e.g. promotion work and administration) (Head 53, Programme (5))	88.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,822.3</b>

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**HAB154**

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

Question Serial No.

0717

Programme: (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Concerning the promotion of arts education, please set out the division of responsibilities and coordination between the Home Affairs Bureau and the Education Bureau. What are the respective purviews of the two bureaux? Will the two bureaux share the \$486 million in funding mentioned in paragraph 168 of the Budget Speech?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are committed in bringing the arts and culture to the community through various initiatives and promotional activities. For instance, LCSD has set up the Audience Building Office and the Art Promotion Office to promote knowledge and appreciation of various art forms. We understand that the Education Bureau is mainly concerned with arts education that takes place in schools.

We also collaborate with the Education Bureau in providing students with ample arts learning opportunities. Examples of collaboration are the “School Culture Day Scheme”, which offers tailor-made programmes for students to visit LCSD’s performing arts venues, museums and public libraries during school days; the “School Arts Animateur Scheme” which provides performances and workshops conducted by arts groups at schools, and organises student performances/exhibition after training. The programme “ArtAlive@Park” is also a collaborative programme for enhancing students’ interest in the arts and deepening their understanding about the community.

To strengthen coordination and create synergy between different stakeholders, a Subcommittee on Arts Education has been set up under the Advisory Committee on Arts Development to advise the Government on the strategies in the provision of arts education, including the coordination of work in the public sector.

The \$486 million mentioned in the Budget Speech has been earmarked from 2010-11 to 2014-15 for strengthening our cultural software. Details of the expenditure involved are set out as follows –

	<b>Measures</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure from 2010-11 to 2014-15 (\$ million)</b>
1	Sustain the provision of additional resources to the major performing arts groups to develop quality programmes, promote outreach activities and advance cultural exchanges	203
2	Promote Cantonese opera through injection into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund	69
3	Enrich the content of the Hong Kong Arts Festival	80
4	Line up training programmes to provide more internship opportunities for arts administrators and curators	32
5	Support student participation in arts education activities	22
6	Step up the promotion of public art and organise popular arts and cultural activities in the community	80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB155**

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

Question Serial No.

0718

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding athlete training, please provide the following information:

- (a) In paragraph 171 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposes to set up a \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund” (the Fund). What are the priority sports selected for identification and development of young potential athletes?
- (b) What kind of academic support will the Administration provide to young athletes with potential who are also students?
- (c) Have resources been set aside from the Fund to take care of retired athletes in times of need (such as helping them to seek employment or further education)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

- (a) The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) runs the Talent Development Programme aimed at identifying young athletes with potential to excel in the following sports: athletics, badminton, billiard sports, cycling, fencing, karatedo, rowing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tenpin bowling, triathlon, windsurfing and wushu. Talented young athletes in other sports may be identified and receive training under the feeder system scheme funded by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.
- (b) The following programmes help serving and retired athletes in their education and career development –
  - The HKSI “Enhanced Athletes Educational and Vocational Development Programme” provides academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services. Athletes may apply for scholarships and subsistence allowances under the Hong Kong Athletes Fund to enroll in courses run by local or overseas educational institutions.



- The “Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme” (ACEP) of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) provides education support and counselling services to serving and retired athletes. Retired athletes who wish to pursue further education may receive support, such as on-line English courses, scholarships and financial support.

Furthermore, schools may grant leave for students to undergo training and competitions, and provide them with extra assistance in academic studies. Students representing Hong Kong may submit requests for special consideration when public examinations clash with international sports competitions. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority can exempt these students from taking examinations and assess their performance using an established mechanism.

- (c) The above programmes also provide assistance to athletes with regard to career planning and development. For example, HKSI elite athletes who are about to retire can receive coach training under the Elite Coaching Apprenticeship Programme. Athletes may also receive subsidies under the Elite Athletes Coach Education Subsidy Programme as they receive training to become qualified coaches. With the establishment of the Fund, the HKSI will be able to increase support for athletes’ education and career development. We will support the SF&OC in strengthening the ACEP.

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**HAB156**

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

Question Serial No.

0659

Programme:            (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What is the estimated expenditure on the salary for Secretary for Home Affairs, Under Secretary for Home Affairs and Political Assistant to Secretary for Home Affairs for 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The estimated expenditure on the salary for Secretary for Home Affairs, Under Secretary for Home Affairs and Political Assistant to Secretary for Home Affairs for 2011-12 is \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million and \$1.52 million respectively.

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**HAB157**

Question Serial No.

0926

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

Programme : (7) Subventions: Duty Lawyer Service and Legal Aid Services Council

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The number of cases handled by the Tel-Law Scheme in 2010 has decreased by nearly 20% as compared with that in 2009, what are the reasons? Does the Administration have any plan to increase or update the services of the Scheme to attract more users?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

While the number of cases handled by the Tel-Law Scheme has decreased, there has been an increase in the number of hits of the Duty Lawyer Service (DLS)'s webpage which contains the scripts of the Tel-Law Scheme. In 2010, the number of hits of DLS's relevant webpage is 460 000, an increase of 10% over 2009. The DLS will continue to keep in view the usage of the Tel-Law Scheme and update the scope and contents of the scripts as necessary.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB158**

Question Serial No.

0927

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

Programme : (7) Subventions: Duty Lawyer Service and Legal Aid Services Council

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 regarding the Legal Aid Services Council (LASC) that the LASC will “conduct a consultancy study on the independence of legal aid”. What are the specific details, estimated expenditure and implementation schedule of the study?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Legal Aid Services Council is finalising the details of the study. The estimated budget of the study is \$6 million and it is expected to be completed in the first half of 2012.

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**HAB159**

Question Serial No.

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

1397

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In paragraph 171 of the 2011-12 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposes to set up a \$7 billion “Elite Athletes Development Fund” (the Fund) to provide more comprehensive support to elite athletes, and strengthen the efforts to identify and train young athletes with potential. Will the Administration please advise:

- (a) the investment strategy of the Fund;
- (b) the estimated commissioning date of the Fund;
- (c) the types of sports which will be eligible for receiving the subvention of the Fund with a breakdown of the subvention percentage it plans to allocate for each type of the eligible sports;
- (d) the estimated number of athletes who will be benefited by the Fund each year; and
- (e) the details of the support which will be offered to the elite athletes via the Fund.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

- (a) We will discuss with the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) on the most appropriate approach to the investment strategy of the Fund.
- (b) Our target is to seek funding approval from the Legislative Council Finance Committee to establish the Fund as soon as possible within 2011.
- (c) The proposal is for the investment return of the Fund to replace the current mode of subvention to the HKSI. The HKSI currently supports athletes from 14 sports on the elite training programme (athletics, badminton, billiard sports, cycling, fencing, karatedo, rowing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tenpin bowling, triathlon, windsurfing and wushu). The

HKSI also provides support to individual athletes from other sports that are not currently part of the elite programme.

The HKSI allocates resources for supporting athletes in various sports with regard to their specific needs. The amount of subvention allocated to support athletes in any given sport as a percentage of the total HKSI budget varies depending on the level of support required by that sport in any given year.

- (d) In 2010, the HKSI provided direct support to 1 036 athletes, including 546 athletes (including full-time and part-time athletes) under the elite training programme and 490 potential athletes. We estimate that over 1 100 athletes will receive direct HKSI support in 2011-12. With the redevelopment of the HKSI premises and the establishment of the Fund, the HKSI aims to build a cohort of about 500 full-time elite athletes, in addition to providing direct support to part-time and potential athletes and identifying more up-and-coming athletes through its talent identification programme.
- (e) The HKSI will continue to provide direct financial assistance to athletes, as well as coaching support, sports science and sports medicine services, and support for local and overseas training and competition. Many full-time athletes will benefit from free accommodation and meals.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB160**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title): 000

Question Serial No.

Operational  
expenses

1650

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Bureau will increase 22 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown for the 22 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The 22 non-directorate posts to be created in 2011-12 are as follows –

- (a) for providing secretariat support to the Advisory Committee on Arts Development
  - one Chief Executive Officer (\$0.997 million), one Senior Executive Officer (\$0.731 million), one Executive Officer II (\$0.353 million)
- (b) for monitoring the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District project
  - one time-limited Senior Town Planner (\$0.997 million)
- (c) for supporting the policy work on private museums, public art (visual arts) and cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and other countries
  - one time-limited Administrative Officer (\$0.668 million)
- (d) for processing applications for and monitoring new sports projects funded by the additional injection into the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund
  - one Executive Officer I (\$0.533 million), one Accounting Officer I (\$0.533 million)
- (e) for heading the Information Technology Management Unit to be set up in Home Affairs Bureau in April 2011
  - one Systems Manager (\$0.731 million)
- (f) for providing secretariat support to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund and its committees\*

– one time-limited Senior Administrative Officer (\$1.060 million), one Senior Treasury Accountant (\$0.982 million), one Chief Executive Officer (\$0.997 million), two Senior Executive Officers (\$1.627 million), three Executive Officers I (\$1.598 million), one Executive Officer II (\$0.285 million), one Accounting Officer II (\$0.337 million), two Assistant Clerical Officers (\$0.503 million), one Clerical Assistant (\$0.149 million), one time-limited Personal Secretary I (\$0.264 million)

\* The salaries and allowances of the 14 non-directorate posts providing secretariat support to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund and its committees will be reimbursed by the Community Care Fund.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB161**

Question Serial No.

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

2896

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government has failed to secure funding support from the Legislative Council for the Asian Games bid. Nevertheless, how much resources will the Government earmark in 2011-12 for making good its promise to improve sports facilities and enhance the training of athletes made during the bidding exercise? (Please advise the expenditure involved in building new sports facilities, improving existing facilities and enhancing athlete training programmes.)

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

15 district-based sports facilities are scheduled to be built or improved in the next three years. The total estimated capital cost involved is over \$9 billion and the estimated cash flow in 2011-12 is over \$2 billion.

On enhancing athlete training, the \$1.8 billion redevelopment project of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) is due for completion by the end of 2013. We will proceed with the proposed establishment of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (the Fund) and use the investment return of the Fund to replace the current mode of subvention to the HKSI. Assuming that an average annual investment return of about 4-5% can be achieved, the Fund will generate about \$280-350 million of income per annum. This will help to ensure the long-term viability of the elite training programme at the HKSI, which provides support for athletes in the form of direct financial assistance, coaching support, sports science and sports medicine services, and support for local and overseas training and competition. For athletes not receiving direct support from the HKSI, we will use the investment returns from the \$3 billion injection into the Arts and Sport Development Fund to strengthen support for their training.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB162**

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

Question Serial No.

3395

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What mechanisms have been put in place by the Home Affairs Bureau to handle applications and support services related to “street performances”? How many officers have been assigned to this job? In this regard, what was the expenditure involved in the past three financial years? What is the estimated expenditure for this area of work in 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

It is the Government's policy to bring the arts and culture to the public and encourage public participation in the process so that the arts can integrate with the community. Apart from organising various arts and cultural activities in the districts, we welcome street arts performances to enrich the cultural life of the community and the arts scene in our city, and such performances, without compromising public safety, are accommodated in general. There are no licensing requirements.

To proactively promote street arts performance and enable appreciation of the arts by the public, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched the “Open Stage” pilot scheme in July 2010. Under the scheme, specific zones in three outdoor locations (namely the Hong Kong Cultural Centre piazza, the Shatin Town Hall plaza and the Kwai Tsing Theatre plaza) with a relatively high pedestrian flow and an enabling setting are designated as places for public performances by auditioned and qualified individuals or groups. The scheme is now extended until 30 June 2011. We hope that it will provide more room for arts enthusiasts to showcase their creativity and performing talents, enhance public access to the arts and further enrich the cultural ambience of the community. A total of about \$0.5 million has been earmarked in 2010-11 to 2011-12 to cover the administrative, operational and publicity costs of the scheme. The work involved is absorbed by existing staff within the Home Affairs Bureau and the LCSD.

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**HAB163**

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

Question Serial No.

3396

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much resources will be reserved in 2011-12 for providing additional and new venues and facilities for “street performances”? (Please indicate their locations and the estimated expenditure involved.)

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB164**

Question Serial No.

0302

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

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Co-operation Scheme with District Councils,

- (a) what are the details and contents of the Scheme?
- (b) what is the estimated expenditure involved? Will the funding be evenly allocated to the 18 districts for the implementation of the Scheme?
- (c) how will the Administration assess its effectiveness?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) To enhance collaboration with the 18 District Councils (DCs) in promoting civic education at the district level, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education sponsors the DCs to organise civic education projects through the “Co-operation Scheme with District Councils”. These projects can either be organised by the DCs or community organisations recommended by the DCs.
- (b) In 2011-12, an amount of \$3,600,000 has been reserved for the “Co-operation Scheme with District Councils”. The maximum sponsorship for each district is \$200,000.

- (c) Upon completion of the projects, the sponsored organisations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects for examination by the CPCE.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB165**

Question Serial No.

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

2087

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to “continuing to promote the development of Social Enterprises (SEs)”, please advise the following:

- (a) What are the relevant details?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) For the past five years from 2006-07 to 2010-11, what is the number of SEs? How many received government’s financial assistance and what was the expenditure involved?
- (d) Among these SEs, how many managed to operate for five consecutive years or above? What is their percentage against the total number of SEs?
- (e) Will the Government introduce any new measures for strengthening the support to SEs? If yes, what are the details and what is the estimated expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

(a), (b) and (e)

Apart from its ongoing efforts in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), such as sponsoring the SE Summit and commissioning a business plan writing competition, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will launch in 2011-12 an SE Award Scheme and a “Be a Friend to SE” Campaign to give recognition respectively to successful SEs and private enterprises that support SEs. HAB will launch an SE Fair to provide a platform for SEs to promote their products and services, as well as to promote the concept of “conscience consumption” among the general public. HAB will also introduce a series of structured training programmes to nurture social entrepreneurs. In 2011-12, HAB has earmarked \$13 million for promoting the development of SEs.

The Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (the Programme) set up under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2006 provides seed money for eligible organisations to run SEs during their initial operations. A total of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16. To encourage and facilitate the establishment of more SEs under the Programme, HAD has implemented a series of new measures starting from 2011. These measures include expanding the eligibility criteria for application on a trial basis to cover non-profit making organisations which have not registered under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. The maximum funding period for successful applications will be extended from two to three years. In addition, to give incentive to projects with good business performances, grantees which plan to expand their business may apply for a one-off incentive grant to be disbursed on a matching basis. For projects that face business hardship, grantees may apply for a one-off supplementary grant to subsidise their operating expenses.

(c) and (d)

Since the launch of the Programme in June 2006, HAD has approved in nine phases a total grant of some \$110 million to 109 SE projects. Amongst the 109 SE projects approved under the Programme, 13 have ceased operation following the expiry of their two-year funding period. The remaining SE projects are either in operation or under preparation for business commencement.

There is no registration system for SEs in Hong Kong but HAD maintained a Directory of Social Enterprises covering SEs which receive funding support under the Programme as well as other SEs that come to our knowledge. At present, over 200 SEs in Hong Kong have been listed on the Directory.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB166**

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

Question Serial No.

3828

Programme:            (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Among the performance indicators of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, “the number of audience outreached” under the category of “One-year grant” has decreased from 1 860 924 (actual) in 2009-10 to an estimated 1 668 270 in 2011-12. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) The reasons for the Administration to lower the estimated figure;
- (b) The reasons for a decline in the number of audience outreached when the number of arts organisations receiving the grant has remained unchanged;
- (c) Any measures to boost the number of audience outreached, the details of such measures and the estimated expenditure involved;
- (d) Whether the Government will consider extending the duration of the One-year grant in view of the fact that arts development is a long-term commitment and arts organisations require stable funding to operate; and if so, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; and if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The number of audience outreached for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC)'s One-year grant projects is based on the information provided by the grantees concerned. The reduction in the number of audience outreached is mainly attributed to the fact that a One-year grantee's projects involve holding art exhibitions in various hospitals in Hong Kong. In the light of the preventive measures introduced by hospitals to control visitor flow during the epidemic period of influenza which might affect the number of visitors and exhibitions to be held, the grantee has made a conservative estimation on the audience outreached for such project. Another grantee was not able to confirm the channels of promotion at the time of the estimation.

That said, the 2011-12 estimate of the audience outreached is higher than 2010-11 revised estimate. The two grantees concerned have also recently confirmed a higher estimation of the audience outreached with smooth conduct of the projects in hospitals



and the availability of the promotional channels. The HKADC anticipates that the audience outreach under One-year grant for 2011-12 will increase substantially. This increase will be reflected in the revised estimate for the year.

- (c) The HKADC organises an array of activities on an on-going basis to bring the arts closer to the public, and to expand the audience base for arts activities including those organised by the One/Two-year grantees. Examples of arts promotion projects include the Arts Ambassadors-in-School Scheme that recruits students who have a passion for the arts as arts ambassadors in campuses and the community, the Hong Kong Dance Festival that showcases the originality and diversity of dance arts to the public, and the Hong Kong Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme which provides arts and cultural activities for participation and appreciation by the public in various local communities throughout the territory.

In 2011-12, the HKADC plans to boost the capacity of its One/Two-year grantees in audience outreach by taking the following the measures –

- (i) providing free advertisement space for school activities of One/Two-year grantees in the HKADC’s newsletter “Artnews”, which are issued to all primary and secondary schools;
- (ii) lining up attendance of the HKADC’s Arts Ambassadors at rehearsals of the One/Two-year grantees, and promoting the activities of the grantees in the Arts Ambassadors’ website; and
- (iii) assisting the One/Two-year grantees in producing publicity materials which target at students.

Expenditure of the first two measures above will be absorbed by the HKADC’s regular programme expenses. The HKADC has allocated \$0.53 million for the production of publicity materials under item (iii).

- (d) The HKADC has extended the duration of One-year grant to a two-year term since 2009-10 for One-year grantees with proven credentials in terms of both artistic standard and operating capacity in order to facilitate their development in a longer term manner. In 2010-11, there are a total of 22 Two-year grantees receiving a total grant amount of \$13.9 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB167**

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

Question Serial No.

3829

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Among the performance indicators of the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, “income generated from donations and sponsorship” is expected to decrease from \$6 million (actual) in 2009 and \$6.6 million (actual) in 2010 to an estimated \$3 million in 2011. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the reasons for the Administration to significantly lower the estimated figure; and
- (b) the impact of a drop in income generated from donations and sponsorship on the Hong Kong Sports Institute and the related details.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) received a comparatively large amount of donations and sponsorship in 2009 and 2010, due to the sponsorship received for providing incentive awards to Hong Kong medallists at the Hong Kong 2009 East Asian Games and the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games and Asian Para Games. The projected income for 2011 is lower as there will be no major games to attract such sponsorship this year. There will be no significant impact on the operations of the HKSI resulting from the decrease.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB168**

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

Question Serial No.

3830

Programme: (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts Groups

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Since “the Hong Kong Arts Development Council will continue to take a pro-active approach in bringing the arts closer to the community”, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) The related details and the approach that is being referred to as "pro-active approach";
- (b) The estimated expenditure; and
- (c) Whether the Administration will allocate additional resources to encourage arts development from a grassroots level by promoting the culture of street performance; and if so, the details; if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) By taking a pro-active approach, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) initiates and organises in partnership with different art groups and organisations diverse arts activities which will encourage public participation in the arts and culture. The major pro-active activities are as follows -

- (i) Hong Kong Dance Festival 2010

Organised by the HKADC, the Festival aims to showcase the originality and diversity of local dance artists and to encourage public participation in and appreciation of the fun of dance in Hong Kong. The Festival invited 10 local dance companies and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to be strategic partners. Programmes included stage performances, competitions, symposium and flash dance performances.

- (ii) Arts Ambassadors-in-School Scheme

Under the Scheme, primary and secondary school students who have a passion for the arts are appointed as Arts Ambassadors, for arts promotion in campuses and the community. A total of 656 schools have joined the Scheme in 2011. Each ambassador will receive a scholarship and a certificate of commendation and have the opportunity to take part in an array of workshops, free performances and shows, volunteer services and competitions, etc.

(iii) Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme

The Scheme aims to develop and provide more arts and cultural activities for participation and appreciation by the public in different districts of the local community. In 2010-11, the HKADC has supported 17 community-based art groups and district organisations in organising arts and cultural activities across the territory.

(iv) Fresh Wave

The Fresh Wave project provides an opportunity for aspiring young filmmakers to produce films and present them to the public. In 2010, besides organising the local competition section, Fresh Wave launched its first International Short Film Festival in which both the local competition entries and the selected short films from overseas were available for public screening.

(v) “Artwork on Loan” Scheme

Jointly organised with the LCSD, a total of 60 artists were invited to take part in the Scheme to provide over 280 pieces of artwork. Reproductions of the artworks were made available for loan by the public. Since the Scheme was launched in 2008, there have been over 8 000 loan records and some 200 schools borrowed these artworks for different on-campus arts activities.

(vi) Hong Kong Arts Development Awards

The Hong Kong Arts Development Awards is an annual flagship event in the local arts scene. It aims to give formal recognition to distinguished arts practitioners, groups and organisations that have made significant contributions to the arts development in Hong Kong. It encourages the community to support, sponsor and participate in local arts activities.

(b) The estimated expenditure of the projects listed in (a) is set out below -

Projects	Estimated expenditure (\$)
Hong Kong Dance Festival 2010	5,677,900
The Hong Kong Arts Development Awards 2011	4,400,000
The Arts Ambassadors-in-School Scheme 2011-12	3,000,000
Fresh Wave 2012	3,600,000
Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme 2011-12	2,189,000
“Artwork on Loan” Scheme 2008 – 2011	1,200,000

(c) It is the Government's policy to bring the arts and culture to the public and encourage public participation in the process so that the arts can integrate with the community. Apart from organising various arts and cultural activities in the districts, we welcome street arts performances to enrich the cultural life of the community and the arts scene in our city.

To proactively promote street arts performance and enable appreciation of the arts by the public, the LCSD launched the “Open Stage” pilot scheme in July 2010. Under the scheme, specific zones in three outdoor locations (namely the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza, the Shatin Town Hall Plaza and the Kwai Tsing Theatre Plaza) with a relatively high pedestrian flow and an enabling setting are designated as places for public performances by auditioned and qualified individuals or groups. The scheme is now extended until 30 June 2011. We hope that it will provide more room for arts enthusiasts to showcase their creativity and performing talents, enhance public access to the arts and further enrich the cultural ambience of the community. A total of about \$0.5 million has been earmarked in 2010-11 to 2011-12 to cover the administrative, operational and publicity costs of the scheme.

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	Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs
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Reply Serial No.

**HAB169**

Question Serial No.

3313

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

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to public education on gambling-related issues to be conducted by the Government as stated in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12”, would the Government inform the Committee of the following:

- (a) How many public educational activities on gambling-related issues have been implemented through commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the past three years (2008, 2009 and 2010)? Please provide a breakdown of the number of activities organised through NGOs, average number of participants and expenditure by target group and by year.
- (b) Does the Government plan to implement more public educational activities on gambling-related issues in the coming three years (2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14)? Please provide a breakdown of the estimated number of activities to be organised through NGOs, average number of participants and expenditure by target group and by year.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

- (a) From 2008 to 2010, we commissioned the Radio Television Hong Kong and sponsored 55 schools and non-governmental organisations to organise 59 education programmes on gambling-related problems, of which 49 were targeted at youth/students, and ten were targeted at the general public. For the programmes targeted at youth/students, the number of participants per year ranged from around 24 to 640 000. The annual expenditure for the abovementioned programmes ranged from \$0.17 million to \$3.4 million.

In 2008 and 2009, the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) provided an annual funding support of \$9.6 million for the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers. In 2010, the level of funding support for the four centres was increased to \$11 million per year.

(b) the Administration will continue to make use of the Fund to support, amongst other things, public education programmes which aim at preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems. We will consult the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee on the concrete work plan and resource requirement on education programme for the coming years. Details of activities to be launched in the next five years (including number of participants and expenditure) are not yet available.

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**HAB170**

Question Serial No.

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

3314

Programme : (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the provision of counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of existing counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers funded by the Government;
- (b) a breakdown by districts of the number of staff, annual expenditure and the amount of Government funding of each centre in the past three years of 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

- (a) and (b)

In 2008-09 and 2009-10, the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund) provided an annual funding support of \$9.6 million for the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers. In 2010-11, the level of funding support for the four centres was increased to \$11 million per year. The four centres are located in Tsuen Wan, Wan Chai, Kwun Tong and Tai Po respectively.

The four centres are free to seek financial support from other sources and deploy funding and manpower resources as necessary. We have no information on the total annual expenditure and manpower resources of the four centres.



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RAYMOND YOUNG

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Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date

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**HAB171**

Question Serial No.

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

2831

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) What is the expenditure for promoting national education outside schools and what is the number of national education projects sponsored in 2010-11? Please advise its percentage against the expenditure of civic education projects.
- (b) What are the estimated expenditure for and the estimated number of sponsored projects in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply :

- (a) The Home Affairs Bureau continues to collaborate with the Committee on Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) for promoting national education outside schools. In 2010-11, the expenditure for the promotion of civic education outside schools is about \$20.3 million, among which about \$8.44 million (i.e. about 42%) is for promoting national education outside schools by CPCE. The number of sponsored projects on promotion of national education is 30.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for promoting national education in 2011-12 by CPCE is about \$11 million. As funding applications under the Community Participation Scheme of the CPCE in 2011-12 are still being examined, we are unable to estimate the number of projects to be sponsored at this stage.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB172**

Question Serial No.

3852

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 mentioned in the 2011-12 Budget that more resources will be given and a dedicated team be set up to strengthen and integrate the support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities. Would the Administration please advise the increased estimated expenditure involved? What is the establishment of the dedicated team? Would there be priority districts? What is the estimated number of beneficiaries? How would the Administration select the district networks, district organisations and non-governmental organisations to provide the support services?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

In 2011-12, the total provision for support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) would be \$37.9 million, comprising –

- (a) \$26.3 million for the existing support services for EMs to be transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) to the HAD;
- (b) \$2 million for the existing support services for NAs currently provided by the HAD; and
- (c) an additional \$9.6 million for strengthening the support services for NAs and EMs including the creation of additional civil service posts in a dedicated team.

The staffing of the dedicated team, to be set up in April 2011, is as follows –

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Estimated Salary</b> (Notional Annual Mid-point Salary for Civil Service Posts)	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>(A) Civil Service Posts</b>					
1.	Chief Executive Officer	1	Chief Executive Officer (3)	\$996,720	New post
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5.	Senior Programme Officer	1	Senior Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit)	\$622,000	To be transferred from CMAB
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7.	Programme Officer II	1	Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit) 1	\$225,000	To be transferred from CMAB
8.	Programme Assistant	1	Programme Assistant (Race Relations Unit)	\$117,000	To be transferred from CMAB

We would put in place in 2011-12 three major initiatives, including the launch of district-based integration programmes, organising activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and introducing services to NAs and EMs by arranging those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary.

Generally speaking, the support services would be implemented in those districts with higher services demands. For example, the district-based integration programmes for NAs would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin and Islands District. The district-based integration programmes for EMs would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong and Tuen Mun.

As for the programmes to help NAs better understand the local environment before coming to Hong Kong, we plan to commission a non-governmental organisation (NGO) which has good networks in the Mainland to operate the programmes there.

We plan to engage NGOs and/or local organisations for implementation of the initiatives in accordance with the established practices and procedures. We would work out the estimated numbers of beneficiaries in consultation with the NGOs and/or local organisations concerned.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB173**

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

Question Serial No.

3573

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

One of the responsibilities of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is to coordinate major celebration activities. Please advise the total number of major activities the HAD coordinated in 2010-11 and the relevant details and expenditures involved? What are the details of plans of major activities and the estimated expenditures in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The major celebration events coordinated by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2010-11 included the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) on 1 July 2010 and the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on 1 October 2010. The celebration events on 1 July 2010 included the Flag Raising Ceremony and Reception, the total expenditure for which was \$2.25 million. The celebration activities on 1 October 2010 included the Flag Raising Ceremony, National Day Reception and Variety Show, the total expenditure for which was \$4.28 million.

In 2011-12, the HAD will reserve \$2.25 million for the Flag Raising Ceremony and Reception for the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR on 1 July 2011 and \$4.30 million for the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony, National Day Reception and Variety Show for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the PRC on 1 October 2011.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**HAB174**

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

Question Serial No.

3622

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) It has been noted by this office that in the 2011 Village Representative Election, the number of voters in some indigenous villages recorded an unusual sharp increase. At present, how does the Home Affairs Department (HAD) verify the eligibility requirements for registration as voters? What is the expenditure involved?
- (b) How much more resources will the HAD allocate for verification of the identity of indigenous villagers and their eligibility requirements for registration as voters?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

In accordance with section 15(5) of the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), an elector for election of an indigenous inhabitant representative must be an indigenous inhabitant of an indigenous village, or a spouse or surviving spouse of an indigenous inhabitant of the village. An applicant for registration as an elector for an indigenous village has to declare in his voter registration form that he is eligible to be so registered. It is an offence to make false or incorrect statement or to give materially false or misleading information.

Although the Village Representative Election is held once every four years, the electors register is updated every year. Under the law, a provisional register of electors will be published for public inspection not later than 27 August for 14 days every year. Should a person consider that a registered person is not eligible to be registered as an elector, he may lodge a notice of objection during a specified period. Each objection case shall be determined by a Revising Officer who is a magistrate. Before the hearing, HAD will provide information on each case to facilitate the Revising Officer to make a ruling.

We have set aside a dedicated sum to meet the total expenses of the 2011 Village Representative Election. We do not have breakdown on expenses incurred from the work related to the entire process of voter registration and preparation of electors registers.

We would conduct a general review on the 2011 Village Representative Election in the light of operational experience and identify improvements for the conduct of future elections.

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**HAB175**

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

Question Serial No.

3623

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The current legislation does not require electors who are indigenous inhabitants to reside in the village for the purpose of the Village Representative Elections. Would the Home Affairs Department consider making provision for a study to review the Village Representative Election Ordinance?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

Indigenous villagers are linked by a common ancestor, not by a common residency. As such, there is no residency requirement for the purpose of the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) in relation to elections of Indigenous Inhabitant Representatives, nor is there a need to make provision for a review of this particular aspect of the Ordinance.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

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**HAB176**

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

Question Serial No.

3624

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Some of the indigenous villages had been abandoned and yet village representatives were still elected in the Village Representative Elections 2011. What were the measures adopted by the Home Affairs Department to inspect if the village still existed and if any villagers were living there? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

Indigenous villagers are linked by a common ancestor, not by a common residency. As such, there is no residency requirement for the purpose of the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) in relation to elections of Indigenous Inhabitant Representatives, nor is there a need to do the inspection.

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**HAB177**

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

Question Serial No.

3625

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

My office has received quite a number of complaints from residents of old buildings, which have acquisition for redevelopment underway. The developers do not pay the management fee for the units they have acquired, thus hamper the operation of the owners' corporations or residents' associations. What measures would the Home Affairs Department take to help owners of these old buildings?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) staff would assist owners/residents to hold owners'/residents' meetings in a bid to resolve the problems arising from acquisition. If the developers do not pay the management fees for the units they have acquired, the owners' corporations (OCs) or the owners may consider the option of recovering the arrears by registering charges against the developers' interest in the land in the Land Registry according to the deed of mutual covenant and the Building Management Ordinance (BMO). If an OC is not formed in the building, the HAD staff would advise and assist the owners in forming an OC under the BMO.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB178**

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

Question Serial No.

1505

Programme :            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In recent years, a number of large infrastructure projects met with strong objection from the public before implementation, giving rise to concerns on the effectiveness of consultation work conducted by the Home Affairs Department. Has the Administration carried out any review or value-for-money study on the effectiveness of consultation work? If yes, please advise the results, details and resources involved. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Government respects and listens carefully to different views of the public expressed through various channels, and seeks to strike a suitable balance in responding to their needs.

According to the established mechanism, the relevant subject bureaux and departments would take the lead in deciding how to conduct public consultation and address public concerns on their respective large infrastructure projects, having regard to the specific requirements under relevant legislation (if any). Channels to gauge public views used by the lead bureaux and departments may include consultation with the relevant Legislative Council Panels, District Councils, advisory boards and committees, other organisations, political parties and individuals concerned, etc. Where necessary, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) assists the lead bureaux and departments in formulating public consultation strategies and conducting the consultation, including consultation with District Councils, other bodies and individuals, as and when necessary. The associated workload and expenditure under the HAD is absorbed from within existing resources, and there is no separate item of expenditure for public consultation.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

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**HAB179**

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

Question Serial No.

2597

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

There are disputes over the management and maintenance of property between owners' corporations (OCs) and individual owners from time to time. As the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is not vested with statutory conciliation or arbitration power, owners often have to spend large sums of money on lawsuits against the OCs so as to solve the problems. Would the HAD deploy resources to review the loopholes in the existing legislations in order to safeguard the interests of individual owners?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

We have set up a committee to review the Building Management Ordinance since January 2011. The committee will study the existing problems commonly found in building management and examine whether they could be resolved through amending the Ordinance. The committee will also make recommendations to the Government on measures to enhance the operation of owners' corporations and to protect the interests of individual owners.

Apart from the above review exercise, we have adopted a policy of encouraging and providing assistance to property owners to resolve disputes over building management through communication and by mediation instead of the litigation route which is costly and time-consuming.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB180**

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

Question Serial No.

1877

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2011-12, the Home Affairs Department will have more resources for setting up a dedicated team to strengthen district networks and services of district organisations and non-governmental organisations to better facilitate the integration of new arrivals and ethnic minorities into the community. Please provide a breakdown of the staffing of the dedicated team by grade, the allocation of resources for the three major initiatives and their performance indicators. Please also advise the districts in which the initiatives will be implemented and whether the allocation of resources is one-off or recurrent in nature.

<b>Initiatives</b>	<b>Allocation of resources (\$)</b>	<b>One-off / recurrent allocation</b>	<b>Performance indicators</b>
Launch of district-based integration programmes			
Introduction of services to ethnic minorities or new arrivals			
Organisation of activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before they come to live in Hong Kong			

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

At present, services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2011-12, the HAD will be allocated additional resources to strengthen and integrate its support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities, including the setting up of a dedicated team.

The staffing of the dedicated team, to be set up in April 2011, is as follows –

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Estimated Salary</b> (Notional Annual Mid-point Salary for Civil Service Posts)	<b>Remarks</b>
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The financial resources for the three major initiatives in 2011-12 are as follows –

<b>Initiatives</b>	<b>Allocation of resources (\$)</b>	<b>One-off / recurrent allocation</b>	<b>Performance indicators</b>
Launch of district-based integration programmes	4,300,000	recurrent	Suitable indicators will be adopted, for example – ♦ number of activities participants / service beneficiaries; and ♦ feedback from participants / beneficiaries.
Introduction of services to ethnic minorities or new arrivals	900,000	recurrent	
Organisation of activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live in Hong Kong	1,400,000	recurrent	

The district-based integration programmes and the introduction of services to ethnic minorities and new arrivals would be implemented in 2011-12 in those districts with higher services demands. In respect of new arrivals from the Mainland, the programmes would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin and Islands District. In respect of ethnic minorities, the programmes would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong and Tuen Mun.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 22 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB181**

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

Question Serial No.

3800

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Department will increase resources for setting up a dedicated team in 2011-12. What are the details of the team's staffing and composition, districts for service, scope of work and funding and service agreement?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

In 2011-12, the total provision for support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) would be \$37.9 million, comprising –

- (a) \$26.3 million for the existing support services for EMs to be transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) to the HAD;
- (b) \$2 million for the existing support services for NAs currently provided by the HAD; and
- (c) an additional \$9.6 million for strengthening the support services for NAs and EMs including the creation of additional civil service posts.

We would put in place in 2011-12 three major initiatives, including the launch of district-based integration programmes, organising activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and introducing services to NAs and EMs by arranging those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary.

Generally speaking, the support services would be implemented in those districts with higher services demands. For example, the district-based integration programmes for NAs would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin and Islands District. The district-based integration programmes for EMs would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong and Tuen Mun.

The staffing of the dedicated team, to be set up in April 2011, is as follows –

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Estimated Salary</b> (Notional Annual Mid-point Salary for Civil Service Posts)	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>(A) Civil Service Posts</b>					
1.	Chief Executive Officer	1	Chief Executive Officer (3)	\$996,720	New post
2.	Senior Executive Officer	1	Senior Executive Officer (3)4	\$730,680	Existing post to be transferred from CMAB
3.	Executive Officer I	1	Executive Officer I (3)	\$532,800	New post
4.	Executive Officer II	1	Executive Officer II (3)8	\$352,800	New post
<b>(B) Non-civil Service Contract Staff</b>					
5.	Senior Programme Officer	1	Senior Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit)	\$622,000	To be transferred from CMAB
6.	Programme Officer I	1	Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit) 2	\$386,000	To be transferred from CMAB
7.	Programme Officer II	1	Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit) 1	\$225,000	To be transferred from CMAB
8.	Programme Assistant	1	Programme Assistant (Race Relations Unit)	\$117,000	To be transferred from CMAB

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB182**

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

Question Serial No.

0335

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Civil Service Provident Fund contribution, the revised estimate for 2010-11 and the estimate for 2011-12 are \$3,230,000 and \$7,374,000 respectively. Would the Administration inform this Committee of the reasons for the 128% increase in the estimated provision?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

Additional provision for Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) contribution is required to meet the increased requirement arising from the implementation of the modified entry system for recruitment to the basic ranks with effect from 1 July 2010. Prior to that date, new recruits to the basic ranks were normally appointed on three-year probationary and three-year agreement terms before they were considered for appointment on prevailing permanent terms. The Government provided mandatory provident fund benefits for these officers for their first six years of service and would not make CSPF contributions for them until their permanent appointment (i.e. until the commencement of their seventh year of service). Under the modified arrangement introduced in July 2010, the three-year post-probationary agreement period has been removed. Probationers who have satisfactorily completed the three-year probationary period, and agreement officers serving on 1 July 2010 who have been assessed to be suitable for immediate permanent appointment are eligible to join the CSPF Scheme earlier. Therefore, the Government needs to make additional CSPF contributions for these officers earlier which leads to the increase in the estimated provision.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB183**

Question Serial No.

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

2647

Programme : (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Department will continue to implement the Singleton Hostel Programme to provide alternative accommodation to bedspace apartment lodgers displaced as a result of the implementation of the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance and to other eligible persons. Please advise the Committee on the following:

- (a) What is the provision for the Programme? What is the number of singleton hostel bedspaces to be provided?
- (b) What is the implementation schedule?
- (c) What are the numbers of street sleepers and caged men in Hong Kong according to the statistics of the Administration? When will the Administration provide approximately this number of singleton hostel bedspaces?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department's (HAD) Singleton Hostel Programme (SHP) was launched in 1991 to tie in with the subsequent introduction of the licensing regime under the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447). The objective of the SHP is to provide short-term accommodation through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for those bedspace lodgers affected by the implementation of the Ordinance. As the hostels under the SHP are run by NGOs on a self-financing basis, the Government does not need to provide funding for the operation of the SHP. At present, the SHP comprises two singleton hostels providing a total of 580 bedspaces.

As at December 2010, there were 15 private licensed bedspace apartments providing a total of 413 bedspaces. As regards street sleepers, the HAD does not have statistics on their numbers. For people with genuine welfare and housing needs, the Social Welfare Department and the Housing Department will provide assistance under their respective policies.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB184**

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

Question Serial No.

2648

Programme :            (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the Brief Description of Programme (5), the Home Affairs Department assists relevant bureaux and departments in planning/implementing major infrastructural projects and development proposals through providing assessments of the likely reactions of and implications on the community. With regard to the development proposals set out in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation and the Study on the Action Plan for the Bay Area of the Pearl River Estuary, please advise the manpower and resources to be deployed to assess the likely reactions of and implications on the community and the way the assessments will be conducted.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

While government bureaux and departments would take the lead in conducting public consultation and addressing public concerns on relevant subjects under their respective purview, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) would assist bureaux and departments in gauging local views on planning and works-related development projects of the territory. The relevant staff cost and administrative overhead incurred by HAD on this front would depend on the scope and scale of such consultation. We do not have information on the resources to be apportioned to individual subjects for consultation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB185**

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

Question Serial No.

2651

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) deploys staff to attend meetings of owners' corporations (OCs). However, when there are disputes over meeting procedures set out in the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), HAD representatives would usually play the role of an observer only and would not make immediate response to enquiries of residents which help little in resolving disputes. Would the Administration inform the Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the objectives of HAD representatives' attendance at OC meetings? Has the Administration evaluated whether these objectives may be achieved when the representatives are attending as an observer?
- (b) What are the manpower and expenditure involved each year for these representatives to attend OC meetings? If attendance at OC meetings by these representatives is not conducive to resolving disputes, would the Administration consider cancelling such attendance to ensure proper use of resources?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

To promote effective building management and community building, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) staff attend meetings of owners' corporations (OCs) upon OCs' invitation to render advice to them on building management matters, including the procedures for formation and operation of OCs, as well as the legislative provisions regarding financial management, procurement of supplies, goods and services under the Building Management Ordinance. HAD staff also handle enquiries and complaints relating to building management and encourage owners to try and resolve disputes among themselves. The services provided by HAD staff are in line with the objective of promoting effective building management. However, disputes arising from building management often involve complicated issues such as legal, accounting and mediation matters which require professional input. In handling such issues, owners should seek professional advice and services as appropriate.

At present, about 115 Liaison Officers in the HAD are undertaking various duties relating to building management including attending OC meetings. The expenditure involved is approximately \$49.92 million. We do not have further breakdown on the manpower and expenditure for attending OC meetings alone.

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Date	<u>18 March 2011</u>

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Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB186**

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

Question Serial No.

0695

Programme: (1) District Administration and (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please advise the funds allocated to each of the 18 District Councils in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The funds allocated to each of the 18 District Councils (DCs) in 2010-11 for implementation of community involvement (CI) projects and district minor works (DMW) projects are set out below –

	District Council	2010-11 Allocation	
		Allocation for CI projects *	Allocation for DMW projects #
		(\$)	(\$)
1.	Central & Western	13,050,000	10,714,000
2.	Eastern	19,250,000	15,645,000
3.	Kowloon City	13,400,000	13,913,000
4.	Kwun Tong	21,750,000	18,610,000
5.	Sham Shui Po	17,700,000	17,230,000
6.	Southern	12,250,000	12,533,000
7.	Wan Chai	10,000,000	9,774,000
8.	Wong Tai Sin	18,550,000	17,083,000
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	16,450,000	14,412,000
10.	Islands	12,900,000	17,025,000
11.	Kwai Tsing	19,950,000	18,346,000
12.	North	15,850,000	18,052,000
13.	Sai Kung	14,900,000	17,671,000
14.	Sha Tin	20,850,000	18,581,000
15.	Tai Po	14,600,000	17,611,000
16.	Tsuen Wan	13,500,000	14,002,000
17.	Tuen Mun	20,400,000	19,227,000
18.	Yuen Long	21,750,000	23,071,000
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>297,100,000</b>	<b>293,500,000</b>



\* Of the \$300 million provided for the organisation of CI projects in 2010-11, \$2,900,000 is used as contingency funds.

# Of the \$300 million provision under the DMW programme for 2010-11, \$6,500,000 has been allocated for cross-district works coordinated by Home Affairs Department Headquarters (HAD HQs).

We are considering the amount of funds to be allocated to each of the DCs in 2011-12, taking into account the operational experience in the past three years.

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Post Title	_____	Director of Home Affairs	_____
Date	_____	22 March 2011	_____

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Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB187**

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

Question Serial No.

0696

Programme:            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to involving the public in the work of owners' corporations (OCs), please advise the number of OCs formed with the assistance of the Home Affairs Department, the staffing level required and the expenditure involved in the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11).

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

In 2009 and 2010, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) assisted in the formation of 315 and 253 owners' corporations (OCs) respectively. At present, about 115 Liaison Officers in the HAD are undertaking duties relating to building management including assisting owners in forming OCs. The expenditure involved is approximately \$49.92 million.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB188**

Question Serial No.

0697

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 :

The Rural Public Works programme was launched in 1999 to provide funds for upgrading of the infrastructure and improving the living environment of the rural community. The particularly heavy rainstorms in 2008 caused widespread landslides and flooding, damaging the living environment and facilities of many villages. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) Would the Administration implement minor works projects for flood prevention in 2011-12? If yes, please provide details.
- (b) Please provide the number of and the expenditure on minor works carried out under this programme in each district in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) In 2011-12, we plan to implement 17 projects to prevent / alleviate flooding problems in the rural areas of the New Territories. These projects include improvement / construction of drainage channels and improvement to stream courses and stream embankments. Details of the projects are set out in the Annex.

(b) The number of projects carried out under the Rural Public Works programme and the estimated expenditure under this programme in 2010-11 are as follows –

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure in 2010-11</u> ((\$million))
Islands	31	16.1
Kwai Tsing	9	5.4
North	16	11.3
Sai Kung	23	17.5
Sha Tin	10	5.0
Tuen Mun	13	11.1
Tai Po	28	22.1
Tsuen Wan	25	6.0
Yuen Long	57	25.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>120.0</b>

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## List of Rural Public Works Projects to be Implemented for Flood Prevention in 2011-12

No.	District	Project Title (English)	Project Title (Chinese)	Approved Project Estimate (\$ million)
1	Islands	Improvement to stream embankment at Ma Po Tsuen, Mui Wo	梅窩麻布村河道改善工程	0.533
2	North	Construction of drainage channel at Ma Mei Ha, Fanling	粉嶺馬尾下排水渠建造工程	1.500
3	Sai Kung	Construction of drainage channel at Man Wo, Sai Kung	西貢蠻窩排水渠建造工程	1.000
4	Sai Kung	Improvement to embankment near village office at Pak Kong, Sai Kung	西貢北港村公所附近河堤改善工程	0.800
5	Tai Po	Construction of drainage channel near No.73, Po Sam Pai, Tai Po	大埔布心排 73 號附近排水渠建造工程	0.250
6	Tai Po	Construction of drainage channel at Tai Wo, Tai Po	大埔大窩排水渠建造工程	0.900
7	Tai Po	Improvement to drainage channel at Ha Wun Yiu, Tai Po	大埔下碗窰排水渠改善工程	0.300
8	Tai Po	Improvement to stream embankment at Nam Hang, Tai Po	大埔南坑河堤改善工程	0.400
9	Tai Po	Construction of drainage channel near House No. 212 at Hang Ha Po, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po	大埔林村坑下莆近 212 號屋排水渠建造工程	0.500
10	Tai Po	Construction of drainage channel at San Uk Tsai, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po	大埔林村新屋仔排水渠建造工程	2.800
11	Tai Po	Improvement to stream embankment at Tseng Tau, Tung Tsz, Tai Po	大埔洞梓井頭河堤改善工程	0.800
12	Yuen Long	Construction of drainage channel near Yee Lam Yuen, To Uk Tsuen, Sheung Tsuen, Pat Heung	八鄉上村杜屋村怡林園附近排水渠建造工程	1.000
13	Yuen Long	Improvement to stream courses and drainage channels in Ping Shan Area (2010-2011)	屏山區鄉郊河道及排水渠改善工程(2010-2011)	0.610
14	Yuen Long	Improvement to stream courses and drainage channels in Ha Tsuen Area (2010-2011)	廈村區鄉郊河道及排水渠改善工程(2010-2011)	1.070
15	Yuen Long	Improvement to stream courses and drainage channels in Shap Pat Heung Area (2010-2011)	十八鄉區鄉郊河道及排水渠改善工程(2010-2011)	0.525
16	Yuen Long	Improvement to drainage channel beside Ki Lun Shan Road, San Tin	新田麒麟山路旁排水渠改善工程	0.600
17	Yuen Long	Improvement to stream embankment at Yau Tam Mei (South), San Tin	新田攸潭尾(南)河堤改善工程	0.800
<b>Total :</b>				<b>14.388</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB189**

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

Question Serial No.

0701

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Department will set up a dedicated team for strengthening support services for new arrivals and monitor the provision of services for new arrivals from the Mainland to facilitate their integration into the community. What is the estimated expenditure involved for the two areas of work in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies.

In 2011-12, the total provision for support services for NAs and ethnic minorities (EMs) under the HAD would be \$37.9 million, comprising –

- (a) \$26.3 million for the existing support services for EMs to be transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau to the HAD;
- (b) \$2 million for the existing support services for NAs currently provided by the HAD; and
- (c) an additional \$9.6 million for strengthening the support services for NAs and EMs including the creation of additional civil service posts.

The breakdown for the expenditure involved in the support services for NAs and monitoring the provision of services for NAs to facilitate their integration into the community is not available.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB190**

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

Question Serial No.

0648

Programme :            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will continue to service District Councils (DCs) and their committees in 2011-12. What is the estimated expenditure for the relevant measures? Does it include increased resources for DC Secretariats to better assist DC members in their work? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

We will continue to support the servicing of the District Councils (DCs) and their committees through the provision of 286 civil service posts in the 18 District Offices in 2011-12. The estimated staff expenditure is about \$96.2 million.

We have also provided flexibility in the funding guidelines for the DCs to make use of not more than 10% of their DC funds to employ non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff to support their work. A total of 174 full time NCSC staff were employed as at 28 February 2011 for this purpose.

We shall continue to ensure that the DC secretariats are providing effective and efficient secretariat support for DCs to discharge their functions under the District Councils Ordinance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB191**

Question Serial No.

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

0649

Programme :            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the implementation of the second phase of the enhancements of the remuneration package for District Council (DC) members on 1 January 2012, has the Administration earmarked provisions for conducting a review and whether such review will cover the basic honorarium level of DC members. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

It is our established practice to review and announce the remuneration package for District Council (DC) members about one year before the commencement of the DC elections, so that potential candidates are aware of the remuneration package before deciding whether to run in the elections.

The enhancements of the remuneration package for DC members were approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in December 2010, having regard to the views of DC members, LegCo Members, and the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the District Councils of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The enhancements would be implemented by two phases in January 2011 and January 2012.

The second phase of the enhancements which will come into effect from the next DC term starting in January 2012 include an accountable Medical Allowance, an End-of-Term Gratuity equivalent to 15% of the honorarium, and an Entertainment Expenses Reimbursement of \$30,000 per annum to be provided to DC Chairmen.

We will continue to keep the remuneration package for DC members including the basic honorarium under regular review. There is no separate provision for conducting these reviews.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB192**

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

Question Serial No.

0650

Programme :            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The actual numbers of District Council (DC) consultations conducted by the Home Affairs Department on territory-wide and district issues in 2010 are 725 and 3 596 respectively. However, the estimated figures for 2011 reduce to 580 and 3 050. What are the reasons? Has the Government assessed that reduction in DC consultations would lead to possible misevaluation of the community's sentiments? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

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

We anticipate a smaller number of DC consultations in 2011 because the operation of the DCs will be suspended for a period associated with the 2011 DC Election until the commencement of the new term (2012-2015) in January 2012.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB193**

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

Question Serial No.

0315

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Department will set up a dedicated team for strengthening support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities in the coming year. What is the establishment of the team? Will there be dedicated staff for advisory service in the District Offices? What is the total expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2011-12, the HAD will be allocated additional resources to strengthen and integrate its support services for NAs and EMs, including the setting up of a dedicated team.

In 2011-12, the total provision for support services for NAs and EMs under the HAD would be \$37.9 million, comprising –

- (a) \$26.3 million for the existing support services for EMs to be transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) to the HAD;
- (b) \$2 million for the existing support services for NAs currently provided by the HAD; and
- (c) an additional \$9.6 million for strengthening the support services for NAs and EMs including the creation of additional civil service posts.

The staffing of the dedicated team, to be set up in April 2011, is as follows –

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Estimated Salary</b> (Notional Annual Mid-point Salary for Civil Service Posts)	<b>Remarks</b>
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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 22 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB194**

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

Question Serial No.

3823

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Since December last year, all owners' corporations in Hong Kong are required to procure third party risks insurance. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) It is noted that many old buildings in disrepair have been unable to secure insurance policies by the required date. What is the estimated number of buildings which have been unsuccessful in the procurement of the insurance?
- (b) Would the Administration consider establishing a fund for providing guarantee to insurance companies for these buildings?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply :

- (a) & (b) The Building Management (Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation provides for mandatory procurement of third party risks insurance by owners' corporations (OCs), with the policy objectives of reducing the risk of huge amount of compensation faced by owners in case of accidents and, at the same time, offering better protection for members of the public. As at end January 2011, only about 530 or 3% of the total number of buildings with OCs have not procured the third party risks insurance. Of these 530 buildings:
  - (i) about 154 or 29% are under repair and the OCs have indicated that they would procure the required insurance upon completion of the repair works;
  - (ii) about 159 or 30% are seeking quotations from insurance companies; and

(iii) for the remaining 217 or 41%, we are following up these outstanding cases individually having regard to their specific circumstances. We have referred some to the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers and provided the OCs with a list of insurance companies authorised by the Insurance Authority as insurers of third party risks insurance for buildings and a list of insurance consultant companies to facilitate them in procuring the insurance. In the case of defunct OCs, we are assisting owners to elect members to fill vacant posts of the Management Committees, so that the OCs could resume operation and procure third party risks insurance. For those OCs which need assistance in coordinating repair works for their buildings, we will arrange professional housing managers to provide one-stop services, including rendering advice on measures to improve the maintenance conditions of their buildings, helping the OCs to invite tenders and applying for appropriate loan/assistance schemes administered by the Government and other organisations.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB195**

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

Question Serial No.

0736

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 on territory-wide issues and district issues, what are the reasons for the significant decrease in the estimated number of consultations in 2011?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

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

We anticipate a smaller number of DC consultations in 2011 because the operation of the DCs will be suspended for a period associated with the 2011 DC Election until the commencement of the new term (2012-2015) in January 2012.

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**HAB196**

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

Question Serial No.

0737

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding financial provision, please advise the following:

- (a) Under Programme (1), the provision for 2011-12 is estimated to increase by \$59.5 million. Please set out the items involved and the allocation of the increased provision.
- (b) Under Programme (2), the estimated provision for 2011-12 is about \$76 million higher than the original estimate for 2010-11. What are the reasons? Please set out the items involved and the allocation of the increased provision.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) For Programme (1), the increased provision of \$59.5 million for 2011-12 is mainly due to payment of setting-up and winding-up allowances for District Council (DC) members (\$30 million), enhancements of the remuneration package for DC members (\$16.6 million), financial assistance to Mutual Aid Committees (\$6.3 million), and the full-year effect of filling vacancies in 2010-11 and salary increments for existing staff (\$11.7 million), partly offset by reduced operating expenses (\$5.1 million).
- (b) For Programme (2), the increased provision of about \$76 million for 2011-12 is mainly due to transfer of resources relating to the provision of support services for ethnic minorities from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (\$26.3 million), additional funding for strengthening support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities (\$9.6 million), increased provision for youth development (\$17 million) and building management (\$16 million), increased expenditure on capital account items (\$1 million), and filling of vacancies and salary increments for existing staff (\$5.9 million).

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**HAB197**

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

Question Serial No.

0739

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2011-12, there will be a net increase of 12 posts in the Home Affairs Department. Please provide a breakdown of the new posts by rank, function and distribution.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The net increase of 12 posts in 2011-12 comprises the following:

- (a) the Liaison Officer grade (i.e. Senior Liaison Officer, Liaison Officer I and Liaison Officer II posts) to strengthen support for owners of old buildings;
- (b) the Technical grade (i.e. Works Supervisor II posts) to support minor works projects; and
- (c) the Executive Officer grade (i.e. Chief Executive Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Executive Officer I and Executive Officer II posts) to enhance executive support and strengthen support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities.

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**HAB198**

Question Serial No.

2476

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

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The estimate for temporary staff in 2011-12 is about \$10 million lower than the revised estimate in 2010-11. What are the reasons? What is the number of staff involved in respect of the reduction of provision?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The estimate for temporary staff in 2011-12 is about \$10 million lower than the revised estimate for 2010-11 mainly because of the completion of the Village Representative Election in January 2011 and the replacement of some non-civil service contract staff by civil servants in 2011-12. Some 100 staff, whose employment period varies in accordance with changing operational requirements, would be involved.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB199**

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

Question Serial No.

2477

Programme :            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the number of visits to buildings with owners' corporations (OCs)/mutual aid committees (MACs)/owners' committees/residents' organisations, please advise the following:

- (a) a breakdown of the number of visits to OCs, MACs, owners' committees, residents' organisations in the past three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11, by DC constituency and nature of visits; and
- (b) a breakdown of the number of building organisations in the past three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11, by DC constituency, form of organisation and frequency of visits categorised by one to three visits, four to six visits, seven to nine visits, ten and more visits.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

In 2008, 2009 and 2010, the total number of visits to owners' corporations (OCs), mutual aid committees (MACs), owners' committees and residents' organisations were 41 810, 40 908 and 40 311 respectively. Since the OCs have, in general, more complicated building management issues to handle, the number of visits to OCs have increased during the period (i.e. 25 287 in 2008, 26 105 in 2009 and 27 108 in 2010).

A breakdown of the number of visits by DC constituency and by form of organisation in 2008, 2009 and 2010 is as follows:

District	2008			2009			2010		
	Visits to buildings with OCs (a)	Visits to buildings with MACs/ owners' committees/ residents' organisations (b)	Visits to buildings with OCs/ MACs/ owners' committees/ residents' organisations (a)+(b)	Visits to buildings with OCs (a)	Visits to buildings with MACs/ owners' committees/ residents' organisations (b)	Visits to buildings with OCs/ MACs/ owners' committees/ residents' organisations (a)+(b)	Visits to buildings with OCs (a)	Visits to buildings with MACs/ owners' committees/ residents' organisations (b)	Visits to buildings with OCs/ MACs/ owners' committees/ residents' organisations (a)+(b)
C&W	3 571	704	4 275	4 263	515	4 778	4 948	365	5 313
E	3 641	2 423	6 064	3 282	1 850	5 132	3 117	1 497	4 614
KC	1 217	881	2 098	1 311	873	2 184	1 481	1 063	2 544
KT	798	789	1 587	898	683	1 581	1 006	698	1 704
S	183	1 130	1 313	266	1 007	1 273	540	762	1 302
SSP	1 142	1 258	2 400	1 348	972	2 320	1 028	1 254	2 282
WC	7 280	296	7 576	7 099	205	7 304	6 559	184	6 743
WTS	746	1 258	2 004	551	1 039	1 590	833	1 095	1 928
YTM	1 681	382	2 063	1 807	360	2 167	2 415	377	2 792
Is	194	538	732	251	555	806	338	402	740
K&T	368	1 103	1 471	327	980	1 307	240	646	886
N	254	224	478	263	261	524	271	249	520
SK	424	478	902	320	279	599	310	163	473
ST	313	1 073	1 386	341	1 281	1 622	361	1 197	1 558
TM	1 128	1 965	3 093	822	1 790	2 612	848	1 539	2 387
TP	149	433	582	158	307	465	110	356	466
TW	848	533	1 381	1 158	583	1 741	1 182	457	1 639
YL	1 350	1 055	2 405	1 640	1 263	2 903	1 521	899	2 420
Total	25 287	16 523	41 810	26 105	14 803	40 908	27 108	13 203	40 311

A wide range of issues such as operation of the residents' organisations, statutory requirements under the Building Management Ordinance and good practices in building management are discussed during the visits. The frequency of visits to each residents' organisation varies from case to case depending on the complexity of the issues to be discussed. However the District Office staff would generally pay a visit to each residents' organisation every year. We do not have further breakdown on the frequency of visits.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB200**

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

Question Serial No.

2628

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12”, the Government will set up a dedicated team for strengthening support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities. In this connection, will the Government provide the total estimated additional expenditure on manpower and resources, with a breakdown in the number of civil service/non-civil service contract posts, ranks, post titles and salary of each post created? Please also provide details of the timetable for setting up the dedicated team and the factors considered in such additional expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), according to their respective policies. In 2011-12, the HAD will be allocated additional resources to strengthen and integrate its support services for NAs and EMs, including the setting up of a dedicated team.

We would put in place in 2011-12 three major initiatives, including the launch of district-based integration programmes, organising activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and introducing services to NAs and EMs by arranging for those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary.

In 2011-12, the total provision for support services for NAs and EMs under the HAD would be \$37.9 million, comprising –

- (a) \$26.3 million for the existing support services for EMs to be transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) to the HAD;
- (b) \$2 million for the existing support services for NAs currently provided by the HAD; and
- (c) an additional \$9.6 million for strengthening the support services for NAs and EMs including the creation of additional civil service posts.

The staffing of the dedicated team, to be set up in the HAD in April 2011, is as follows –

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Estimated Salary</b> (Notional Annual Mid-point Salary for Civil Service Posts)	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>(A) Civil Service Posts</b>					
1.	Chief Executive Officer	1	Chief Executive Officer (3)	\$996,720	New post
2.	Senior Executive Officer	1	Senior Executive Officer (3)4	\$730,680	Existing post to be transferred from CMAB
3.	Executive Officer I	1	Executive Officer I (3)	\$532,800	New post
4.	Executive Officer II	1	Executive Officer II (3)8	\$352,800	New post
<b>(B) Non-civil Service Contract Staff</b>					
5.	Senior Programme Officer	1	Senior Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit)	\$622,000	To be transferred from CMAB
6.	Programme Officer I	1	Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit) 2	\$386,000	To be transferred from CMAB
7.	Programme Officer II	1	Programme Officer (Race Relations Unit) 1	\$225,000	To be transferred from CMAB
8.	Programme Assistant	1	Programme Assistant (Race Relations Unit)	\$117,000	To be transferred from CMAB

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB201**

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

Question Serial No.

2629

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12”, the Government will set up a dedicated team for strengthening support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities. In this connection, will the Government provide details of the existing and the strengthened support services for new arrivals and ethnic minorities? Will the Government also provide details of whether a review on the effectiveness of the support services has been conducted in the past three years (2008-2010)? If not, whether the review will be commenced at the end of this year?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

At present, services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), in their respective policy areas. The HAD commissions local organisations to organise adaptation courses and community activities for NAs, carries out quarterly surveys on their characteristics and service needs, updates the “Service Handbook for New Arrivals” on a regular basis, so as to assist them to integrate into the community as early as possible.

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) has been providing support services for EMs to facilitate their integration into the community, including language classes and community support teams. In 2009, the CMAB sponsored non-government organisations to set up four support services centres to provide comprehensive support services for EMs. These services include counselling, referral service, interpretation service, training classes and various integration programmes. The CMAB has been monitoring closely the operation of these services, and necessary adjustments have been made in the light of the operational experience and the needs of the EM communities, in order to provide more suitable services for EMs. Feedback from service users and EM communities has been positive. These support services would be transferred to the HAD with effect from 2011-12. The Administration will continue to keep the operation of these services under review.

Other services needs of NAs and EMs are met by the relevant policy bureaux, departments and statutory bodies, which include employment services and vocational training provided by the Labour Department and the Employees Retraining Board respectively, welfare services provided or subvented by the Social Welfare Department, provision of public housing through addition into the public rental housing (PRH) tenancies of their relatives for family reunion, if applicable (for NAs), by the Housing Department, public healthcare services by the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health as well as educational support provided by the Education Bureau. The effectiveness of the various services is kept under review by the respective policy bureaux, departments and statutory bodies concerned from time to time.

In 2011-12, the HAD will be allocated increased resources and set up a dedicated team to strengthen and integrate support services under the HAD's portfolios. Specifically, we would put in place three major initiatives, including the launch of district-based integration programmes, organising activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and introducing services to NAs and EMs by arranging those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary. We will evaluate the effectiveness of the initiatives one year after implementation

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB202**

Question Serial No.

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

2630

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in paragraph 142 of the 2011 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposed to make good use of district networks and the services of district organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to better facilitate the integration of new arrivals and ethnic minorities into the community. In this connection, will the Government inform the Committee of details of collaboration between district organisations and NGOs in the provision of such services, and whether the services are available in every district in Hong Kong, if not, of the details of the services provided in particular districts, and whether the Government has considered extending the provision of support services to every district?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

We will make good use of district networks and the services of district organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to facilitate the integration of new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs) into the community. We would put in place three major initiatives in 2011-12, including the launch of district-based integration programmes, organising activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, and introducing services to NAs and EMs by arranging those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary. We will engage various district organisations and NGOs in the initiatives as appropriate.

Generally speaking, the support services would be implemented in those districts with higher services demands. For example, the district-based integration programmes for NAs would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin and Islands District. The district-based integration programmes for EMs would be launched in Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong and Tuen Mun. We will evaluate the outcomes of the programmes one year after implementation and consider any need for extending the programmes to other districts.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB203**

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

Question Serial No.

2631

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in paragraph 142 of the 2011 Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposed to introduce three major initiatives: launching district-based integration programmes; organising activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland and introducing services to ethnic minorities and new arrivals by arranging for those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them. In this connection, will the Government provide details of the estimated expenditure on each of the initiatives? What measures will the Government take to help prospective migrants from the Mainland better understand the local environment before they come to live here? In light of this, will the Government provide details of the collaboration with the Mainland authorities?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The financial resources for the three major initiatives in 2011-12 is as follows –

<b>Initiatives</b>	<b>Allocation of resources (\$)</b>
Launch of district-based integration programmes	4,300,000
Organising activities for prospective migrants from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here	1,400,000
Introducing services to ethnic minorities and new arrivals by arranging for those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary	900,000

In respect of the second item above, we plan to commission a non-governmental organisation which has good networks in the Mainland to operate the programme there. We would liaise with the relevant Mainland authorities on our implementation plan.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB204**

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2633

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As mentioned in paragraph 143 of the 2011 Budget Speech, over 50 000 participants have benefited from the comprehensive support services to ethnic minorities to date. In this connection, will the Government provide details of the 50 000 participants, with a breakdown by their age groups, nationalities and employment status? What publicity and promotional measures will the Government consider to encourage more people of the ethnic minorities to use the support services, and please provide the estimated number of participants that will benefit from the services in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) has been providing support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) to facilitate their integration into the community, including language classes and community support teams. In 2009, the CMAB sponsored non-government organisations to set up four support services centres to provide comprehensive support services for EMs. These services include counselling, referral service, interpretation service, training classes and various integration programmes. The CMAB has been monitoring closely the operation of these services, and necessary adjustments have been made in the light of the operational experience and the needs of the EM communities, in order to provide more suitable services for EMs. Feedback from service users and EM communities has been positive. These support services would be transferred to the Home Affairs Department (HAD) with effect from 2011-12. The Administration will continue to keep the operation of these services under review.

According to the CMAB, while over 50 000 participants have participated in the programmes and activities under the support services centre for EMs, statistics on ethnicity and age groups are only available for part of the participants for whom the information was collected.

Based on available statistics, projected breakdown of users participating in activities or receiving services since the commencement of services (from May to September 2009) up to March 2011 are as follows –

By ethnicity

Race	Hong Kong Christian Service CHEER Centre**	International Social Service HK Branch HOPE Centre	Yuen Long Town Hall Support Service Centre	Christian Action SHINE Centre**
Filipino	206	2 056	953	143
Indonesian	1 177	953	2 512	212
Indian	310	703	62	93
Nepalese	144	576	4 282	130
Thai	67	287	50	8
Pakistani	726	374	1 933	283
Others	29	383	1 518	152
Not provided*	0	0	533	42
Total	2 659	5 332	11 843***	1 063

By age groups

Age group	Hong Kong Christian Service CHEER Centre**	International Social Service HK Branch HOPE Centre	Yuen Long Town Hall Support Service Centre	Christian Action SHINE Centre**
10 and below	300	264	1 213	97
11 to 20	384	435	3 065	221
21 to 30	831	1 454	1 559	274
31 to 40	821	1 561	1 842	285
41 to 50	183	981	1 063	109
51 to 60	49	349	587	55
61 and above	41	118	243	18
Not provided*	50	170	2 271	4
Total	2 659	5 332	11 843***	1 063

\* Some of the users providing other types of information have not responded in respect to the type of information in question.

\*\* A membership mechanism is adopted. The centres only collect relevant statistics on their members. Members who participate in multiple activities are only counted once.

\*\*\* Including participants of mass programmes organised by the centre, such as cultural shows and festive events, and the estimated breakdown by the centre. A breakdown of statistics for participants in programmes other than mass programmes is not available.

It should be noted that the collection of information differs across the centres in accordance with their operational situation. The centres do not have statistics on the employment status of the participants.

The centres have been actively reaching out to EM groups through various means, including its network with other NGOs, schools, religious bodies and district organisations; home visits, district visits, visits to the workplace or venues frequently attended by EMs; setting up of websites, distribution of leaflets and posters, placement of advertisements in EM newspapers, magazines and radio announcements, in order to promote the services of the centres to the EM communities. Special promotional measures have also been taken to publicise specific programmes. For example, briefing sessions for government bureaux and departments as well as NGOs were conducted on the use of the interpretation and translation services in serving EMs, and service promotional video was produced for uploading to websites. Letters were also issued to schools to promote after school tutorial programmes.

As announced by the Financial Secretary in his Budget, in 2011-12, the HAD will be given more resources and set up a dedicated team to strengthen and integrate the support services for EMs. The HAD will introduce two major initiatives, i.e. launching district-based integration programmes, introducing services to EMs by arranging those with similar backgrounds and experiences to reach out to them and to make referrals to Government departments where necessary. Through the on-going and new reaching out initiatives, we expect that the number of participants who will benefit from the services in 2011-12 will continue to increase.

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**HAB205**

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

Question Serial No.

3213

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the estimated expenditure of the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of the Home Affairs Department (HAD):

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the percentage change as compared with the actual expenditure in 2010-11? What are the reasons for the change?
- (b) What are the major initiatives covered by the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? Which of them are on-going initiatives and which are new ones? What are the number of staff, cost and implementation schedule for each of the initiatives? Regarding the staff, please specify the number of civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced service.
- (c) Are provision earmarked for promoting measures on electronic civic participation and public sector information access? If yes, what are the specific details, including names and details of projects, manpower required, costs involved and implementation schedules? If no, what are the reasons and whether the HAD will consider launching such measures in the future?
- (d) Please provide information on the permanent establishment, strength and vacancies of the ITMU. Will there be any increase in manpower in the coming year? If yes, what is the number of new posts and ranks, and are they permanent posts offered on civil service term? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) Has the effectiveness of the ITMU been reviewed comprehensively? If yes, what are the findings and what will be the specific measures for improvement? If no, what are the reasons and whether any review will be conducted in the future?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

- (a) The estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) supporting Home Affairs Department (HAD) in 2011-12 is about \$14 million which is 11.8% higher than the actual expenditure in 2010-11.

(b) The major on-going projects funded by departmental expenses in 2011-12 are listed below:

Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12 (man-year)			Estimated staff cost and departmental expenses in 2011-12 (\$M)
	Civil service Staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider	
Support of Business Applications and Operations	1.03	2.43	1.94	5.29
Support of IT Infrastructure and Facilities	0.78	9.89	1.21	7.57
Support of Business Strategy and Information Management	0.36	0.01	1.02	1.24

In addition, on-going projects in 2011-12 funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 - Computerisation Subhead A007GX are listed below:

Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12 (man-year) (Note 1)			Estimated expenditure funded by Subhead A007GX in 2011-12 (\$M)	Implementation schedule
	Civil service staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider		
Enhancement of Related Systems and Network for District Council (DC) Homepages to facilitate the implementation of Paperless Meetings for DC	0.25	0.33	0.83	2.252	Oct 2010 – Jan 2012
Application Processing System for Community Halls and Centres Booking	0.5	–	–	1.28	Jan 2011 – Aug 2012
Redevelopment of the Guest List System (GLS) (including System Analysis and Design (SA&D) and System Implementation and Integration (SI&I))	– (Note 2)	–	–	1.25	Jan 2010 – Apr 2011

Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12 (man-year) (Note 1)			Estimated expenditure funded by Subhead A007GX in 2011-12 (\$M)	Implementation schedule
	Civil service staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider		
Redevelopment of Rates Exemption System	0.08	0.33	–	1.27	Feb 2011 – Jul 2012

Note 1: Staff costs are absorbed by HAD internally.

Note 2: No staff resources involved for 2011-12, as project would be completed by April 2011.

New projects in 2011-12 to be funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 - Computerisation Subhead A007GX are still being considered by the Administrative Computer Projects Committee of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

- (c) In 2011-12, the ITMU of HAD will mainly focus on further improving the Department's electronic communication platform, implementing the "District Councils Paperless" project as well as planning and developing a number of IT systems aiming at further enhancing HAD's internal operational efficiency. We will consider to develop systems aiming at promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access when the opportunity and need arise.
- (d) The permanent establishment, existing strength and vacancies of the ITMU are as follows:

Grade	Establishment	Strength	Vacancy
Analyst/Programmer	4	4	0

With the creation of one civil service permanent Analyst/Programmer I (API) post in December 2010, there are at present one Systems Manager (SM) and three APIs in the shared Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/HAD ITMU. Starting from early 2011-12, the shared ITMU will split into two. HAB will have its own ITMU comprising a new civil service SM post and one API redeployed from HAD. Apart from the above changes, there is no plan to further increase civil service posts in the ITMU in 2011-12.

- (e) Under the existing governance mechanism, HAD has established the Information Technology Steering Committee to review the manpower resources as well as the development plan of HAD's ITMU every year. We also regularly review the quality of services provided by the ITMU to ensure its effectiveness.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB206**

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

Question Serial No.

3728

Programme :            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As at the end of February 2011, how many private buildings were there in Hong Kong and what were the respective numbers of buildings which had an owners' corporation (OC) or owners' committee? The Administration made 3 953 and 3 459 visits respectively in 2009 and 2010 to buildings without any form of management. How many buildings were involved and what were the respective numbers of buildings which have subsequently formed an OC or owners' committee? What were the respective numbers of buildings which formed an OC or owners' committee with the assistance of the Administration in 2009 and 2010? Would the Administration set a target on the number of buildings to be assisted to form an OC or owners' committee in 2011 and set the relevant performance indicators? Please also provide information on the numbers of private buildings in Hong Kong which had an OC or owners' committee in the past three years from 2008 to 2010.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

At present there are about 40 000 private buildings in Hong Kong. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, the numbers of buildings with owners' corporations (OCs) were 15 840, 16 248 and 16 668 respectively; whereas the numbers of buildings with owners' committees were 3 875, 3 921 and 3 987 respectively.

In 2009 and 2010, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) staff made 3 953 and 3 459 visits respectively to buildings without any form of management. They would generally pay a visit to each building every year including buildings without any form of management. In 2009 and 2010, the HAD staff had provided assistance to 510 and 525 buildings to form OCs respectively. Among them, 408 and 420 buildings successfully formed OCs respectively. Regarding the formation of owners' committees, they are usually formed under the deeds of mutual covenant (DMCs) with the assistance of DMC managers. The numbers of buildings which formed owners' committees were 46 and 66 in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

We have adopted the numbers of “visits to buildings with OCs/Mutual Aid Committees/owners’ committees/residents’ organisations” and “visits to building without any form of management” as our performance indicators. These indicators reflect the efforts made by the HAD staff in encouraging owners to actively support building management work in their buildings.

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**HAB207**

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3729

Programme : (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned that the Home Affairs Department will continue to coordinate building management matters. Regarding the various existing funding and loan schemes for building repairs and maintenance provided by different government departments, including the Buildings Department and the Social Welfare Department and public bodies, including the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority, does the Administration have information on these schemes, including the total number of applications received, the number of applications approved and the amount of fund involved in 2010, and the differences in the eligibility criteria of various schemes?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) promotes the concept of good building management. However, the implementation of various financial assistance schemes for building repairs and maintenance falls outside Programme (2) – Community Building under Head 63 HAD. Having consulted the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Development Bureau (DEVB), information concerning various funding and loan schemes for building repairs and maintenance is as follows –

Insofar as the SWD is concerned, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing welfare services may apply for grants under the Lotteries Fund to carry out renovation or fitting-out works to maintain the physical environment of their service units in decent and safe conditions with a view to meeting their operational needs. These works may involve maintenance works for the welfare premises of NGOs, but the SWD does not have statistical information on the specific cost items related to building maintenance.

The Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme is administered by the Buildings Department (BD) under the DEVB. According to the DEVB, this Loan Scheme provides loans to individual owners of private buildings to carry out works voluntarily, or in compliance with statutory orders. From 1 April 2010 to 28 February 2011, the Scheme received 2 325 applications, of which 1 591 have been approved, involving a total loan amount of about \$78 million. Regarding the remaining 734 applications, 611 are being processed, seven have been rejected as the applications did not meet the eligibility criteria, and 116 have been withdrawn by the applicants. Any building owner of any type of private building may apply

for an interest-bearing loan of up to \$1,000,000 without any means test. Recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or Normal Old Age Allowance (NOAA) or owners passing the prescribed means test may apply for interest-free loans.

According to the DEVB, the Operation Building Bright (OBB) Scheme was launched in collaboration with the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) and Urban Renewal Authority (URA). The Scheme covers two categories of buildings, namely Category 1 and Category 2 target buildings. Category 1 target buildings are those with owners' corporations (OCs). The OCs of eligible buildings under this category may apply for loans to carry out repair works on a voluntary basis. Category 2 target buildings are those having difficulties in coordinating repair works, such as buildings without OCs or with inactive OCs. The Steering Committee of the OBB selects suitable buildings as Category 2 target buildings according to the buildings' condition. From 1 April 2010 to 4 March 2011, the OBB has subsidised a total of 459 buildings<sup>1</sup>, involving an estimated amount of grants of about \$151.5 million.

The HKHS and the URA, which are not government departments, also administer their own funding and loan schemes. The HKHS administers the Building Management and Maintenance Scheme (BMMS) and the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners (BMGSEO). The URA administers two major programmes, namely the Building Rehabilitation Materials Incentive Scheme (BRMIS) and the Building Rehabilitation Loan Scheme (BRLS). Relevant figures obtained from HKHS and URA are set out below–

#### HKHS

Schemes	<u>Building Management Incentive Scheme (under BMMS)</u>	<u>Building Maintenance Incentive Scheme (under BMMS)</u>	<u>Home Renovation Loan Scheme (under BMMS)</u>	<u>BMGSEO</u>
Number of applications received (1.4.2010 to 28.2.2011)	330	107	92	2 977
Number of applications approved (1.4.2010 to 28.2.2011)	325	99	77	1 992
Funding involved (1.4.2010 to 28.2.2011)	About \$0.66 million	About \$23.95 million	About \$2.92 million	\$57.63 million

<sup>1</sup> This figure denotes the number of Category 1 applications from OCs granted with approvals-in-principle for receiving grants to carry out repair works voluntarily and the number of buildings selected by the Steering Committee of the OBB as Category 2 target buildings for which repair works may be carried out by the OCs/owners voluntarily or by the BD.

URA

Schemes	<u>BRMIS</u>	<u>BRLS</u>
Number of buildings involved (1.4.2010 to 28.2.2011)	4	19
Funding involved (1.4.2010 to 11.3.2011)	About \$2.6 million	About \$57 million

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB208**

Question Serial No.

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

2897

Programme : (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Please advise the relevant office for lodging complaints on unlicensed guesthouse operation.
- (b) Regarding the regulation of hotels, licensing of guesthouses and handling of complaints by the Home Affairs Department in the next financial year of 2011-12, please advise the manpower and expenditure involved and the corresponding changes as compared with those in the past three years of 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply :

- (a) The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department is responsible for the administration of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349), including issuing licences, taking enforcement actions and handling complaints. Anyone who is aware of any suspected illegal guesthouse operation should report it to the OLA hotline (tel. no. 2881 7498), by e-mail (hadlaenq@had.gov.hk) or by fax (2504 5805) using the report form downloaded from OLA's website ([www.hadla.gov.hk](http://www.hadla.gov.hk)).
- (b) In addition to the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349), the OLA is also responsible for the administration of the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) and the Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573). The financial provision for performing the relevant licensing and related duties under the four ordinances is as follows –

	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Revised Estimate)	2011-12 (Estimate)
Financial Provision (\$ m)	34.4	37.3	34.8	36.6

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB209**

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

Question Serial No.

0780

Programme :            (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding “continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme”, please advise:

- (a) the estimated expenditure involved;
- (b) the number of organisations funded under the Programme per year since its implementation and the expenditure involved; and
- (c) whether the Administration would consider extending the funding period for each organisation? If yes, what are details and what is the estimated expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Administration has earmarked \$150 million over the next five years starting from 2011-12 to continue the implementation of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (“the Programme”). For applications received from 2011 onwards, the maximum funding period will be extended from two to three years, while the funding ceiling of \$3 million per project will remain unchanged.

Since 2006, the Administration has approved a total grant of about \$110 million to 109 social enterprise projects. The number of organisations funded under the Programme, in terms of the number of projects approved, in each financial year is set out below –

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number of projects approved</b>
2006-07	39
2007-08	15
2008-09	25
2009-10	14
2010-11	16
<b>Total :</b>	109

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB210**

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

Question Serial No.

0781

Programme :            (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding “the enhancements of the remuneration package for District Council (DC) members”, please advise the following:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) DC members may have difficulties in finding suitable office accommodation due to the high rental of private premises. Does the Administration have any support measures for them? If yes, what are the details and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The approved enhancements of the remuneration package for District Council (DC) members would be implemented by two phases – in January 2011 and January 2012.

The enhanced elements which came into effect in January 2011 included a 15% increase in the rate of Operating Expenses Reimbursement (OER), relaxation of advance payment arrangement for OER and greater flexibility in using the Miscellaneous Expenses Allowance.

The enhanced elements which will come into effect from the next DC term starting in January 2012 include an accountable Medical Allowance (MA), an End-of-Term Gratuity (ETG) equivalent to 15% of the honorarium, and an Entertainment Expenses Reimbursement (EER) of \$30,000 per annum to be provided to DC Chairmen.

The estimated funding requirements for implementing the proposals for enhancements of remuneration package for DC members are as follows –

Item	Additional Expenditure (million)		
	2011-12	Annual	Whole DC Term
(i) 15% increase in OER	\$19	\$19	\$76
(ii) Introduction of MA	\$3.65	\$14.6	\$58.4
(iii) Provision of EER for DC Chairmen	\$0.135	\$0.54	\$2.16
(iv) Introduction of ETG	-	-	\$83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22.785</b>	<b>\$34.14</b>	<b>\$219.56</b>

- (b) The Government has provided resources and assistance to DC members for setting up ward offices. The provision of OER covers rental expenses for ward offices, salaries for assistants, utility expenses, publicity and printing etc. The OER has increased from \$19,462 per month, by 15% (as part of the enhancement package) and an additional price adjustment rate of 3.4%<sup>Note</sup>, to \$23,142 with effect from January 2011. The increase in OER would help DC members towards meeting rental increase for their ward offices. In addition, since the commencement of the current DC term in 2008, the Housing Department (HD) has accorded priority to DC members in the allocation of office space in public housing estates as their ward offices. The HD will continue to make its best endeavours to assist the DC members as far as practicable.

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<sup>Note</sup> Annual rate adjustment made by reference to the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A).

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB211**

Head : 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3135

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide the following information on the employment of “non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff”:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )	( )
Positions of NCSC staff				
Expenditure on salaries of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )	( )
Monthly salaries of NCSC staff				
—\$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$16,001 to \$ 30,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$8,001 to \$16,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$6,501 to \$8,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,001 to \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )	( )
—Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )	( )
—Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)				
—5 years or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
—3 to 5 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
—1 to 3 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
—less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff who have changed to employment as civil servants	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff who failed to change to employment as civil servants	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to NCSC staff against the total expenditure on staff of the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	( )	( )	( )	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Home Affairs Department employs staff on non-civil service contract (NCSC) terms to meet operational needs. Data related to full-time NCSC staff employed by the department in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are set out in the table appended below. As the number of NCSC staff employed varies from time to time in the light of changing operational requirements, we are unable to provide the relevant figures for 2011-12.

	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10 (as at 31.3.2010)	2008-09 (as at 31.3.2009)
Number of NCSC staff	483 (8.8%)	444 (22.7%)	362 (63.8%)
Positions of NCSC staff			
- Managerial / Clerical / General Office Support	445	408	333
- Professional / Technical	38	36	29
Expenditure on salaries of NCSC staff	\$56.8M (N.A.)	\$65.2M (31.7%)	\$49.5M (15.1%)
Monthly salaries of NCSC staff			
—\$30,001 or above	13 (0%)	13 (30%)	10 (-9.1%)
—\$16,001 to \$ 30,000	42 (61.5%)	26 (225%)	8 (60%)
—\$8,001 to \$16,000	418 (5.3%)	397 (18.9%)	334 (112.7%)
—\$6,501 to \$8,000	10 (25%)	8 (-20%)	10 (-79.2%)
—\$5,001 to \$6,500	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)
—\$5,000 or below	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)
—Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)
—Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)			
—5 years or above	42 (5%)	40 (-13%)	46 (31.4%)
—3 to less than 5 years	25 (13.6%)	22 (4.8%)	21 (-43.2%)
—1 to less than 3 years	201 (9.2%)	184 (178.8%)	66 (-7%)
—less than 1 year	215 (8.6%)	198 (-13.5%)	229 (193.6%)
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the department	20.5% (1%)	19.5% (2.8%)	16.7% (5.7%)
Percentage of amount paid to NCSC staff against the total expenditure on staff of the department *	11.4% (1.4%)	10% (2.8%)	7.2% (-0.2%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	454 (10.5%)	411 (20.9%)	340 (76.2%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	29 (-12.1%)	33 (50%)	22 (-21.4%)
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	482 (8.8%)	443 (22.7%)	361 (64.1%)
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	1(0%)	1(0%)	1(0%)

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

\* As against the expenditure on Personal Emoluments of the department.

The department determines the employment package of NCSC staff in accordance with government guidelines. The terms and conditions of service for NCSC staff are no less favorable than those provided for under the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) and no more favorable than those applicable to civil servants in comparable civil service ranks or with comparable levels of responsibilities.

NCSC staff cannot be directly appointed to the civil service. In line with the established practice, they have to apply for civil service vacancies through open recruitment.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB212**

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

Question Serial No.

3136

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide the following information on the employment of “staff of employment agencies (EAs)”:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts signed with EAs	( )	( )	( )	( )
Contract sum paid to each EA	( )	( )	( )	( )
Total amount of commission paid to each EA	( )	( )	( )	( )
Term of service for each EA	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff	( )	( )	( )	( )
Positions of EA staff				
Monthly salaries of EA staff				
—\$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$16,001 to \$30,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$8,001 to \$16,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$6,501 to \$8,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,001 to \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
—\$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )	( )
—Number of EA staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )	( )
—Number of EA staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
Length of employment of EA staff (in year)				
—5 years or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
—3 to 5 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
—1 to 3 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
—less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )	( )

Percentage of EA staff against the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to EAs against the total expenditure on staff of the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff with paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff without paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff working 5 day a week	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of EA staff working 6 day a week	( )	( )	( )	( )

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Replies to the questions are provided in the table below. As the number of agency workers required varies from time to time in the light of changing operational requirements, we are unable to provide the relevant figures for 2011-12.

			<b>2010-11 (as at 28 February 2011)</b>	<b>2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010)</b>	<b>2008-09 (as at 31 March 2009)</b>
(a)	<b>Number of contracts signed with EAs</b>	T-contract #	6(N.A.)	7(+16.7%)	6(+100%)
		Technical and office support^	2(N.A.)	3(0%)	3(0%)
(b)	<b>Contract sum paid to each EA</b>	T-contract	\$438,000 - \$909,000 (N.A.)	\$119,000 - \$860,000 (-15.6% to +332.1%)	\$53,000 - \$1,019,000 (+3.6% to +4.8%)
		Technical and office support	\$113,000 - \$225,000 (N.A.)	\$245,000 - \$267,000 (-9.3% to +1.1%)	\$264,000 - \$270,000 (+2.3% to +8.7%)
(c)	<b>Total amount of commission paid to each EA</b>		Information not available		
(d)	<b>Term of service for each EA</b>		5.5 months to 12 months	2.3 months to 12 months	1.5 months to 12 months
(e)	<b>Number of EA staff</b>	T-contract	6(N.A.)	7(+16.7%)	6(+100%)
		Technical and office support	1(N.A.)	5(0%)	5(0%)

			<b>2010-11 (as at 28 February 2011)</b>	<b>2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010)</b>	<b>2008-09 (as at 31 March 2009)</b>
(f)	<b>Positions of EA staff</b>	T-contract	Systems Analyst, Analyst Programmer and Programmer		
		Technical and office support	Technical and general office support		
(g)	<b>Monthly salaries of EA staff</b>	<b>\$30,001 or above</b>	Information not available		
		<b>\$16,001 - \$30,000</b>			
		<b>\$8,001 - \$16,000</b>			
		<b>\$6,501 - \$8,000</b>			
		<b>\$5,001 - \$6,500</b>			
		<b>\$5,000 or below</b>			
		<b>Below \$5,824</b>			
		<b>\$5,824 - \$6,500</b>			
(h)	<b>Length of employment of EA staff</b>	Information not available			
(i)	<b>Percentage of EA staff against the total number of staff in the department</b>	0.305% (N.A.)	0.528% (+0.021%)	0.507% (+0.108%)	
(j)	<b>Percentage of amount paid to EAs against the total expenditure on staff of the department*</b>	0.464% (N.A.)	0.465% (+0.054%)	0.411% (+0.033%)	
(k)	<b>Number of EA staff with paid meal breaks</b>	Information not available			
	<b>Number of EA staff without paid meal breaks</b>				
(l)	<b>Number of EA staff working 5 day a week</b>	7(N.A.)	12(+9.1%)	11(+37.5%)	
	<b>Number of EA staff working 6 day a week</b>	0(-)	0(-)	0(-)	

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

# T-contract stands for the engagement of technical service providers under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer for providing information technology manpower.

^ The contracts on technical and office support were drawn up before April 2010 and therefore not subject to the requirements on use of agency workers issued by the Civil Service Bureau.

\* As against the expenditure on Personal Emoluments of the department.



In procuring EA service, we must comply with the relevant government guidelines. As the guidelines do not require us to specify the amount or the rate of commission payable to EAs, we do not have comprehensive information on this matter. As the contractual relationship of the agency workers is with their respective EAs, which have to fulfil the obligations of an employer under the relevant laws, we do not have comprehensive information on the pay for meal breaks, remuneration packages and length of employment of the agency workers.

Signature	<u>Signed</u>
Name in block letters	<u>Mrs PAMELA TAN</u>
Post Title	<u>Director of Home Affairs</u>
Date	<u>22 March 2011</u>

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB213**

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

Question Serial No.

3137

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide the following information on the employment of “staff of outsourced service”:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts signed	( )	( )	( )	( )
Total amount paid to the outsourced service providers	( )	( )	( )	( )
Term of service for each outsourced service provider	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff of outsourced service	( )	( )	( )	( )
Posts of staff of outsourced service (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning, information technology, etc.)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Monthly salaries of staff of outsourced service				
\$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
\$16,001 to \$30,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
\$8,001 to \$16,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
\$6,501 to \$8,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
\$5,001 to \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
Less than \$5,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff with monthly salary less than \$5,824	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )

Length of employment of staff of outsourced service (in year)				
5 years or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
3 to 5 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
1 to 3 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
Less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of staff of outsourced service against the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total expenditure on staff of the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff with paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff without paid meal breaks	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff working 5 day a week	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of staff working 6 day a week	( )	( )	( )	( )

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The outsourced services engaged by the Home Affairs Department mainly relate to information technology, cleansing, security and property management services. Relevant information for 2008-09 to 2010-11 is provided below. As we have yet to draw up some of the outsourced service contracts for 2011-12, we are unable to provide the information as requested.

	<b>2010-11</b> <i>(as at 28.2.2011)</i>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Number of outsourced service contracts signed	39 (N.A.)	33(0%)	33(+3.1%)
Total amount paid to the outsourced service providers	\$23,259,000 (N.A.)	\$25,028,000 (+5.5%)	\$23,728,000 (+20.4%)
Term of service for each outsourced service provider	1 year to 3 years	1 year to 3 years	1 year to 2 years
Number of staff of outsourced service	As the outsourced service contracts normally do not specify the number of workers to be employed by the contractors, we are unable to provide information on the number of workers employed.		
Posts of staff of outsourced service (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing, information technology, etc.)	The posts of staff of the outsourced service are mainly in the fields of security, cleansing, property management and information technology.		

	<b>2010-11</b> <i>(as at 28.2.2011)</i>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total expenditure on staff of the department*	3.8% (N.A.)	3.8% (+0.1%)	3.7% (+0.3%)
Monthly salaries of staff of outsourced service - \$30,001 or above - \$16,001 to \$30,000 - \$8,001 to \$16,000 - \$6,501 to \$8,000 - \$5,001 to \$6,500 - Less than \$5,000 - Number of staff with monthly salary less than \$5,824 - Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	Since employment particulars of staff employed by the outsourced service providers such as monthly salaries, length of service, paid meal breaks and number of working days per week are not specified in the outsourced contracts, we are unable to provide the information requested.		
Length of employment of staff of outsourced service (in year) - 5 years or above - 3 to 5 years - 1 to 3 years - Less than 1 year			
Percentage of staff of outsourced service against the total number of staff in the department			
Number of staff with paid meal breaks Number of staff without paid meal breaks			
Number of staff working 5 day a week Number of staff working 6 day a week			

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

\*As against the expenditure on Personal Emoluments of the department.

Signature Signed

Name in block letters Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 18 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB214**

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

Question Serial No.

2417

Programme :            (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Singleton Hostel Programme, please advise the following:

- (a) What are the details of the Programme?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) What are the eligibility criteria for the Programme? What is the estimated number of beneficiaries?
- (d) Has the Administration set any performance indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of the Programme?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

- (a) & (b) The Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme (SHP) was launched in 1991 to tie in with the introduction of the licensing regime under the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447). The objective of the SHP is to provide short-term accommodation through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for those bedspace lodgers affected by the implementation of the Ordinance. As the hostels under the SHP are run by NGOs on a self-financing basis or with subsidy from trust funds, the Government does not need to provide funding for the operation of the SHP.

(c) & (d) At present, the SHP comprises two singleton hostels, namely the Sunrise House in Sham Shui Po managed by the Salvation Army and the High Street House in Sai Ying Pun managed by the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council. They provide a total of 580 bedspaces. Singletons who are under 60 years of age earning a monthly salary of not more than \$9,900 and currently living in an apartment less than 5.5m<sup>2</sup> in size for more than six months are eligible to apply for a place in the hostels under the SHP. Compassionate cases referred by the Social Welfare Department or other NGOs are also accepted. The SHP is a popular programme. In 2010, the average occupancy rate of the hostels under the SHP was about 88%.

Signature	<u>Signed</u>
Name in block letters	<u>Mrs PAMELA TAN</u>
Post Title	<u>Director of Home Affairs</u>
Date	<u>18 March 2011</u>

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB215**

Question Serial No.

3001

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:

(a) Regarding the 1 204 press conferences and briefings arranged in 2010, will the Administration give a breakdown of them by departments?

(b) Does the aforementioned number include closed door briefings (commonly known as “tip-off” sessions) and will the Administration give a breakdown of them by departments?

(c) A total of 40 735 press releases were issued in 2010. Will the Administration give a breakdown of them by departments and the languages used?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

(a) The breakdown of 1 204 press conferences and briefings arranged in 2010, categorised by departments and organisations, is as follows:

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Chief Executive's Office	41
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	29
Financial Secretary's Office	32
Secretariat Press Office (Civil Service)	2
Secretariat Press Office (Commerce and Economic Development)	49
Secretariat Press Office (Constitutional and Mainland Affairs)	95
Secretariat Press Office (Development)	109
Secretariat Press Office (Education)	34
Secretariat Press Office (Environment)	16
Secretariat Press Office (Financial Services and the Treasury)	27
Secretariat Press Office (Food and Health)	83
Secretariat Press Office (Home Affairs)	15
Secretariat Press Office (Labour and Welfare)	77
Secretariat Press Office (Security)	49

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Secretariat Press Office (Transport and Housing)	20
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	28
Buildings Department	8
Civil Aviation Department	3
Correctional Services Department	4
Customs and Excise Department	34
Department of Health	49
Department of Justice	6
Fire Services Department	49
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	16
Hong Kong Police Force	198
Housing Authority / Housing Department	13
Information Services Department	2
Innovation and Technology Commission	5
Judiciary	8
Labour Department	9
Legal Aid Department	1
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	81
Marine Department	2
Registration and Electoral Office	2
Social Welfare Department	2
Trade and Industry Department	5
Transport Department	1

(b) The breakdown of 44 closed door briefings, categorised by departments, is as follows:

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Chief Executive's Office	1
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	1
Financial Secretary's Office	1
Secretariat Press Office (Civil Service)	1
Secretariat Press Office (Commerce and Economic Development)	4
Secretariat Press Office (Constitutional and Mainland Affairs)	2
Secretariat Press Office (Development)	8
Secretariat Press Office (Environment)	3
Secretariat Press Office (Financial Services and the Treasury)	2



<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
Secretariat Press Office (Food and Health)	6
Secretariat Press Office (Home Affairs)	1
Secretariat Press Office (Labour and Welfare)	2
Secretariat Press Office (Security)	1
Secretariat Press Office (Transport and Housing)	9
Information Services Department	2

\* Closed door briefings generally refer to non-attributable background briefings.

(c) The breakdown of 40 735 press releases (with 20 090 Chinese press releases and 20 645 English press releases) issued in 2010, categorised by departments and languages used, is as follows:

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Chinese press releases</u></b>	<b><u>No. of English press releases</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Chief Executive's Office	240	169	409
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	171	98	269
Financial Secretary's Office	161	139	300
Secretariat Press Office (Civil Service)	63	58	121
Secretariat Press Office (Commerce and Economic Development)	365	323	688
Secretariat Press Office (Constitutional and Mainland Affairs)	237	167	404
Secretariat Press Office (Development)	514	465	979
Secretariat Press Office (Education)	272	239	511
Secretariat Press Office (Environment)	184	143	327
Secretariat Press Office (Financial Services and the Treasury)	320	278	598
Secretariat Press Office (Food and Health)	247	192	439
Secretariat Press Office (Home Affairs)	365	235	600
Secretariat Press Office (Labour and Welfare)	370	192	562
Secretariat Press Office (Security)	314	279	593
Secretariat Press Office (Transport and Housing)	264	211	475
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	179	172	351
Audit Commission	4	4	8

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Chinese press releases</u></b>	<b><u>No. of English press releases</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
BJO (Office of the Government of HKSAR in Beijing)	2	1	3
Buildings Department	31	29	60
Census and Statistics Department	184	184	368
Civil Aviation Department	26	26	52
Correctional Services Department	79	77	156
Customs and Excise Department	162	137	299
Department of Health	594	593	1 187
Department of Justice	65	54	119
Economic and Trade Offices	66	90	156
Environmental Protection Department	142	142	284
Executive Council Secretariat	7	5	12
Fire Services Department	26	25	51
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	181	180	361
Government Flying Service	1	1	2
Home Affairs Department	938	905	1 843
Hong Kong Monetary Authority	356	357	713
Hong Kong Observatory	104	104	208
Hong Kong Police Force	1 861	3 011	4 872
Hongkong Post	77	77	154
Hospital Authority	359	322	681
Housing Authority / Housing Department	68	52	120
Immigration Department	84	84	168
Information Services Department	1 945	2 556	4 501
Inland Revenue Department	1	1	2
Innovation and Technology Commission	33	33	66
Invest Hong Kong	60	60	120
Judiciary	34	34	68
Labour Department	168	136	304
Legislative Council	302	302	604
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	1 462	1 315	2 777
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority	179	173	352
Marine Department	38	38	76
Planning Department	10	10	20

<b><u>Department / organisation</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Chinese press releases</u></b>	<b><u>No. of English press releases</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Port, Maritime and Logistics Development Unit	4	5	9
Rating and Valuation Department	3	3	6
Registration and Electoral Office	70	70	140
Social Welfare Department	168	166	334
Trade and Industry Department	48	44	92
Transport Department	5 882	5 879	11 761

\* The 40 735 press releases issued by the Government News and Media Information System also include ANE (attention news editors), INC (incident reports) and fax broadcasts (mainly announcements by Transport Department).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16.3.2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB216**

Question Serial No.

0651

Head: 74 – Information Services      Subhead (No. & title):  
Department

Programme:                    (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What will be the support provided by the Information Services Department (ISD) in the year 2011-12 for the 2011 population census, the voter registration campaign and the District Council Election? Please give a breakdown of the estimated number of large and small scale publicity activities, the number of posters to be produced and displayed, the number of Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) to be produced, and the number of exhibitions to be mounted; and the estimated expenditure for each of the above items.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Information Services Department will provide support for the 2011 population census, the 2011 voter registration publicity campaign and the 2011 District Council Election.

The estimated expenditure on publicity for the 2011 population census is about \$5 million, which mainly covers advertisements on public transport, TV and radio APIs, newspaper and Internet advertisements, outdoor publicity items (such as giant wall banners and lamppost buntings), posters, information leaflets, roving exhibitions and school publicity materials (including souvenirs and teaching materials).

The estimated expenditure for the 2011 voter registration publicity campaign is \$3 million, which covers mini-concerts, radio programmes, TV and radio APIs, advertisement placements in MTR stations, advertisements on bus and taxi bodies as well as giant wall banners.

The content and budget of the publicity programme for the 2011 District Council Election are not available yet.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16.3.2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

**HAB217**

Question Serial No.

3219

Head: 74 – Information Services      Subhead (No. & title):  
Department

Programme:                      All

Controlling Officer:      Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In relation to the estimated expenditure of the departmental Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU):

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for the year 2011-12; the rate of increase or decrease in comparison with the actual expenditure for the year 2010-11 and the reasons for the change in expenditure?
- (b) What are the major projects included under the 2011-12 estimated expenditure, and which are the ongoing ones and new ones respectively? What are the number of staff, cost and schedule of each project? What is the percentage of civil servants, non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff and staff of outsourced contractors for these projects?
- (c) Have any funds been earmarked for taking forward the initiatives of “e-engagement” and “Opening Up of Public Sector Information”? If yes, what are the details, including the names of the projects, details, manpower involved, expenses and timetables for implementation? If no, what are the reasons and whether any consideration has been given to launch relevant initiatives in future?
- (d) What is the permanent establishment of the ITMU, the present number of staff and the number of vacancy? Will additional staff be employed in the coming financial year? If yes, what are the estimated numbers of additional post, the ranks involved, whether they will be permanent posts and the candidates will be employed under the terms and conditions of the civil service? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) Has any comprehensive review been conducted on the efficacy of the ITMU? If yes, what are the results and the recommended improvement measures? If no, what are the reasons and whether any review will be conducted in future?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure of the ITMU for the year 2011-12 is \$20.76 million. There has been an increase of 10.3% when compared to the expenditure of \$18.83 million for 2010-11. The increase is mainly due to the development of a new IT project and the enhancement of existing systems.

(b) Following is a breakdown of the major on-going and new projects for 2011-2012 with relevant details -

(i) **On-going Projects**

Item	Manpower Requirement for 2011-12		Estimated Expenditure for 2011-12 (\$)
	Civil Servant	IT Services Contract Staff	
Maintenance and enhancement of existing systems	4	4	11.51M

(ii) **New Project**

Item	Manpower Requirement for 2011-12		Estimated Expenditure for 2011-12 (\$)	Project Schedule
	Civil Servant	IT Services Contract Staff		
Revamp of data centre	2	2	9.25M	2010-11 – 2011-12

(c) In connection with e-engagement, the Information Services Department launched an online Government news e-Bulletin ([www.news.gov.hk](http://www.news.gov.hk)) in 2002. We re-launched it on 5 October 2010 with a vibrant new look and a host of customisable features, at a one-off project cost of about \$9.8 million. News stories, features, photos, videos and other information are being presented through the multi-media channel in a more accessible way. The revamp is part of the Government's drive to make greater use of new media and Web 2.0. ISD has also set up accounts on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/isdgovhk](http://www.youtube.com/isdgovhk)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/newsgovhk](http://twitter.com/newsgovhk)) to communicate with the public and to disseminate news and messages more quickly and efficiently.

On opening up of public sector information, ISD, in principle, has been facilitating the public and media to use the news materials disseminated through various channels, provided copy rights are not infringed.

(d) The current permanent establishment, strength and number of vacancy of ISD's ITMU are as follows -

Rank	Establishment	Strength	Vacancy
Senior Systems Manager	1	1	0
Systems Manager	1	1	0
Analyst/Programmer I	1	1	0
Analyst/Programmer II	1	1	0
Computer Operator I	1	1	0
Computer Operator II	1	1	0
Total	6	6	0

The existing manpower of the ITMU is sufficient to handle the work in the coming year.

(e) The ITMU has been providing efficient services and support to meet ISD's operational needs. The Department will continue to monitor ITMU's efficacy so that ISD can ride on the development of information technology to enhance its services to the community.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Michael WONG \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Information Services \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18.3.2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB218**

Question Serial No.

3844

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the 2011-12 Estimates, the Legal Aid Department will continue to improve the quality of its services including making necessary preparations for relaxing the financial eligibility limits of the legal aid schemes and related improvements. What is the Administration's plan on improving the quality of services? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved and whether service quality indicators would be set? Regarding the preparations for relaxing the financial eligibility limits and related improvements, please provide information on the details, estimated expenditure and the manpower involved and the timetable for implementation.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The Administration will submit the relevant legislative amendments relating to the adjustments in the financial eligibility limit and those relating to the proposals of raising the level of deductible allowances and disregarding part of the savings of elderly applicants in assessing their financial resources to the Legislative Council in March 2011 and subject to the views of Members, the legislative amendments are expected to be put into effect in May 2011.

Once the new financial eligibility limit and the other related improvements are put into effect, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of legal aid applications. However, it is not possible to make any meaningful forecast of the likely increase in applications as a result of the implementation. This is because neither the number of persons applying for legal aid would increase proportionately nor the need for litigation would arise automatically once more people become eligible for legal aid as there is no direct correlation between eligibility and need for litigation.

The Department will create three non-directorate civil service posts (one Legal Aid Counsel, one Law Clerk and one Clerical Assistant) in 2011-12 to cope with the expected increase in caseload arising from implementation of these measures. The Department will review the caseload after implementation, and may seek new resources if there is such need.

The Department has put in place performance targets for processing legal aid applications. The Department will continue to ensure that all applications for legal aid will be processed in a timely manner. To facilitate the application for legal aid and widen public access to the on-line means test calculator where applicants can find out if they are likely to be financially eligible, the Department will develop a mobile means test calculator so that access to the calculator can be gained through mobile phone. In addition, the Department will study expanding the use of phone payment service for one-off payment of contributions by aided person having introduced the service for those with payment of contributions by installments in 2010.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ William CHAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Legal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16.3.2011 \_\_\_\_\_



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB219**

Question Serial No.

3845

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In reply to the Special Finance Committee Meeting in March 2010, the Legal Aid Department forecast a rising trend for parties involving in litigation to attempt mediation. Between April and December 2009, approval was given to aided persons in 39 cases to undergo mediation; while the figure for 2010 up to the end of March was 62. The total expenses incurred were \$173,556. What is the actual number of cases attempting mediation in 2010-11 and the estimated rate of increases for 2011-12? What are the expenses incurred respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

In 2010-11 (up to 28 February), approval was given by the Department in 613 cases to attempt mediation. During this period, the Department paid a total of \$1,364,489 towards mediation expenses.

While the latest statistics show that more and more litigants opted for mediation to resolve their legal disputes, it is not possible to forecast the number of cases that will undergo mediation in 2011-12.

Signature	_____	Signed	_____
Name in block letters	_____	William CHAN	_____
Post Title	_____	Director of Legal Aid	_____
Date	_____	16.3.2011	_____

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB220**

Question Serial No.

3846

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (3) Support Services

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the Estimates of 2010-11, the estimated number of taxation hearings attended for 2010 was 610, but the actual figure in the Estimates of 2011-12 was 217. Why is it so? What was the amount of expenses involved? On what basis did the Administration estimate that the number of such cases for 2011 would be 220?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

The estimated number of taxation hearings at 610 for 2010 was based on the number of hearings attended in 2009 (which was 672). With the implementation of the Civil Justice Reform in April 2009, parties to proceedings are expected to negotiate to the best of their endeavour items of costs in dispute with a view to reaching an amicable settlement on costs. As a result, more cases were settled without a hearing. The number of taxation hearings in 2010 has dropped to 217. It is anticipated that the number of court attendances for taxation hearing in 2011 would be similar to those in 2010. The Department does not keep any statistics on the costs incurred solely for attending taxation hearings.

Signature	_____	Signed	_____
Name in block letters	_____	William CHAN	_____
Post Title	_____	Director of Legal Aid	_____
Date	_____	16.3.2011	_____

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB221**

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2498

Programme:                    (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Among the applications to the Legal Aid Department (LAD) for assistance by the victims of domestic violence over the past two years, how many of them applied for “injunction orders”? How many of these applications were granted by the LAD? And how many of them were refused?

	2009	2010	2011 (up to February)
No. of applications for legal aid for injunction orders			
No. of successful applications			
No. of applications refused			

- (b) What are the five major reasons for refusal?  
 (c) Will the LAD consider relaxing the processing procedure? If so, please provide details of implementation and timetable. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) The information requested for is as follows:

	2009	2010	2011 (up to February)
No. of applications for legal aid for injunction orders	39	28	9
No. of successful applications	19	13	5
No. of applications refused	20	15	4

- (b) The five major reasons for refusal are:

- (i) withdrawal of applications;
- (ii) failure to pass merits test;
- (iii) failure to furnish information/documents;
- (iv) failure to pass means test; and
- (v) failure to accept offer of legal aid.

- (c) The Department fully recognises the need to deal with legal aid applications that involve domestic violence with care and speed. We therefore treat all applications to seek injunction by victims of domestic violence as urgent cases and will process them expeditiously. Provided the applicant satisfies the means and merits tests, legal aid will be offered. Furthermore, posters by various non-government organisations offering shelter and/or marital counseling and mediation services are displayed in the reception area of the Department's offices. In appropriate cases, the Department would also give applicants a pocket-size information card published by a non-government organisation (NGO) about police assistance with commonly asked questions and answers on what to do when applicants are subject to domestic violence. The card contains the 24-hour hotline telephone number of that NGO which also offers shelter services to victims of domestic violence. The above measures are meant to meet the needs of applicants who are victims of domestic violence so that they can obtain appropriate advice and assistance in a timely manner. In the circumstances, it is considered that the existing procedures for handling applications by victims of domestic violence are adequate and are working well.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB222**

Question Serial No.

0330

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The financial provision under this programme is increased from the 2010-11 revised estimate of \$622.0 m to the 2011-12 estimate of \$656.3 m (5.5%). Could the Administration provide details on the additional operating expenses involved?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

The information requested is as follows:

	\$'000
Salary	2,287
Allowances	15
Personnel Related Expenses	479
Departmental Expenses	627
Legal Aid Costs	30,972
Total	34,380

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB223**

Question Serial No.

2849

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information for questions (a) and (b) for the years from 2008 to 2010:

- (a) for cases involving a breach of the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance or an inconsistency with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Director may grant legal aid to an applicant even if his/her financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit. Please give the number of such cases and the amount of money involved; and
- (b) with respect to criminal cases, the Director may grant legal aid to an applicant even if his/her financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit. Please give the number of such cases and the amount of money involved.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The information requested for in (a) and (b) is as follows:

(a)		<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
(i)	No. of certificates granted	1	9	2
(ii)	No. of cases in (a)(i) concluded with accounts finalised	1	5 <sup>φ</sup>	Nil <sup>α</sup>
(iii)	Amount of legal aid costs involved for cases in (a)(ii)	\$0.24m	\$0.34m	Nil
	<sup>φ</sup> Five cases concluded with accounts finalised, and the other four cases still under litigation or pending costs to be resolved			
	<sup>α</sup> One case concluded leaving costs to be resolved, and the other case still under litigation			
(b)		<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
(i)	No. of certificates granted	17	24	25
(ii)	No. of cases in (b)(i) concluded with accounts finalised	16	20	8
(iii)	Amount of legal aid costs involved for cases in (b)(ii)	\$3.22m	\$1.92m	\$0.60m

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB224**

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0957

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2010, how many legal aid applications were related to insolvency matters? How many of the applicants did not pass the means test?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

In 2010, there were 171 legal aid applications relating to insolvency matters. Two applicants did not pass the means test.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB225**

Question Serial No.

2052

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1)    Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Estimates, it is expected that the non-directorate posts will be increased from 520 to 527 in 2011-12. Please provide information on the job nature and the reasons for the creation of these seven new posts. What will be the salary for each post?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The seven non-directorate posts to be created in 2011-12 are as follows:

1. two Legal Aid Counsel;
2. three Law Clerks; and
3. two Clerical Assistants.

The creation of the aforementioned posts is to cope with the expected increase in caseload arising from the implementation of the revised fee structure for criminal legal aid cases and the new measures resulting from the five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants.

The salary points of the above new posts are as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Salary Points on Master Pay Scale (MPS)</b>
Legal Aid Counsel	MPS Pt. 32 (\$46,490) – MPS Pt. 44 (\$74,675)
Law Clerk	MPS Pt. 8 (\$14,065) – MPS Pt. 26 (\$35,290)
Clerical Assistant	MPS Pt. 1 (\$9,040) – MPS Pt. 10 (\$15,875)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB226**

Question Serial No.

2053

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:      Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Estimates, there will be an estimated 15 directorate posts as at 31 March 2011 and as at 31 March 2012. Please provide information on the job nature of these posts and the reasons for the creation of such posts. What will be the salary for each post?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Estimates mentioned that there will be an estimated 15 directorate posts as at 31 March 2011 and as at 31 March 2012. We confirm that the Department already has an establishment of 15 directorate officers and that the number will remain unchanged at 15 in the coming financial year. There is therefore no creation of directorate posts for the Department in 2011-12.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

<b>HAB227</b>
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Question Serial No.

2054
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Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With respect to the directorate officers, Senior Legal Aid Counsel (SLAC), Legal Aid Counsel (LAC, excluding SLAC), and non-professional officers of the Legal Aid Department, please provide information on:

- (a) the number of the directorate officers;
- (b) the mid-point salary of the directorate officers;
- (c) the highest salary of the directorate officers;
- (d) the number of the SLAC;
- (e) the mid-point salary of the SLAC;
- (f) the highest salary of the SLAC;
- (g) the average number of cases handled by the SLAC annually;
- (h) the number of the LAC (excluding SLAC);
- (i) the mid-point salary of the LAC (excluding SLAC);
- (j) the highest salary of the LAC (excluding SLAC);
- (k) the average number of cases handled by the LAC (excluding SLAC) annually;
- (l) the number of the non-professional officers;
- (m) the mid-point salary of the non-professional officers; and
- (n) the highest salary of the non-professional officers.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply to (a) to (f), (h) to (j), and (l) to (n): The estimated number of posts, the mid-point salary and the highest salary of the respective ranks are as follows:

- (i) **Directorate Officers** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2011 : 15)

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Directorate (Legal) Pay Scale (DL) \$</b>	<b>Notional annual mid-point salary/Annual Salary \$</b>
Director of Legal Aid	DL6 174,450 (179,650)	2,155,800
Deputy Director of Legal Aid	DL3 137,200 (141,250) (145,350) (149,750)	1,744,200
Deputy Principal Legal Aid Counsel	DL2 117,950 (121,600) (125,250) (129,000)	1,503,000
Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel	DL1 99,400 (102,300) (105,450) (108,650)	1,265,400

Note 1 Figures in brackets represent increments

(ii) **Senior Legal Aid Counsel** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2011 : 26)

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Mid-point Salary (\$)</b>	<b>Highest Salary (\$)</b>
Senior Legal Aid Counsel	83,060	89,140

(iii) **Legal Aid Counsel** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2011 : 33)

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Mid-point Salary (\$)</b>	<b>Highest Salary (\$)</b>
Legal Aid Counsel	60,890	74,675

(iv) **Non-Professional Officers** (estimated number of posts as at 31 March 2011 : 461<sup>Note 2</sup>)

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Mid-point Salary (\$)</b>	<b>Highest Salary (\$)</b>
Senior Law Clerk I	55,640	60,890
Senior Law Clerk II	42,410	48,670
Law Clerk	24,255	35,290

<sup>Note 2</sup> Among the 461 non-professional officer posts, 160 belong to the Law Clerk Grade (35%) which is a departmental grade. The remaining 301 posts belong to 18 general and common grades including executive, clerical and secretarial grades, etc.

Reply to (g) and (k): The average number of cases handled by each LAC and SLAC annually is as follows:

405 cases per SLAC*	449 cases per LAC*
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\* Represents the number of cases processed in 2010. Professional officers, however, have other duties to perform e.g. monitoring cases following grant of legal aid, handling criminal, matrimonial and insolvency litigations.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB228**

Question Serial No.

2055

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1)    Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The number of applications received and processed shows a downward trend every year, in particular, the number of Legal Aid Certificate granted for civil cases decreased from 9 031 in 2009 to 8 263 in 2010. What are the reasons for the continuous increases in manpower and funding?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The increase in financial provision in 2011-12 is to meet mainly the increased salary requirement for the creation of three new posts (i.e. one Legal Aid Counsel, one Law Clerk and one Clerical Assistant). The three new posts are created to cope with the expected increase in caseload arising from the implementation of the new measures resulting from the five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB229**

Question Serial No.

2056

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1)    Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The damages/costs recovered from all civil cases shows an upward trend over the past two years, from approximately \$930m in 2009 to approximately \$1.07b in 2010, i.e. an increase of approximately \$140m (about 15%). Please provide information on the uses of the money recovered.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Costs recovered are used to reimburse the Department for costs incurred in the legally aided proceedings whereas damages are paid to the aided persons after deducting the costs and expenses incurred in the proceedings but not recovered from the opposite parties.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB230**

Question Serial No.

1070

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1)    Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As stated in last year's Policy Address, \$100m would be earmarked for expanding the coverage of the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme. Please list the specific uses of the fund in the new financial year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

As the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme is a self-financing legal assistance scheme, the \$100m injection is intended to provide the Supplementary Legal Aid Fund with additional financial buffer so as to maintain its sustainability when the coverage of the scheme is expanded.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB231**

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1089

Programme: (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In 2009-10 and 2010-11, how many applications for employees' compensation claims and/or negligence claims arising from injuries at work were received by the Legal Aid Department? Please provide a breakdown of the applications which have been accepted and refused.
- (b) In respect of the above applications, please provide a breakdown of the refusals by reasons.
- (c) For those applications that were refused on merits, the number of applicants that have appealed to the Registrar of the High Court and the number of appeals that were allowed?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

(a) and (b)

The number of legal aid applications received, accepted and refused in respect of negligence claims arising from injury at work or work-related injury, and the reasons for the refusals, are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Applications received	2 040	2 023
Applications accepted	1 198	1 223
Refusal	663	563
- on Means	162	137
- on Merits	486	414
- on Means and Merits	15	12

(c)

The number of appeals on merits and their outcome are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Appeal on Merits	105	122
- Allowed	1	1
- Dismissed	85	75
- Adjourned	0	9
- Withdrawn/Vacated	19	16
- Pending hearing	0	21

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB232**

Question Serial No.

0935

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:      Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Chief Executive announced in the policy address last year that the Government would earmark \$100m for injection into the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme Fund (SLAS Fund) when necessary to expand the Scheme to cover more types of cases. When will the \$100m be injected into the SLAS Fund?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The Administration will revert to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on its proposals for expansion of the scope of the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme in late March 2011. Subject to the outcome of the consultation, drafting of the legislative amendments to give effect to the proposals will take place as soon as practicable thereafter. The Administration will seek the Finance Committee's approval for injection of the \$100m into Supplementary Legal Aid Fund later in the year in 2011.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB233**

Question Serial No.

0936

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer:      Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2010-11, how much was paid by way of contributions towards the costs of legally aided proceedings by aided persons and what was the amount of contributions paid as a percentage of the legal costs incurred by the Legal Aid Department? Is there any plan to lower the rate of contribution from the aided persons to ease their burden? If yes, please provide the details. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

In 2010-11 (up to and including February 2011), the amount of contributions received from aided persons was \$17.3m involving 2 320 cases. However, as most if not all of these cases especially civil cases are still on-going, the Department is not in a position to provide the requested percentage ratio between the amount of contributions received and the amount of legal costs incurred. For information, the amount of legal costs incurred in respect of the corresponding period was \$457.881m.

The Department's record shows that in 2010, 73.3% of aided persons were not required to pay any contributions, 9.1% of aided persons paid contributions at \$1,000 and 6.1% at \$2,000. Given the low contributions paid by majority of aided persons, we have no plan to reduce it further for now.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB234**

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3205

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit of the Department:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the percentage change as compared with the actual expenditure for 2010-11? What are the reasons for the change in the expenditure?
- (b) What are the specific projects mainly covered under the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? Which of them are ongoing items and new items? What are the number of staff, expenses and implementation schedule of each item? Of the manpower involved in each item, what are the respective numbers of civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced service?
- (c) Whether funds have been reserved for promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access? If so, please provide information on the specific initiatives, including the titles, details, manpower, expenses and implementation schedules. If not, what are the reasons and will consideration be given to introduce the initiatives in future?
- (d) What are the permanent establishment, strength and vacancies of the Unit currently? Will additional manpower resources be allocated in the coming year? If so, how many additional posts will be created? What ranks will be involved? Will they be permanent posts? Will the new recruits be appointed on civil service terms? If not, what are the reasons?
- (e) Has a comprehensive review been conducted on the effectiveness of the Unit? If so, what are the findings of the review? What are the improvement measures introduced? If not, what are the reasons? And will a review be conducted in the future?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) for 2011-12 is \$14.5m, which is 1.4% higher than the expenditure for 2010-11. The increase is mainly due to salary increment.
- (b) The major on-going projects that are included in the departmental expenses for 2011-12 are listed below:

Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12			Estimated expenditure in 2011-12 (\$M)
	Civil service Staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider <small>(Note)</small>	
Support of Business Applications and Operations Support of Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure and Facilities Support of Business Strategy and Information Management	13	0	5	14.5

<sup>Note</sup> The staff are engaged under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

- (c) To enhance e-engagement with the public, the Department has reserved fund in 2011-12 for implementation of the following items:

Item	Number of staff involved	Estimated Expenditure (2011-12) (\$m)	Implementation schedule
(i) Electronic means test calculator for mobile phone	To be undertaken by existing Civil Service staff	0.33	July 2011
(ii) Expanding Phone Payment Service for payment of contributions by aided persons		0.25	November 2011

- (d) The permanent establishment, strength and vacancies of the Unit are as follows:

Grade	Existing Establishment	Strength	Vacancies
Analyst/Programmer	3	3	0
Computer Operator	1	1	0
Other grades	9	8	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>

The existing Senior Executive Officer vacancy is expected to be filled by April 2011. With reference to current work progress, the existing establishment is sufficient and there is no plan to allocate additional manpower resources to the Unit at this stage.

- (e) The Departmental IT Development Steering Committee monitors the effectiveness of the ITMU. The Steering Committee's functions include reviewing of the Unit's manpower resources and development plans, overseeing the quality and effectiveness of the IT service delivered. The Unit has been providing the Department with quality and effective IT service and support. The Steering Committee will continue to monitor the provision of services by the Unit.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB235**

Question Serial No.

2164

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1)    Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide details on the preparation work to be carried out by the Legal Aid Department in 2011-12 for relaxing the financial eligibility limit for the legal aid schemes and related improvements. What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

For the time being, the Department will create three non-directorate civil service posts (one Legal Aid Counsel, one Law Clerk and one Clerical Assistant) to cope with the expected increase in caseload.

Once the new financial eligibility limit and the other related improvements are put into effect, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of legal aid applications. However, it is not possible to make any meaningful forecast of the likely increase in applications as a result of the implementation. This is because neither the number of persons applying for legal aid would increase proportionately nor the need for litigation would arise automatically once more people become eligible for legal aid, as there is no direct correlation between eligibility and need for litigation. The Department will review the caseload after implementation, and may seek new resources if there is such need.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB236**

Question Serial No.

2900

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1)    Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With respect to the matters requiring special attention in 2011-12, it is stated that the Administration will relax the financial eligibility limits of the legal aid schemes. Would the Administration please advise on the rate of increase in the number of legal aid applications estimated by the Legal Aid Department as compared with that of the past three years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11)? What are the estimated additional manpower and expenditure required for handling new cases?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

Once the financial eligibility limit is relaxed, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of legal aid applications. However, it is not possible to make any meaningful forecast of the likely increase in applications as a result of the implementation. This is because neither the number of persons applying for legal aid would increase proportionately nor the need for litigation would arise automatically once more people become eligible for legal aid as there is no direct correlation between eligibility and need for litigation. The Department will create three non-directorate civil service posts (one Legal Aid Counsel, one Law Clerk and one Clerical Assistant) in 2011-12 to cope with the expected increase in caseload. The Department will review the caseload after implementation, and may seek new resources if there is such need.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16.3.2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB237**

Question Serial No.

3827

Head: 94 Legal Aid Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications

Controlling Officer:    Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau:    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With respect to “relaxing the financial eligibility limits of the legal aid schemes”, please advise on:

- a. the details and timetable for implementation;
- b. the estimated expenditure involved;
- c. the estimated increase in the number of applicants eligible for legal aid as a result of the relaxation; and
- d. how the Administration assess the effectiveness of the relaxation measure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The Administration will submit the relevant legislative amendments relating to the adjustments in the financial eligibility limit and the proposals for raising the level of deductible allowances and disregarding part of the savings of elderly applicants when assessing their financial resources to the Legislative Council in March 2011 and subject to the views of Members, the legislative amendments are expected to be put into effect in May 2011.

Once the new financial eligibility limit and the other related improvements are put into effect, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of legal aid applications. However, it is not possible to make any meaningful forecast of the likely increase in applications as a result of the implementation. This is because neither the number of persons applying for legal aid would increase proportionately nor the need for litigation would arise automatically once more people become eligible for legal aid as there is no direct correlation between eligibility and need for litigation.

While the proposals arising from the five-yearly review have yet to be implemented, it is anticipated that more people who hitherto did not qualify for legal aid will now become eligible and more cases will be covered.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16.3.2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB238**

Question Serial No.

1164

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- a. Regarding the greening work for vacant government sites, on how many sites was greening work implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2010-11? Please list by site the number of plants, area of greening and expenditure involved.
- b. Moreover, on which government sites will greening work be implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2011-12? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

- a. In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has conducted greening work at four vacant government sites covering a total area of about 0.3 hectares with about 10 000 plants. The expenditure incurred was \$0.16 million, details of which are as follows:

<b>Location of Vacant Government Site</b>	<b>Approx. Area (Hectare)</b>	<b>No. of Plant</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$ million)</b>
Shau Kei Wan Main Street East (Eastern)	0.03	3 000	0.02



<b>Location of Vacant Government Site</b>	<b>Approx. Area (Hectare)</b>	<b>No. of Plant</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$ million)</b>
Lung Cheung Road (Wong Tai Sin)	0.19	1 600	0.05
Ham Tin Village (Lantau)	0.02	1 000	0.02
Cheung Sha Beach (Lantau)	0.06	4 400	0.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>10 000</b>	<b>0.16</b>

- b. In 2011-12, the Department has already identified one suitable site for greening work and will continue to search for additional sites for such work. The estimated expenditure for greening the identified site is \$0.07 million.

<b>Location of Vacant Government Site</b>	<b>Approx. Area (Hectare)</b>	<b>No. of Plant</b>	<b>Estimated Project Cost (\$ million)</b>
Wing Ting Road (Wong Tai Sin)	0.07	5 000	0.07

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Reply Serial No.

**HAB239**

Question Serial No.

1165

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

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 2011-12 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will provide book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Which three MTR interchange stations will be provided with the above facilities?
- (b) What are the estimated number of people using the above facilities and the estimated number of books and library items to be collected each day?
- (c) How will the Administration tackle the problem concerning the evasion of fines by users who return overdue books and library items through the above facilities?
- (d) How long will the trial scheme last? Will additional resources and manpower be involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

- (a) The Department plans to launch a trial scheme of providing book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in the fourth quarter of 2011.

- (b) It is estimated that during the trial period, on average, about 2 000 patrons would use the facilities to return about 6 000 items each day.
- (c) Returned items from the MTR book-drops will be collected and checked in on a daily basis. Should there be items returned beyond their due dates, the overdue charges incurred will be registered on the concerned borrowers' records in the Library Automation System. The Department will issue notices to the readers to remind them of the overdue charges. The borrowing right of the readers will be suspended for unpaid outstanding overdue fines within 14 days from the date of issue of the "Payment Notice". Library staff will also remind the readers to settle the payment when the concerned readers turn up at the library counters to borrow or return library materials. Legal action will be considered on a case-by-case basis against the concerned readers to recover the outstanding fees.
- (d) The trial scheme will last for one year. A review will then be conducted to assess the public response to and effectiveness of the scheme, as well as the manpower and financial implications for long term implementation, based on which the Department will decide whether to continue with the scheme or to extend it to other major MTR interchange stations.

The scheme will incur an estimated expenditure of about \$5 million per annum, which are mainly costs of hiring logistics services for collecting, checking in, sorting and delivering the returned books back to the libraries. The Department will monitor the implementation of the trial scheme by its existing staff and therefore no additional manpower is required.

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**HAB240**

Question Serial No.

2501

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the enhancement of the Community Garden Programme, how many new community gardens has the Leisure and Cultural Services Department planned to provide in 2011-12? For each of the community gardens, please list the specific location, size and the estimated number of planting plots to be hired out.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

Currently, there are 21 community gardens in operation under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), of which the Jordan Valley Park Community Garden in Kwun Tong District was newly open in January 2011. The distribution and details of each community garden is at the Annex.

In 2011-12, a new community garden in Sai Kung District will be completed in February 2012. The site, with an area of about 2 200 square metres, is located at the Junction of Yuk Nga Lane and Po Fung Road, Tseung Kwan O. Upon completion, 40 planting plots of the size of 1.5m x 1.5m each will be available for hiring out. LCSD will continue to identify suitable existing and new sites to construct community gardens to meet the demand of the public.

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## Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB240

### Distribution of Community Gardens under LCSD

<u>Item</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Name of Community Garden</u>	<u>No. of Plots</u>
1	Southern	Ocean Park Road Community Garden	35
2	Southern	Ap Lei Chau Waterfront Promenade Community Garden	50
3	Central & Western	Central & Western District Community Garden	50
4	Wan Chai	Wan Chai Park Community Garden	16
5	Eastern	Wai Tsui Crescent Community Garden	50
6	Sham Shui Po	Fa Hui Park Community Garden	50
7	Yau Tsim Mong	Man Cheong Street Community Garden	90
8	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park Community Garden	30
9	Wong Tai Sin	Lion Rock Park Community Garden	55
10	Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Community Garden	50
11	Kwun Tong	Sau Ming Road Park Community Garden	30
12	Kwun Tong	Jordan Valley Park Community Garden	45
13	Islands	Tung Chung Community Garden	65
14	Tuen Mun	Tsing Tin Playground Community Garden	50
15	Yuen Long	Tin Sau Road Community Garden	60
16	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Park Community Garden	53
17	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fuk Road Community Garden	26
18	North	North District Park Community Garden	55
19	Tai Po	Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden	25
20	Sha Tin	Che Kung Miu Road Playground Community Garden	30
21	Sai Kung	Sheung Ning Playground Community Garden	35

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB241

Question Serial No.

1463

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration is preparing for the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community. Please inform this Committee of the details of the Test and the findings of the first Test.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Community Sports Committee of the Sports Commission recommended that a territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) should be conducted in Hong Kong every five years. The first PFT was completed in 2006 and the second PFT is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. Through the PFT, the Department aims to set up a database on the physical fitness of Hong Kong people; to identify the relationship between the physical exercise pattern and physical fitness of Hong Kong people and the priority measures to enhance the overall physical fitness of the public; as well as to give individual participants a general understanding of their own physical fitness condition.

The PFT comprises two parts, a questionnaire survey and a physical fitness test. Target participants are Hong Kong citizens aged between three and 69, categorised into five age groups - infants (aged 3-6), children (7-12), adolescents (13-19), adults (20-59)

and the elderly (60-69). The sample size is about 10 000, drawn at random from 18 districts.

The estimated budget for the second PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity.

The findings of the first PFT conducted in 2005-06 reflected a general trend of deterioration in physical fitness of the participants starting from the age of 30 onwards. The test results indicated that the frequency and intensity of physical activity were significantly associated with the participants' level of physical fitness. They also indicated that the majority of the participants did not engage in enough physical activities. Besides, the habits of parents, in particular fathers, had a great deal of influence on how frequently their children exercise. Also, the effect of smoking on physical fitness was reflected in the test results. The results also showed that cycling and various ball games were the most popular physical activities among toddlers while swimming and ball games were children's and juveniles' favourites. Adults, on the other hand, preferred walking and running.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB242**

Question Serial No.

1464

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The actual average usage rates of natural turf pitches in both 2009 and 2010 were as high as 100%, much more than the respective 75% and 73% of artificial turf pitches. Has the Administration studied and analysed the above figures for use as indicators in planning the number of natural or artificial turf pitches in future?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The average usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches are calculated on the basis of the total number of sessions available for use by hirers. Due to the need to maintain the grass surface in a playable condition, natural turf pitches can only provide 60 sessions a month for hiring; whereas artificial turf pitches, which require less frequent maintenance, can provide a total of 270 sessions a month, i.e., more than four times those of the natural turf pitches. As a result of the much larger number of sessions available for hiring including sessions during non-peak hours, the overall average usage rate for artificial turf pitches is generally lower than that of natural turf pitches. However, the usage rate of artificial turf pitches at peak hours is nearly 100% which reflects a strong public demand for such facilities.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently provides 15 third generation (3G) artificial turf pitches for public use. Given that artificial turf pitches



offer more sessions for public use than natural turf pitches due to less need for maintenance and that a 3G artificial turf pitch, whose performance is on a par with a natural turf pitch, is welcomed by the public, LCS D plans to provide 21 new third generation artificial turf pitches in the coming years of which, 18 will be converted from existing pitches and three will be built under capital works projects. The strategy of building more artificial turf pitches is also recommended by the football consultancy commissioned by the Home Affairs Bureau, as this will allow more opportunities for training and competition of the sport.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB243**

Question Serial No.

1466

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the past two years, the average usage rate of tennis courts stood at 58% only. Has the Administration adopted a suitable marketing approach to promote the utilisation of tennis courts?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department keeps the usage of sports facilities under review and will continue to introduce measures to enhance the utilisation of its facilities. As far as tennis courts are concerned, the Department organises promotional activities including fun days, training courses and competitions to promote usage, and distributes promotional materials and liaises with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.

The usage rate of tennis courts has increased gradually, from 51% in 2007 to 58% in 2010. The Department will continue to encourage more organisations such as local community groups and sports organisations to use the tennis courts. In addition, the Department will, in consultation with the District Councils, consider converting sports facilities with lower usage into other types of facilities with a view to meeting the demands of users.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB244**

Question Serial No.

1467

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

A Sport for All Day was organised on 8 August 2010 to provide free sports programmes and facilities for members of the public to enjoy. Please inform this Committee of the total number of people who participated in the programmes or used the facilities free of charge on that day.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department organised the “Sport for All Day” on 8 August 2010. More than 27 000 people participated in the free sports programmes and over 164 000 people used the facilities free of charge on that day.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB245**

Question Serial No.

1468

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Administration consider opening all its recreation and sports facilities regularly each year for public use free of charge?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department organised the “Sport for All Day” on 8 August 2010. More than 27 000 people participated in the free sports programmes and over 164 000 people used the facilities free of charge on that day. The Department will take into account the experience gained when considering the need for organising similar events to promote participation in sport and the use of facilities in future.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB246**

Question Serial No.

1469

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many parks in the territory allow users to bring their dogs along? Please list the locations of these parks.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

At present, 20 leisure venues under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are provided with pet gardens. A list of venues is in the **Annex**.

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**List of Pet Gardens under the Management of  
the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

	<b>District</b>	<b>Name of the Venue</b>
1.	Central & Western	Victoria Peak Garden
2.		Central and Western District Promenade (Sheung Wan Section)
3.	Southern	Sitting-out area at Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre
4.	Wan Chai	Tai Hang Drive Sitting-out Area
5.	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park
6.	Yau Tsim Mong	Yau Tsim Mong Pet Garden
7.	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Chung Castle Peak Road Sitting-out Area
8.		Jockey Club Hing Shing Road Playground
9.		Tsing Yu Street Garden
10.		Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden
11.	North	Po Wing Road Sitting-out Area
12.	Tsuen Wan	Sham Tsz Street Playground
13.		Wo Yi Hop Road Garden
14.		Tsuen Wan Park
15.	Sha Tin	Ma On Shan Sai Sha Road Pet Garden
16.	Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Park
17.	Islands	Tung Chung North Park
18.	Yuen Long	Town Park North Children's Playground
19.	Eastern	North Point Promenade
20.	Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok Park

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB247**

Question Serial No.

1470

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Since dog gardens are not available in some districts, will the Administration consider increasing the number of dog gardens for the convenience of the local community?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides 20 pet gardens which allow dog owners to bring in their dogs. LCSD plans to identify suitable sites for providing additional pet gardens to meet the needs of dog owners. In doing so, LCSD will consult the District Councils.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB248**

Question Serial No.

1471

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

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 amount of subvention provided by the Administration to national sports associations and sports organisations respectively in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to national sports associations and sports organisations through the Sports Subvention Scheme. The subventions provided in the past three years, i.e., 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows-

Year	Total Subvention (\$ million)
2008-09	181
2009-10	186
2010-11	213

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB249**

Question Serial No.

1472

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many leisure and sports activities were organised by national sports associations and subvented sports organisations respectively in the past three years, i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? How many people participated in these activities?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The total number of leisure and sports programmes organised by the national sports associations and sports organisations which were subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department under the Sports Subvention Scheme, as well as the total number of participants in these programmes in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows -

Year	No. of Programmes	No. of Participants
2008-09	10 300	715 000
2009-10	10 400	715 500
2010-11	10 700	724 600

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**HAB250**

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

1487

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural      Subhead :  
Services Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many special guided tours did the Administration arrange for the public for the “River of Wisdom - Animated Version of the Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival” exhibition held in 2010? How many people attended the exhibition during the exhibition period? Given that the exhibition was exceptionally well-received, and many people could not get a ticket because the tickets were sold out shortly after they were put on sale, will the Administration consider staging the exhibition in Hong Kong again?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The *River of Wisdom – Animated Version of the Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival* exhibition held in November 2010 had attracted about 930 000 visitors. A total of 3 474 guided tours have been conducted during the period to enable the public to appreciate the exhibition more fully. The Department has no plan to stage this exhibition in Hong Kong again in the near future, but will continue to bring in more blockbuster exhibitions on Chinese arts and culture to Hong Kong for public enjoyment.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB251**

Question Serial No.

1488

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration plans to carry out a pilot test on Radio Frequency Identification technology in libraries. What are the details of the pilot test? What is the estimated expenditure? When will the test be commenced and completed?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Department plans to carry out a pilot test on the application of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology at six libraries by end of 2011. The pilot test will last for six months for completion in June 2012. Major library operations under an RFID environment such as self-service of lending and returning of library materials, book sorting, shelving and inventory management of library items, etc. will be tested. The estimated non-recurrent cost for the pilot test is around HK\$36 million and the estimated recurrent cost is about HK\$2.2 million per year. The Department will closely monitor user feedback and public acceptance of the new service mode and revised work procedures during the pilot period.

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**HAB252**

Question Serial No.

1489

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the provision of book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis, please inform this Committee of the names of the three interchange stations, the commencement date of the trial scheme and its duration. Will the Administration consider launching the scheme at all MTR stations?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Department plans to launch a trial scheme on book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in the fourth quarter of 2011. A review will be conducted one year after its implementation to examine the effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications, so as to decide whether the scheme could be extended to other major MTR interchange stations.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB253**

Question Serial No.

0111

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the expenditures of the Venue Partnership Scheme in 2009 and 2010, the estimated provision for the Scheme for 2011, and whether there are any plans to extend the Scheme to private theatres/establishments/the Hong Kong Creative Arts Centre/the black box theatres in industrial buildings.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) is now being implemented in 11 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) involving 20 performing arts groups (Venue Partners). The actual and estimated expenditure on the VPS during the current three-year cycle from 2009-10 to 2011-12 is \$35,752,857, \$36,210,026 and \$36,567,791 respectively. A breakdown of the funding support provided to individual Venue Partners by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) (for the nine Venue Partners which are major performing groups receiving annual subvention from HAB) and LCSD (for the 11 Venue Partners which are medium and small-sized performing groups) is at Annex.

The VPS aims to facilitate and encourage performing arts groups of different sizes to make the best use of LCSD's venues to support their artistic pursuits and develop the artistic characteristics of the individual venues. The Administration welcomes private

venue operators to collaborate with arts groups in similar ways that may suit their management and development objectives.

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**Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) – Expenditures (2009-10 to 2011-12)****A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)**

Venue		Venue Partner	Expenditure (VPS-related only) (\$)		
			[Note 1]		
			2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Estimates)	2011-12 (Estimates)
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	1,775,830	1,775,830	1,775,830
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	1,538,963	1,538,963	1,538,963
		(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	2,577,050	2,577,050	2,577,050
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	3,012,558	3,012,558	3,012,558
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	1,916,088	1,916,088	1,916,088
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	1,241,000	1,241,000	1,241,000
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	1,630,080	1,630,080	1,630,080
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	2,054,452	2,054,452	2,054,452
5.	Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	790,000	790,000	790,000
Sub-total (A) :			16,536,021	16,536,021	16,536,021

**B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)**

Venue		Venue Partner	Expenditure (\$) [Note 2]		
			2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Estimates)	2011-12 (Estimates)
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	1,818,187	1,810,045	1,810,000
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	1,520,662	1,390,400	1,390,000
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	1,322,192	1,242,739	1,313,580
		(ii) Whole Theatre	1,748,677	2,070,103	2,015,840
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	2,017,139	1,390,500 [Note 3]	1,615,570

Venue	Venue Partner	Expenditure (\$) [Note 2]			
		2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Estimates)	2011-12 (Estimates)	
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	1,510,202	1,610,148	1,746,510
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	2,977,979	3,317,500	3,860,570
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	1,722,605	1,904,000	1,749,190
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	1,149,428	1,204,770	1,247,510
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	2,425,917	2,277,200	1,821,000
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	1,003,848	1,456,600	1,462,000
Sub-total (B) :			19,216,836	19,674,005	20,031,770
Total (A) + (B) :			35,752,857	36,210,026	36,567,791

Note 1: Additional funding from HAB to these subvented companies covers hire charges in using LCSD venues, programme fees for VPS-related activities and staff cost.

Note 2: Funding support from LCSD, covering notional hire charges (charges incurred by the Venue Partner from free use of hiring units at the partnering venue), notional URBTIX charges and annual programme fee (not exceeding \$1 million per group/consortium).

Note 3: The relatively low estimated expenditure for 2010-11 by W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre is due to the presentation of re-run programmes which incurred less expenditure.



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HAB254

Question Serial No.

0199

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the expenditure on promoting Cantonese opera performances, the box office receipts of these performances, the age group statistics of the audience, the attendance statistics of expatriate audience, and the number of audience members who were complimentary ticket holders in 2009 and 2010.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

In 2009-10 and 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) set aside \$18 million and \$19 million respectively for organising and sponsoring more than 550 Cantonese opera activities each year, including ticketed performances, audience building and educational activities, free entertainment programmes and exhibitions. The box office receipts are around \$13.5 million and \$11.2 million in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. The higher box office receipts in 2009-10 was mainly due to the presentation of two special Cantonese Operatic Songs Gala Concerts by Cantonese Opera Masters from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao at the Hong Kong Coliseum in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China, and that there is no similar scale of performances held in 2010-11.

While the Department has not gathered statistics on the attendance figures of expatriate audience and audience profile by age groups, it is noticed that the above-mentioned programmes were attended by people of different age groups, ranging from children and young people who participated in the audience building and educational activities, to largely adults, the elderly and foreigners who attended the stage performances.

The total number of complimentary tickets issued in respect of the Cantonese opera performances organised and sponsored by LCSD in 2009-10 was around 4 500, accounting for 2.8% of the total seating capacity of the 187 ticketed performances (with 159 600 seats).

The total number of complimentary tickets issued in 2010-11 is around 3 400, accounting for 2.1% of the total seating capacity of the 193 ticketed performances (with 158 400 seats).

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB255**

Question Serial No.

1167

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Starting from September 2009, the staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have been authorised to issue fixed penalty notices to people smoking in prohibited areas under their purviews. Regarding the LCSD's enforcement work in this aspect in 2009 and 2010, please provide the numbers of:

- a. complaints received;
- b. inspections initiated;
- c. joint inspections conducted with the Tobacco Control Office; and
- d. prosecutions instituted.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

- a. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) received a total of 53 and 206 complaints concerning illegal smoking in its venues in 2009 and 2010 respectively;

- b. LCSD initiated 102 and 301 inspections at its venues to combat illegal smoking in 2009 and 2010 respectively. It is part of the daily duties of LCSD's venue staff to combat illegal smoking in their responsible venues, issuing verbal warnings or fixed penalty notices to smoking offenders as necessary;
- c. LCSD had conducted one joint inspection with the Tobacco Control Office in 2009 and seven in 2010; and
- d. LCSD had issued one fixed penalty notice to smoking offenders in 2009 and 16 in 2010. In addition, one summons was taken out against a smoking offender in 2009 and one in 2010.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB256**

Question Serial No.

0727

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural      Subhead :  
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Considering that the Administration will continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities, what measures will be taken to achieve this goal and what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The usage rates of the recreation and sports facilities under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are generally high especially during peak hours. For example, the peak-hour usage rates of natural turf pitches, artificial turf pitches and indoor sports centres in 2009-10 were 100%, 95% and 92% respectively. To increase the utilisation of selected facilities during non-peak hours, LCSD will continue to allow free use of sports facilities for schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations during non-peak hours (i.e., from opening till 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June in the following year). Moreover, persons with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary fees in the use of sports facilities. The Department also organises promotional activities including fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities and distributes promotional materials, and liaises with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.

All the above measures have been carried out through the deployment of existing resources.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB257**

Question Serial No.

0728

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will implement the Physical Fitness Test for the Community endorsed by the Sports Commission. When will it be conducted? What is the estimated number of people to be benefited? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. The sample size is about 10 000, drawn at random from 18 districts.

The estimated budget for the PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB258**

Question Serial No.

0729

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will encourage schools to participate in school greening activities through the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme and the Greening School Subsidy Scheme. What are the expenditures involved? What are the details of the schemes?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

Both the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme (OPOFS) and Greening School Subsidy Scheme (GSSS) organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) aim to promote a green culture among students, cultivate their interest in growing plants and raise their awareness on greening. All registered local schools and kindergartens have been invited to join the two schemes.

For schools and kindergartens which participate in OPOFS, their students will be provided with plant seedlings and seeds for growing at home or at school. Talks on growing the plant for that year will also be arranged for school teachers.

For schools which participate in GSSS, they are encouraged through cash subsidies to carry out campus greening projects and organise greening activities



for students. LCSD will arrange lecturers to visit the participating schools, advise them on the proposed greening school projects and monitor the implementation. Adjudication of the greening projects will be arranged and Greening School Project Award will be presented to the winning schools.

The estimated expenditures for implementing the OPOFS and GSSS in 2011-12 are \$0.5 million and \$4.4 million respectively.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB259**

Question Serial No.

0730

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise an exhibition “Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution” at the Hong Kong Museum of History and an international conference in collaboration with various cultural and educational institutions to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1911 Revolution. How many cultural institutions are expected to participate in the event? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The exhibition *Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution* is jointly organised with the Hubei Provincial Museum at a total estimated expenditure of \$1.98 million.

The *International Conference on the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution* will be jointly organised with the Department of History of the Hong Kong Baptist University and the Modern Chinese History Society of Hong Kong in collaboration with the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture, the Sun Yat-sen Education and Charity Foundation, and the Sun Yat-sen University. The estimated expenditure for the conference is \$200,000 which will be shared by the cultural institutions concerned.

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**HAB260**

Question Serial No.

0731

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise a blockbuster exhibition of “Pixar: 25 Years of Animation” at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in 2011. What kind of exhibition is it? When will it be held this year? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The “Pixar: 25 Years of Animation” exhibition will showcase the boundless imagination and the vast collection of conceptual works of Pixar Animation Studios. It will feature over 400 items of works drawn from the archives of Pixar Animation Studios including original artworks in various media, maquettes, early animated short films, and one-of-a-kind media installations created by Pixar’s technical artists. Visitors will be taken on a behind-the-scenes journey to see the artistic creation of global blockbusters such as Toy Story, A Bug’s Life, Toy Story 2, Monsters Inc., Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, Cars, Ratatouille, WALL • E, Up and Toy Story 3.

The exhibition will be held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum from 28 March 2011 to 11 July 2011. The cost of the exhibition is estimated at \$6.5 million.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

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HAB261

Question Serial No.

1222

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consumption of water for horticulture and amenities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Administration inform this Committee of the overall water consumption and expenditure on water charges in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11); and the estimated proportions of water used for watering plants in the overall water consumption and total expenditure on water charges? What measures will be taken by the Administration to reduce the consumption of water in watering plants (such as by reducing the number of watering times in rainy days)?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Despite the increase in facilities and vegetation maintained by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) each year, the Department continues to reduce water consumption. The total water consumption of LCSD over the past three years has decreased from 11.88 million cubic meters in 2007-08 and 11.81 million cubic meters in 2008-09 to 11.50 million cubic meters in 2009-10. As LCSD has not installed separate water meters to record water consumption specifically for the purpose of watering plants, the Department has no information showing the proportion of water consumed for this purpose. Nonetheless, the Department is aware of the fact that while watering is essential for healthy growth of vegetation, over-watering will result in

wastage and cause damage and problems to the plants. To ensure effective watering and to optimise water consumption, the Department has provided guidelines for staff and horticultural maintenance contractors to carry out watering duties and reminded them to refrain from watering on rainy days or when the soil moisture is saturated. Besides, the Department also works with other departments to explore ways to reduce water consumption, such as stepping up inspections of irrigation systems to avoid water leakage and using reclaimed water for irrigation.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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HAB262

Question Serial No.

1223

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consumption of electricity at the recreational and sports venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Administration inform this Committee of the total electricity consumption and expenditure on electricity in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? What measures will be taken by the Administration to save energy and reduce the expenditure on electricity at these venues?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The total electricity consumption and expenditure at the recreation and sports venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the estimated consumption and expenditure in 2010-11 are as follows:

Year	Electricity Consumption (Kwh)	Electricity Expenditure (\$ million)
2008-09	230 198 862	231
2009-10	239 182 392	237
2010-11 (estimated)	242 429 000	242

The increase in electricity consumption and expenditure is due to the increase in the number of recreation and sports venues managed by LCSD in recent years. Major facilities opened in 2009 included the Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground, Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre, Ngau Chi Wan Park (Phase I), Sai Kung Waterfront Park, Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park and Bisney Road Children's Playground; and those opened in 2010 included the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park, Po Kong Village Road Park (Phase I), Tsing Yi Northeast Park, Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch, Jordan Valley Park, Tung Chung North Park, Ma On Shan Promenade, Ngau Chi Wan Park (Phase II) and Kwun Tong Promenade.

LCSD continues to make its best endeavour to reduce energy consumption. With the assistance of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, LCSD has installed energy-saving air-conditioning and lighting systems in its recreation and sports venues. These devices include T-5 fluorescent tubes and telephone remote control lighting systems which can turn off the floodlights of outdoor ball courts during inclement weather. LCSD will also remove excessive fluorescent tubes, and natural light will be utilised for illumination purposes wherever feasible.

In addition, the Department reminds its staff regularly of the need to implement energy saving measures at venues wherever possible. These include, among other things, maintaining the temperature at 23°C for the sports area and 25.5°C for non-sports areas in sports venues, as well as switching off electrical appliances, lighting and air-conditioning systems of venues immediately when they are not in use.

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**HAB263**

Question Serial No.

1224

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

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 2011-12 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “re-open four beaches in Tsuen Wan which have been closed due to poor water quality”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the progress of the water quality improvement work for the four beaches, the timetable for their re-opening, and the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

According to the water quality monitoring tests carried out by the Environmental Protection Department during the bathing season from March to October 2010, the water quality of the seven closed beaches in Tsuen Wan has further improved and all beaches complied with the water quality objective for bathing water. Taking into account the lead time for installing new ancillary beach facilities and making necessary improvement works, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will re-open the seven closed beaches in two phases. In the first phase, four beaches, namely, Approach Beach, Lido Beach, Casam Beach and Hoi Mei Wan Beach, will be re-opened in 2011-12.



It is estimated that about \$13 million is required to meet the operating and staff cost arising from the re-opening of these four beaches, involving the creation of 25 new civil service posts and the expenditure on installation of shark prevention nets, provision of rescue equipment, electricity, cleansing services and maintenance of equipment.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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**HAB264**

Question Serial No.

1225

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

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 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “continue to implement the follow-up action plan endorsed by the Sports Commission on the ‘Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities’...”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the follow-up action plan and the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Based on the results and recommendations of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has formulated a five-year action plan for implementation in two phases. Phase 1, which aimed to promote the findings of the Study to various stakeholders, including the District Councils, schools, national sports associations (NSAs), district sports associations and district organisations, was implemented from mid 2009 to late 2010. The Department has produced various promotional materials including an Announcement of Public Interest and a “Know your Physical Activity Level” booklet to promote the importance and benefits of regular participation in sports and physical activities.

Commencing in mid 2010, the Phase 2 work focuses on reviewing the current provision of leisure facilities and the combination of recreation and sports activities having regard to the outcome of the Study. To encourage people of different ages to participate in sports and physical activities regularly, the Department is working closely with the NSAs to develop more diversified sports and physical activities. For example, parent-child activities have been introduced in August 2010 to encourage adults to participate in sports and physical activities together with their children; and less formal and less physically demanding activities such as jogging and walking will be organised for the middle-aged and the working population. The Department will also monitor the usage rates of sports facilities, gauge public demand and identify suitable sites for providing more leisure and sports facilities having regard to the outcome of the Study.

In 2010-11, a total of \$5 million was provided under the Funds of Diversified Community Activities for LCSD to implement the Phase 1 promotional and publicity work. Besides, LCSD has set aside \$3.6 million from 2010-11 onwards for organising new recreational and sports programmes in 18 districts targeted at middle-aged people. All the follow-up actions are implemented through internal deployment of LCSD's existing manpower.

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**HAB265**

Question Serial No.

1226

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

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 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “implement the Physical Fitness Test for the Community endorsed by the Sports Commission”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details and scope of the above project, the districts where the Test will be conducted, the target groups of the Test and the application of the relevant findings, as well as the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Community Sports Committee (CSC) of the Sports Commission recommended that a territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) should be conducted in Hong Kong every five years. The first PFT was completed in 2006 and the second PFT is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. Through the PFT, the Department aims to set up a database on the physical fitness of Hong Kong people; to identify the relationship between the physical exercise pattern and physical fitness of Hong Kong people and the priority measures to enhance the overall physical fitness of the public; as well as to give the individual participants a general understanding of their own physical fitness condition.

The PFT comprises two parts, a questionnaire survey and a physical fitness test. Target participants are Hong Kong citizens aged between three and 69, categorised into five age groups - infants (aged 3-6), children (7-12), adolescents (13-19), adults (20-59) and the elderly (60-69). The sample size is about 10 000, drawing from 18 districts by random sampling.

The estimated budget for the second PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity.

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**HAB266**

Question Serial No.

1227

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

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 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “strengthen the channels for booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through further enhancement to the computerised booking system”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the respective percentage changes regarding the booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through the computerised system and in person; whether any assessments have been conducted on the effectiveness of the computerised booking system; whether complaints, including those related to the operation of the system, have been received; and the savings in resources and manpower resulted from the application of the computerised booking system?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure Link System (LLS) provides a computerised service for the public to book sports facilities and enrol in sports programmes through four channels, namely, booking counters, telephone, the Internet and self-service kiosks. The overall usage of LLS in 2010 was over 5.2 million, representing a 3% increase over that in 2009. The usage of the three non-counter channels (i.e. Internet, self-service kiosks and telephone)

increased by about 9% in 2010 when compared to that in 2009, while the number of bookings made at the counters has decreased by about 3% during the same period.

The Department has received public feedback that congestion has occurred between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. due to the large number of people making bookings through LLS during that period. To address this problem, the Department plans to upgrade the LLS with a view to enhancing the capacity and efficiency of the system to meet public demand.

Savings in manpower and resources from operating the LLS can only be achieved through closing the counter services. However, given the continuous demand for counter services especially by hirers who do not use or have access to computers, the Department has not been able to close the counters. Nevertheless, the Department will explore ways to optimise the use of resources and manpower upon the completion of the LLS enhancement project by 2013.

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**HAB267**

Question Serial No.

1302

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the services provided by the Hong Kong Space Museum, there are views from the public that the exhibits in the two exhibition galleries of the Museum (the Hall of Astronomy and the Hall of Space Science) are rather outdated (with the exception of some exhibits on Chinese aerospace science and technology) and are frequently out of order. The information on space science and technology is behind the times (for instance, Pluto, which has already been identified as a dwarf planet in the Solar System, is still shown as one of the nine planets; and the name “Soviet Union” is still shown on the globe in display). Furthermore, there is a serious lack of interactive exhibits, and no guided tour services are provided. The exhibition galleries of the Museum compare unfavourably with their overseas counterparts in every aspect. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the annual operating expenditure of the Museum in the past three years, and how much of it was used for developing and designing new exhibits? What are the longest, the shortest and the average period of time the exhibits have been displayed? How does the Museum ensure that the space knowledge, information and exhibits are up to date? Will the Museum consider improving and upgrading the facilities of the exhibition galleries on a full scale by making reference to the design of similar galleries overseas or collaborating with relevant institutions overseas (such as NASA)? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The operational expenses and expenses on exhibitions of the Hong Kong Space Museum in the past three years are summarised as follows:



	Operational expenses (including salary, departmental expenses and other charges)	Expenses on exhibitions (including design and fabrication of exhibits)
2008-09	\$36.7 million	\$1.5 million
2009-10	\$41.2 million	\$5.4 million
2010-11 (up to February 2011)	\$38.9 million	\$3.7 million

The oldest and most recent exhibits of the Hong Kong Space Museum currently on display were produced in 1990 and 2010 respectively. The average duration of display of the exhibits is about 18 years.

Indeed, the Museum updates its exhibits and panels of the permanent exhibitions from time to time. For instance, an exhibit on asteroid (3297) Hong Kong was produced in 2000, a cosmic ray telescope exhibit was introduced in 2001, the training suit worn by Shenzhou 5 crew member Yang Liwei was added in 2003, a model of the Shenzhou spacecraft and exhibits relating the development of Chinese space technology were installed in 2004, a new exhibit on the solar system was introduced in 2005, exhibit panels on the new status of the dwarf planet Pluto were updated in 2006, a prototype wifi exhibit positioning and guiding system was developed in 2010 to enable visitors to obtain more information about the exhibits using smart phones etc. Two new interactive exhibits on gravity and photoelectric effect using the latest multi-touch technology would be incorporated in the Museum in late 2011.

In addition to permanent exhibitions, to provide visitors with latest knowledge and information on space and astronomy, the Hong Kong Space Museum staged over 10 thematic exhibitions in the past three years at its foyer. For instance, a temporary exhibition titled “Shenzhou 7 China’s First Spacewalk” was displayed in 2008 to commemorate the launching of Shenzhou 7 and a temporary exhibition titled “Chang’e-2 Lunar Mission” was displayed in 2010 to complement the launching of Chang’e-2 spacecraft.

The Finance Committee has approved a provision of \$32 million in 2008 for a complete renewal of all the exhibits in the permanent exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Tender specifications for the design of the exhibits are being prepared making reference to overseas examples of the latest astronomy and space science exhibits. The tender will be issued soon to invite qualified exhibit consultants from all over the world to develop and design the new exhibits.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Reply Serial No.

**HAB268**

Question Serial No.

1303

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The fact that over 55 000 runners participated in the Hong Kong Marathon this year reflects the popularity of long distance running among members of the public. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee whether the Government has earmarked resources for studying the benefits marathon events in different parts of the world could bring in terms of enhancing public awareness of sports, building up a city's image and promoting tourism, as well as the modes of support for marathon events rendered by governments around the world; and draw a comparison with local experience? Given the increasing popularity of long distance running, will the Government explore and implement relevant support measures, and provide more facilities to further promote "Sport for All" and public awareness of sports? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Hong Kong Marathon has been organised by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA), the national sports association for athletics, since 1997 with the support of various government departments including the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). In the course of planning the event, the Organising Committee set up by the HKAAA has made reference to the experience of similar events held

overseas with a view to making continual improvements and ensuring successful organisation of the event.

Currently, LCSD provides 118 jogging and athletic tracks in 18 districts for members of the public to do jogging, one of the most popular physical activities practised by Hong Kong people. Another three jogging tracks under planning and construction will be opened in the next few years. In addition, having regard to the outcome of the Study on "Sport for All - the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities", LCSD is working with the relevant national sports associations to launch new programmes to promote walking and jogging in 2011-12. For example, the Department will designate walking tracks with ancillary facilities (e.g., distance signage, energy consumption indicators) in 18 districts to encourage people's interest in walking and jogging.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB269**

Question Serial No.

1304

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, it is noted that jogging tracks surfaced with standard vibration-absorbing materials help reduce foot injuries to joggers. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the locations of all the jogging tracks (including those provided in parks and other outdoor venues) presently managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and their respective lengths; the length and percentage of jogging tracks which are surfaced with standard vibration-absorbing materials out of all the jogging tracks; and the respective lengths of jogging tracks using and without using standard vibration-absorbing materials in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? Will the Administration consider upgrading all the old jogging tracks by resurfacing them with standard vibration-absorbing materials in phases? If not, what are the reasons? Will the Administration consider requiring all new jogging tracks to be surfaced with standard vibration-absorbing materials? If not, what are the reasons? Will the Administration consider resurfacing the new jogging track around the turf of the Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground, for which the existing vibration-absorbing materials used are way sub-standard and too thin?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) now provides 93 designated jogging tracks, of which 42 tracks (42% in terms of the total length of jogging tracks) are provided with vibration-absorbing materials with a total length of about 18 000 metres while the remaining 51 tracks with a total length of about 25 000 metres are not made from vibration-absorbing materials. The list of venues provided with designated jogging tracks is at Annex I.

The Department has adopted the use of vibration-absorbing materials in planning new projects since 2008, and this material has also been used and will be used to replace existing jogging tracks without vibration-absorbing materials when these tracks are due for replacement. Details of jogging tracks provided by LCSD in the past three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11 are at Annex II.

As regards the walking trail at Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground, the trail was constructed with the funding support of the Sham Shui Po District Council and was opened in January 2011 to meet the demand of elderly people for leisure walking. The surface of the trail has been paved with synthetic material (15 mm in thickness) which is commonly used for leisure walking.

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**List of Jogging Tracks with Vibration Absorbing Materials  
under the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks (metres)</b>
Wan Chai	1. Happy Valley Recreation Ground 2. Green Lane Service Reservoir Sitting-out Area	1 059 255
Eastern	1. Victoria Park 2. Quarry Bay Park 3. Siu Sai Wan Road Garden 4. Shau Kei Wan Service Reservoir Playground 5. Chai Wan Park	625 640 270 208 300
Southern	1. Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park	400
Yau Tsim Mong	1. Yau Ma Tei Service Reservoir Rest Garden 2. Lok Kwan Street Park 3. Cherry Street Park	270 296 187
Sham Shui Po	1. Cornwall Street Park 2. Po On Road Playground 3. Sham Shui Po Park	258 150 400
Kowloon City	1. Kowloon Tsai Park 2. Junction Road Park	550 265
Wong Tai Sin	1. Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground 2. Morse Park (Park No. 1) 3. Po Kong Village Road Park 4. Ngau Chi Wan Park (Upper platform) (Middle platform)	220 270 650 210 300
Kwun Tong	1. Laguna Park 2. Shun Lee Tsuen Park 3. Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground 4. Shun Lee Tsuen Playground 5. Jordan Valley Park (four tracks)	430 420 498 130 120 275 350 370

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks (metres)</b>
Islands	1. Tung Chung North Park	200
Tuen Mun	1. Wu Shan Riverside Park 2. Butterfly Beach Park	600 200
Tai Po	1. Tai Po Waterfront Park (Phase I) Tai Po Waterfront Park (Phase II)	480 680
Yuen Long	1. Dragon Park 2. Tin Sau Road Park	350 245
Tsuen Wan	1. Tsuen Wan Park Phase II	1 300
Kwai Tsing	1. Tsing Yi Promenade 2. Tsing Yi Northeast Park	300 277
North	1. Wai Ming Street Garden	350
Sha Tin	1. Ma On Shan Promenade	2 000
Sai Kung	1. Sheung Ning Playground	500
<b>Total</b>		<b>17 858</b>

**List of Jogging Tracks without Using Vibration Absorbing Materials  
under the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks (metres)</b>
Central and Western	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harlech Road Fitness Trail</li> <li>2. Magazine Gap Service Reservoir Playground</li> <li>3. Mt. Austin Playground</li> <li>4. Belcher Bay Park</li> </ol>	<p>246</p> <p>116</p> <p>221</p> <p>392</p>
Wan Chai	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bowen Road Fitness Trail</li> </ol>	3 000
Eastern	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cloud View Road Service Reservoir Playground</li> <li>2. Aldrich Bay Playground</li> </ol>	<p>250</p> <p>100</p>
Southern	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir Playground</li> <li>2. Wong Nai Chung Reservoir Park Fitness Trail</li> <li>3. Wong Chuk Hang Service Reservoir Rest Garden</li> <li>4. Shum Wan Road Sitting-Out Area</li> <li>5. Yuk Kwai Shan Service Reservoir Sitting-Out Area</li> <li>6. Wah Chui Street Sitting-Out Area</li> </ol>	<p>120</p> <p>100</p> <p>180</p> <p>140</p> <p>120</p> <p>160</p>
Yau Tsim Mong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kowloon Park</li> <li>2. Sai Yee Street Garden</li> </ol>	<p>500</p> <p>74</p>
Sham Shui Po	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground</li> <li>2. Shek Kip Mei Park</li> <li>3. To Yuen Street Playground</li> <li>4. Lai Chi Kok Park (two tracks)</li> </ol>	<p>400</p> <p>588</p> <p>200</p> <p>600</p> <p>1 000</p>
Kowloon City	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tokwawan Recreation Ground</li> <li>2. Carpenter Road Park</li> <li>3. Hutchison Park</li> <li>4. Ho Man Tin Park</li> </ol>	<p>412</p> <p>430</p> <p>600</p> <p>263</p>
Wong Tai Sin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choi Hung Road Playground</li> <li>2. Tsz Wan Shan Estate Service Reservoir Playground</li> </ol>	<p>410</p> <p>440</p>



<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>Length of tracks (metres)</b>
Kwun Tong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lam Tin Park</li> <li>2. Kwun Tong High Level Service Reservoir Garden</li> <li>3. Hong Ning Road Park</li> <li>4. Jordan Valley Playground</li> <li>5. Ping Shek Playground</li> <li>6. Lam Tin Service Reservoir Playground</li> </ol>	1 200 350 318 340 120 176
Tuen Mun	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tsing Tin Playground</li> </ol>	200
Tai Po	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mui Shue Hang Playground</li> <li>2. Yuen Chau Tsai Park</li> </ol>	1 164 194
Yuen Long	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tin Shui Wai Park</li> <li>2. Yuen Long Park</li> </ol>	800 870
Tsuen Wan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park</li> </ol>	1 600
Kwai Tsing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Central Kwai Chung Park</li> <li>2. Tai Wo Hau Road South Playground</li> <li>3. Tsing Yi Promenade</li> <li>4. Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park</li> </ol>	144 372 500 350
North	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. North District Park</li> <li>2. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground</li> <li>3. Fan Leng Lau Road Playground</li> <li>4. Luen Hing Street Sitting-out Area</li> </ol>	333 3 150 320 60
Sha Tin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hin Tin Playground</li> <li>2. Che Kung Miu Road Playground</li> <li>3. Ma On Shan Park</li> </ol>	100 200 130
Sai Kung	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Po Tsui Park</li> <li>2. Po Hong Park</li> </ol>	540 250
<b>Total</b>		<b>24 843</b>

**Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB269**

**Total Length of Jogging Tracks provided with/without Vibration Absorbing Materials  
under the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Length of Jogging Tracks</b>		<b>Total Length of Jogging Tracks</b>
	<b>with Vibration Absorbing Materials</b>	<b>without Vibration Absorbing Materials</b>	
2008-09	8 223	25 007	33 230
2009-10	13 516	24 973	38 489
2010-11	17 858	24 843	42 701

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB270**

Question Serial No.

1305

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

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 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will "...organise the 3rd Hong Kong Games in 2011". Will the Administration inform this Committee of the respective expenditures involved in organising the previous two Hong Kong Games and the estimated expenditure for the 3rd Hong Kong Games in 2011? Have any reviews (including those on the arrangements, competition events and the effectiveness of promoting "Sport for All") been conducted on the previous two Hong Kong Games? If so, what are the results; if not, what are the reasons? Will the Administration consider increasing the number of competition events (such as 10-kilometre run, half-marathon and marathon distance race) to provide more opportunities for public participation in the Games?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The expenditure incurred for the 1st Hong Kong Games (HKG) (2007) and the 2nd HKG (2009) was around \$9 million and \$10 million respectively. With the significant increase in the number of sports events and athletes, the estimated budget for the 3rd HKG will increase to about \$23 million. The estimated expenditure, part of which will be funded by sponsorship, will cover the organisation of sports competitions, financial support to the 18 districts teams for pre-games training, publicity, community involvement programmes and ceremonies.

The Organising Committee (OC) of each HKG conducts a post-games evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the HKG and suggest improvements for the next HKG. In addition, stakeholders will be invited to give views on the various aspects of the HKG, including the sports events, methods of selecting athletes, competition format, training of athletes and publicity arrangements. The evaluation of the 1st and 2nd HKGs concluded that the HKG should be positioned as an anchor event for the promotion of “Sport for All” in Hong Kong, and that the HKG provides an effective platform for developing a sporting culture in the community as well as promoting a strong district identity. With the experience gained from the first two HKGs, the OC of the 3rd HKG has decided to enhance the scale of the HKG by increasing the number of sports events to eight (including the six existing events of athletics, badminton, basketball, swimming, table tennis, tennis as well as the two new events of futsal and volleyball), and strengthening the publicity and community involvement programmes so as to arouse greater public awareness and create a lively atmosphere in the lead up to and during the games period. Upon the conclusion of this HKG in June 2011, the OC will review the overall arrangements for the 3rd HKG, including whether new sports events should be included, and make suitable recommendations for the next HKG.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB271

Question Serial No.

1306

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, it is noted that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated its plan to convert the older artificial turf pitches into the third generation pitches in phases, and there are views from the public that artificial turf pitches of the latest generation (i.e. the third generation artificial turf pitches) are safer and better than the older ones, including reducing foot injuries to users. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest progress of providing artificial turf pitches and the conversion programme; and the percentage of the third generation pitches as against the total number of artificial turf pitches? When will the upgrading works for all the older artificial turf pitches be completed? Will the Administration consider expediting the upgrading works?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department currently provides 15 third generation (3G) artificial turf football pitches, representing 54% of the total number (28) of artificial turf pitches managed by the Department. The Department plans to provide 21 new 3G artificial turf football pitches in the coming years of which, 18 will be converted from existing pitches and three will be constructed under capital works projects.

The Department has been working closely with the Architectural Services Department with a view to completing the works as soon as possible, taking into account relevant factors including district needs and the need to minimise inconvenience to users.

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**HAB272**

Question Serial No.

1307

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

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 work of “providing subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) and sports organisations...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the amounts of subvention involved in the past three financial years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11), and provide a list of NSAs and sports organisations whose provision will be increased by 5% or more in the coming year (i.e. 2011-12)? What are the reasons for the increases? What mechanisms and measures have been adopted in monitoring the use of subvention by NSAs and sports organisations? Has the Administration conducted any assessments on the activities provided by NSAs and sports organisations and/or any participants surveys in a systematic manner? If so, what are the findings? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The subvention provided to NSAs and SOs in the past three years and the estimated provision in 2011-12 are as follows-

Year	Total Subvention (\$ million)
2008-09	181
2009-10	186
2010-11	213
2011-12	231 (estimated)

In determining the amount of subvention to be granted to NSAs, LCSD takes into factors such as: (a) the development potential of the sport; (b) the staff strength and the past expenditure pattern of the NSA; (c) the performance of the NSA against the targets set for the last financial year; and (d) the practicability and effectiveness of the annual plan and the mid-term development plan submitted by the NSA. LCSD is now in the final process of assessing the annual plans submitted by NSAs and hence the subvention to be allocated to individual NSA in 2011-12 has not yet been finalised.

To ensure that public money allocated to NSAs is used in a proper and accountable manner, LCSD enters into an annual Subvention Agreement with each NSA. Under the Agreement, NSAs have the obligation to use the subvention to implement the planned programmes in strict accordance with the requirements stated in the Agreement. NSAs must also allow the Government and the Audit Commission unhindered access to enquire into, examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of the subvention as well as their management and control procedures. They must also act upon any corruption prevention advice rendered by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Government. In addition, NSAs have to consent to disclosure of all information relevant to the subvention funding as and when necessary.

NSAs are required to submit reports on their programmes and annual accounts audited by certified public accountants. They are also required to formulate and comply with a Code of Conduct and Procurement Guidelines to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure due process is followed. LCSD staff conduct regular on-site inspections of subvented programmes to ensure the quality of services provided by the NSAs, while quality assurance inspections covering all NSAs are conducted on a three-year cycle to ensure that proper accounting procedures are adopted and the terms of the Subvention Agreement are complied with. LCSD staff complete a report after each inspection and take follow up action as necessary.



LCSD has just completed a comprehensive review of the administration of the SSS and will implement a series of measures in 2011-12 to enhance the monitoring of the use of subvention as well as the internal control of NSAs. Under the new arrangements, LCSD will require NSAs to distribute opinion forms to participants and collect their feedback on pilot schemes and new programmes in a systematic manner, in addition to making assessments through on-site inspections and evaluation of programme reports.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB273**

Question Serial No.

1308

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

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 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities”. Will the Administration inform this Committee what measures have been taken to enhance the utilisation of sports facilities; and whether any assessments have been conducted on the effectiveness of these measures and the enhanced usage rates? Will the Administration consider lowering the fees and charges for the use of facilities during non-peak hours, so as to increase the usage rate of these facilities and encourage public participation in sports activities?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The usage rates of the recreation and sports facilities under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are generally high especially during peak hours. For example, the peak-hour usage rates of natural turf pitches, artificial turf pitches and indoor sports centres in 2009-10 were 100%, 95% and 92% respectively. To increase the utilisation of selected facilities during non-peak hours, LCSD will continue to allow free use of sports facilities for schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations during non-peak hours (i.e., from opening till 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June in the following year). Moreover, persons with disabilities,

citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary fees in the use of sports facilities. All these measures help to encourage the public's participation in sport and other physical activities and to enhance the utilisation of the facilities.

LCSD will continue to explore measures to enhance the utilisation of its sports facilities and work in partnership with sports organisations to promote their usage. LCSD will take the suggestion of lowering the fees and charges for the use of sports facilities during non-peak hours into consideration in its review of the fees and charges for leisure facilities.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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**HAB274**

Question Serial No.

1309

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, will the Administration provide information on the provision of toilet facilities suitable for children’s use (including low pedestal water closets, urinal bowls and wash-hand basins) at the recreational venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); the percentage of venues provided with such facilities as against the total number of venues in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11); and the expenditures involved in the provision of such facilities in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? Does the Administration have any plans to provide toilet facilities suitable for children’s use in all the venues managed by the LCSD? If so, what is the timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Since 2008, the provision of children toilet facilities such as low pedestal water closets, wash-hand basin and urinal bowls have been included in the planning of new toilet facilities at recreation and sports venues under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as a standard provision. One low wash-hand basin for children will be provided if the number of wash-hand basins exceeds two so as to meet the needs of children.

At present, 129 recreation venues are provided with toilet facilities suitable for children's use. The percentage of venues provided with such facilities as against the total number of venues increased from 17% in 2008-09, to 20% in 2009-10 and 24% in 2010-11. There is however no separate data showing the cost for such provision as it has been subsumed as part of the overall project costs in the planning of new projects or improvement projects of existing facilities.

LCSD will adhere to the above standard in providing toilet facilities suitable for use by children in planning for new projects. The Department will consider providing such facilities when carrying out improvement works for the existing toilets. The Department also plans to provide additional toilet facilities for children at 11 existing leisure venues and 17 new leisure projects under planning in the next three years.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB275**

Question Serial No.

1310

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “managing public libraries...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, please list by year the statistics for each and all of the libraries for the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11) in the following areas: the number of lost library books/materials and their value; the number of books/materials lost due to the failure of readers to return them, the value of these books/materials and the amount of fines collected by the libraries; and the amount of fines collected for the late return of books/materials. Please also inform this Committee of the measures to be taken to prevent the loss of books/materials.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The required statistical information is given below:

	2009-10	2010-11 <sup>@</sup>
a) Library books/materials reported lost		
(i) Number of items lost	19 200	18 060
(ii) Total value involved	\$1,405,000	\$1,332,100
b) Library books/materials lost due to readers' failure to return them and the amount of fines collected		

(i) Number of items lost/not yet returned	7 110	5 590
(ii) Total value involved	\$594,500	\$502,400
(iii) Overdue fines outstanding #	\$705,700	\$587,000
c) Amount of overdue fines collected for the late return of books/materials	\$19,698,500	\$16,772,100

@ as at end of January 2011

# No separate record is kept for the amount of fines collected by the libraries for lost library books/materials due to the failure of readers to return them.

- d) To prevent the loss of books/materials, all libraries are installed with book detection systems to prevent library materials from being removed from libraries without proper check-out. The Department also strives to educate readers on the importance of timely return of the books/materials borrowed and reporting the change of address to facilitate correspondence with the libraries. In addition, notices will be issued to readers to remind them of the items that have not been returned and the overdue charges incurred. These include the “Overdue Notice”, “Final Overdue Notice” and “Payment Notice” which will be sent to the readers concerned 15 days, 45 days and 120 days respectively after the due date for the return of the library items. Moreover, if the readers concerned do not return the outstanding loan items and settle the overdue fines 14 days after the issue of the “Final Overdue Notice”, their borrowing rights will be suspended. Library staff will remind the readers concerned to return the outstanding items and settle the fines when they turn up at the service counters to borrow or return library materials. Should all these actions fail to get the readers return the outstanding items and/or settle the fines, the Department will consider taking legal action against them with a view to recovering the outstanding fines.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB276**

Question Serial No.

1311

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “managing public libraries...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the districts and routes served by the existing mobile libraries, and the frequency of service suspension due to maintenance in the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11)? Have any user surveys been conducted on the mobile library service? If so, what are the results; if not, what are the reasons? Does the Administration have any plans to set up static small libraries to replace all the mobile libraries? If so, what is the timetable; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) At present, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department operates ten mobile library vans which serve a total of 93 service points across the 18 districts. Details of the mobile library service points are at Annex.
- (b) Each mobile library van is serviced three times a year. Emergency maintenance will also be conducted on a need basis. The total number of service suspension for the ten vans due to regular and emergency maintenance is 59 and 60 in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.



- (c) The Department conducted a public opinion survey in December 2009 to February 2010 on the services and facilities of the Hong Kong Public Libraries, including its mobile library service. 82.6% of the respondents were “Very Satisfied/Satisfied” with the services and facilities of the mobile libraries, 15.4% rated them “Average” and 2% were “Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied”, primarily with the limited quantity and variety of the library collections provided on the library vans.
- (d) The provision of public libraries is made having regard to a host of factors including the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, which suggests that one district library should be provided for every 200 000 people. In addition, the Department provides small libraries and mobile libraries to supplement the services of the district libraries. Mobile libraries play a valuable role of reaching out to members of the public residing in the less populated and remote areas, thereby supplementing the network of static libraries. As mobile library vans are cost-effective means to serve residents in the remote areas, the Department has no plan to replace all mobile libraries with small static libraries. In addition to mobile libraries, the Department will continue to explore with non-government organisations with a view to setting up more community libraries to reinforce the services in various parts of the community.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Hong Kong Public Library**  
**Mobile Library Service Points (as at Mar 2011)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Library Van Schedule</b>	
<b>New Territories Region</b>				
<b>Kwai Tsing</b>	Cheung Ching Estate	Adjacent to Ching Wai House, Cheung Ching Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Cheung On Estate	Adjacent to On Yun House, Cheung On Estate	ML 1	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Cho Yiu Chuen	Chung Ling Sheh Carpark, Cho Yiu Chuen	ML 1	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwai Shing West Estate	Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Shing Swimming Pool Carpark	ML 1	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Lai Yiu Estate	Adjacent to Fu Yiu House, Lai Yiu Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shek Lei Estate	Adjacent to Shek On House, Shek Lei (I) Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tai Wo Hau Estate	Adjacent to Fu Pik House, Tai Wo Hau Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwai Chung Estate	Adjacent to Yuk Kwai House, Kwai Chung Estate	ML 10	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Cheung Wang Estate	Adjacent to Wang Ngai House, Cheung Wang Estate	ML 10	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwai Shing East Estate	Adjacent to Shing On House, Kwai Shing East Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Tsuen Wan</b>	Bayview Garden	Adjacent to Block 5, Bayview Garden	ML 5	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Lei Muk Shue Estate	Adjacent to Chung Shue House of Lei Muk Shue Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Riviera Gardens	Adjacent to Hoi Sing Mansion, Riviera Gardens	ML 1	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

<b>District</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Library Van Schedule</b>	
	Sham Tseng	Sham Tseng Market Carpark	ML 1	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsuen King Circuit	Tsuen King Circuit Playground	ML 1	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Cheung Shan Estate	Adjacent to Sau Shan House Cheung Shan Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Saturday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Sha Tin</b>	Chevalier Garden	Carpark adjacent to Chevalier Garden Shopping Mall, Chevalier Garden	ML 5	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Hin Keng Estate	Adjacent to Hin Yeung House, Hin Keng Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Pok Hong Estate	Adjacent to Pok Hong Community Hall, Pok Hong Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Monday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kam Ying Court	Open space adjacent to Kam Yee House, Kam Ying Court	ML 5	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kam Tai Court	Adjacent to Kam Kei House, Kam Tai Court	ML 5	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Mei Lam Estate	Adjacent to Mei Tao House, Mei Lam Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwong Yuen Estate	Adjacent to Kwong Yuen Community Hall, Kwong Yuen Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Saddle Ridge Garden	Adjacent to Carpark, Saddle Ridge Garden Management Office, Saddle Ridge Garden	ML 2	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sun Chui Estate	Adjacent to Sun Kit House, Sun Chui Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sui Wo Court	Sports ground adjacent to Fung Yat House, Sui Wo Court	ML 2	Every Alternate Friday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Lee On Estate	Adjacent to Lee Wah House, Lee On Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Yiu On Estate	Adjacent to Yiu Ping House, Yiu On Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Tai Po</b>	Fu Heng Estate	Adjacent to Heng Tsui House, Fu Heng Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Friday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fu Shin Estate	Adjacent to Shin Mei House, Fu Shin Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

<b>District</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Library Van Schedule</b>	
	Kwong Fuk Estate	Adjacent to Kwong Yau House, Kwong Fuk Estate	ML 10	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tai Wo Estate	Adjacent to Tai Wo Neighbourhood Community Centre, Tai Wo Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tai Yuen Estate	Playground adjacent to Tai Man House, Tai Yuen Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	On Ho Lane	Adjacent to Eightland Gardens, On Ho Lane	ML 5	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shuen Wan	Open Space of the Joint Village Office for Villages in Shuen Wan, Shuen Wan	ML 10	Every Alternate Monday 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm
	Wan Tau Tong Estate	Entrance near Wan Lam House, Wan Tau Tong Shopping Centre, Wan Tau Tong Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
<b>Sai Kung</b>	Hau Tak Estate	Adjacent to Tak Chak House, Hau Tak Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kin Ming Estate	Adjacent to Kin Ching House, Kin Ming Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Ming Tak Estate	Adjacent to Ming Toa House, Ming Tak Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Po Lam Estate	Adjacent to Po Ning House (West), Po Lam Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sheung Tak Estate	Adjacent to Sheung Tak Shopping Centre, Sheung Tak Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsui Lam Estate	Adjacent to Choi Lam House, Tsui Lam Estate	ML 5	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Tuen Mun</b>	Leung King Estate	Adjacent to Leung Chi House, Leung King Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Prime View Garden	Carpark adjacent to Commercial Complex, Prime View Garden	ML 3	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sam Shing Estate	Adjacent to Moon Yu House, Sam Shing Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

<b>District</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Library Van Schedule</b>	
	Shan King Estate	Adjacent to King Wing House, Shan King Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Siu Hong Court	Adjacent to Siu Fai House, Siu Hong Court	ML 3	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fu Tai Estate	Adjacent to Annex Block of Mei Tai House, Fu Tai Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Lung Mun Oasis	Adjacent to Block 1, Lung Mun Oasis	ML 10	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Yuen Long</b>	Fairview Park	Carpark adjacent to Commercial Complex, Fairview Park	ML 3	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kam Tin	In front of Kam Tin Rural Committee, Kam Tin	ML 3	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Ping Shan	Hang Mei Tsuen Carpark, Hang Mei Tsuen, Ping Ha Road	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	San Tin	Adjacent to San Tin Post Office Castle Peak Road, San Tin	ML 3	Every Alternate Friday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Wang Chau	Adjacent to Tung Tau Wai Village Office, Wang Lok Street	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tin Yiu Estate	Adjacent to Yiu Man House, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai	ML 3	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sheung Tsuen	Sheung Tsuen Park Pat Heung	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Tin Yuet Estate	Adjacent to Yuet Tai House, Tin Yuet Estate, Tin Shui Wai	ML 10	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tin Wah Estate	Adjacent to the carpark entrance of the Ancillary Facilities Block, Tin Wah Estate	ML 10	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Hung Shui Kiu	Adjacent to Block 3, Aster Court, Hung Shui Kiu	ML 10	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>North District</b>	Cheong Shing Court	Cheong Siu House, Cheong Shing Court, Fanling	ML 2	Every Alternate Monday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Ta Kwu Ling	Carpark adjacent to Ta Kwu Ling Rural Centre Government Building, 136 Ping Che Road, Ta Kwu Ling	ML 2	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

<b>District</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Library Van Schedule</b>	
	Ching Ho Estate	Adjacent to Ching Chiu House, Ching Ho Estate, Sheung Shui	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Wah Sum Estate	Adjacent to Wah Min House, Wah Sum Estate, Fanling	ML 10	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Ka Fuk Estate	Adjacent to Fuk Tai House, Ka Fuk Estate, Fanling	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
<b>Lantau Island</b>	Pui O	Public Carpark at the Junction of South Lantau Road and Chi Ma Wan Road, Lantau Island	ML 4	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shui Hau	Shui Hau Public Carpark, South Lantau Road, Lantau Island	ML 4	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Tong Fuk	Tong Fuk Public Carpark adjacent to the Tong Fuk Bus Terminal, South Lantau Road, Lantau Island	ML 4	Every Saturday 2:15 pm to 6:00 pm
	Yat Tung Estate	Adjacent to Ying Yat House, Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	ML 4	Every Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Discovery Bay	Adjacent to water feature at Discovery Bay Plaza, Discovery Bay	ML 4	Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

### **Hong Kong Region**

<b>Hong Kong Island (Eastern)</b>	Lei King Wan	Adjacent to Yat Sing Mansion, Tai Hong Street	ML 9	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shau Kei Wan	In front of Shau Kei Wan Market Shau Kei Wan Main Street East	ML 6	Every Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Siu Sai Wan Estate	G/F, Carpark, Phase III, Siu Sai Wan Estate	ML 9	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Heng Fa Chuen	Adjacent to Block 6, Shing Man Lane, Heng Fa Chuen	ML 9	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Hong Kong Island (Southern)</b>	Ap Lei Chau Estate	Adjacent to Lei Tim House Ap Lei Chau Estate	ML 6	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Lei Tung Estate	Adjacent to Tung Ping House Lei Tung Estate	ML 6	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shek O	Adjacent to Shek O Beach First Aid Station	ML 6	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

<b>District</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Library Van Schedule</b>	
	Tin Wan Estate	Adjacent to Tin Lai House, Tin Wan Estate	ML 9	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Kowloon Region</b>				
<b>Kowloon City</b>	Whampoa Garden	G/F, Podium in Site 5, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom	ML 7	Every Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Laguna Verde	Adjacent to the entrance of Tower 9 Laguna Verde, Hung Hom	ML 8	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Kwun Tong</b>	Kai Yip Estate	Adjacent to Kai Ning House Kai Yip Estate	ML 9	Every Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Ko Yee Estate	Adjacent to Ko Chi House Ko Yee Estate, Yau Tong	ML 7	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Laguna City	Adjacent to Phase I, Club House Laguna City	ML 8	Every Monday & Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sceneway Garden	Adjacent to Block 4, Phase A, Sceneway Garden, Lam Tin	ML 7	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsui Ping Estate	Adjacent to Tsui Ying House, Tsui Ping (South) Estate	ML 9	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Hui Lai Court	Adjacent to Hui Ching House Hui Lai Court, Sau Mau Ping	ML 8	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Po Tat Estate	Adjacent to Tat On House Po Tat Estate, Sau Mau Ping	ML 8	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Wong Tai Sin</b>	Chuk Yuen Estate	Carpark, Wah Yuen House Chuk Yuen (South) Estate	ML 7	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fung Tak Estate	Adjacent to Ngan Fung House Fung Tak Estate	ML 6	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsui Chuk Garden	Adjacent to Block 6 Tsui Chuk Garden	ML 6	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Yau Tsim Mong</b>	Hoi Fu Court	Adjacent to Hoi Ning House, Hoi Fu Court, Mong Kok West	ML 7	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

<b>District</b>	<b>Service Point</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Library Van Schedule</b>	
<b>Sham Shui Po</b>	Tai Hang Tung Estate	Adjacent to Tung Lung House, Tai Hang Tung Estate, Tai Hang Tung Road	ML 8	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fu Cheong Estate	Adjacent to Fu Wong House Fu Cheong Estate	ML 8	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Hoi Lai Estate	Adjacent to Hoi Shun House Hoi Lai Estate	ML 7	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Total Mobile Library Service Points = 93



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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB277**

Question Serial No.

1312

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “enhancing public awareness of the benefit of physical fitness and promoting regular participation in sports activities by all walks of life in the community”, will the Administration inform this Committee of the work and the resources involved in the promotion and education programme of Sport for All in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? What are the specific promotion work to be carried out in 2011-12 and the related expenditures?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To encourage people from all walks of life to participate in regular sports activities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a variety of sports programmes, such as training courses, “fun” days and competitions. The Department also organises major events and sports competitions, such as the Sport for All Day, “Healthy Exercise for All” Campaign, the School Sports Programme, the Hong Kong Games, the Masters Games and the Corporate Games, to promote sport in the community. To follow up on the recommendations of the study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, LCSD will enhance the promotion of sport in the community in 2011-12 in collaboration with the District Councils, non-government organisations, schools and the private sector. The

total expenditure to be incurred in 2011-12 will be \$143.5 million, representing a 16% increase over that in 2010-11.

The total number of programmes organised in the past three years and those planned for 2011-12 in support of Sport for All are as follows:

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)
No. of Programmes	34 500	35 790	36 712	36 900
Expenditure (\$ million)	*153.5	*128.5	123.5	143.5 (estimated)

\* Large scale community programmes in support of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the 2009 East Asian Games were organised in 2008 and 2009, hence the higher expenditure incurred in these two financial years.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB278**

Question Serial No.

1313

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to “organising various thematic exhibitions, educational activities and extension programmes” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the new items and services to be provided by each museum in 2011-12; the expenditures incurred by each of the respective museums; as well as the new items and services being planned and expected to be provided by each of them in the two years that follow?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The new items and services including exhibitions, education and public programmes to be provided by each museum of Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2011-12 as well as the expenditures incurred by each of the respective museums are summarised as follows:

	<b>Thematic exhibitions</b>	<b>Education and public programmes (sessions)</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure (\$ million)</b>
<b>2011-12</b>			
Hong Kong Museum of Art (including Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware)	12	2 550	18.8
Hong Kong Museum of History (including Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum and Law Uk Folk Museum)	11	5 440	8.8
Hong Kong Heritage Museum (including Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum)	8	3 900	19.0
Hong Kong Science Museum	9	5 400	10.7
Hong Kong Space Museum	8	3 000	5.0
Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre and Ping	13	620	1.8

Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre			
Hong Kong Film Archive	6	200	2.4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>21 110</b>	<b>66.5</b>

The new exhibitions, and education and public programmes being planned and expected to be provided by each of the museums in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are summarised as follows:

	Thematic exhibitions	Education and public programmes (sessions)
<b>2012-13</b>		
Hong Kong Museum of Art (including Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware)	8	2 200
Hong Kong Museum of History (including Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum and Law Uk Folk Museum)	15	5 500
Hong Kong Heritage Museum (including Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum)	8	3 900
Hong Kong Science Museum	9	5 400
Hong Kong Space Museum	7	3 000
Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre	13	600
Hong Kong Film Archive	6	200
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>20 800</b>
<b>2013-14</b>		
Hong Kong Museum of Art (including Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware)	12	4 500
Hong Kong Museum of History (including Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum and Law Uk Folk Museum)	15	5 500
Hong Kong Heritage Museum (including Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum)	4	3 900
Hong Kong Science Museum	9	5 400
Hong Kong Space Museum	7	3 000
Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre and Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre	13	600
Hong Kong Film Archive	6	200
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>23 100</b>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB279**

Question Serial No.

1314

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural      Subhead :  
Services Department

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 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will "... organise the 3rd Hong Kong Games in 2011". Please provide information on the estimated operating costs and subventions for the 3rd Hong Kong Games to be given to the Sports Commission, the Community Sports Committee, the 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and relevant national sports associations respectively. How will the Administration monitor these committees and organisations to ensure the prudent use of public funds?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Hong Kong Games (HKG) are organised by the Sports Commission and co-ordinated by the Commission's Community Sports Committee (CSC). The 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), the relevant national sports associations (NSAs) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are the co-organisers. The estimated budget for the 3rd HKG is about \$23 million. LCSD is responsible for the administration and implementation of the HKG, including the procurement of stores and services required

by the HKG. No expenditure would be incurred by the Sports Commission or the CSC; and no subvention will be provided to the SF&OC or the NSAs for the purpose of organising the HKG. The Department provides funding support to the DCs for preparing district teams for participating in the HKG. All the expenditure incurred by the HKG will be handled in accordance with the prevailing government financial and supplies rules and procedures.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB280

Question Serial No.

1315

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “organising physical recreation and sports activities for different age groups, including students and persons with a disability”, will the Administration inform this Committee of the physical recreation and sports activities organised in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11) or to be organised in 2011-12 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for persons with a disability, and the expenditures/estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people 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 persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, the Department will set aside around \$3.5 million for organising some 1 200 free programmes for persons with disabilities, in sports such as : swimming, aerobic dance, fitness (multi-gym), lawn bowls, table tennis, gateball, tennis, basketball and golf. Outreach programmes will also be organised at rehabilitation centres for persons with disabilities. The total number of free programmes organised in the last two years and the planned number of programmes to be organised in 2011-12 for persons with disabilities are as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)
Number of Free Programmes	1 112	1 171	1 200
Expenditure (\$ million)	3.28	3.22	3.50 (estimated)

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB281**

Question Serial No.

1316

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “intensify greening work for vacant government sites”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the greening work for vacant sites in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11) and the relevant expenditures, the current percentage of greened vacant sites in the total number of vacant sites, and the greening projects for vacant sites expected to commence in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has conducted greening work at nine vacant government sites and horticultural maintenance work for the existing sites at a total cost of \$4.69 million in 2009-10 and 2010-11. There are currently 892 vacant government sites available for short term use but not all of them are available for greening purpose and some of them are used for other purposes. Hitherto, LCSD has completed greening work for 92 vacant government sites covering a total area of about 26 hectares. The Department has already identified one suitable site for greening work in 2011-12 and will continue to search for additional sites for such purpose.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB282**

Question Serial No.

1317

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, will the Administration inform this Committee of the numbers of reports of damaged recreation and sports facilities received by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11) respectively; the types of the damaged facilities; and the estimated number of hours the facilities were unavailable for public use? What measures will be implemented by the Administration to ensure that all the facilities are maintained in a serviceable condition and that prompt actions are taken to repair the damaged facilities?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In the past two years from 2009-10 to 2010-11 (as at 2.3.2011), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has received 760 and 576 reports of damaged recreation and sports facilities respectively. A list of types of damaged facilities requiring repair in the past two years is set out at the Annex. The duration of closure necessitated by repair of damaged facilities was about three days on average. To improve the quality of recreation and sports facilities, LCSD has stepped up inspection frequency of its facilities to ensure that they are in serviceable condition. Once defects are spotted, the venue management will request the maintenance agents to take prompt action to rectify them. The work progress will also be closely monitored to

keep the inconvenience to the public to the minimum. The maintenance agents are also requested to maintain sufficient stock of essential spare parts to speed up the repair work. LCSD will continue to review the function of the existing equipment, and new equipment requiring less maintenance will be installed to minimise the repair frequency.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Reports of Damaged Facilities in Leisure Venues under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

<b>Type of Facilities</b>	<b>No. of report cases of damaged facilities</b>	
	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11 (as at 2.3.2011)</b>
Toilets	318	214
Fitness/Elderly Fitness Equipment	73	84
Children's play equipment	35	32
Sports facilities such as basketball nets / goalposts etc	91	63
Lighting/ Air-conditioning	128	123
Others	115	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>576</b>

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB283**

Question Serial No.

1318

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

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 “developing and managing leisure facilities such as sports centres, parks and gardens, swimming pools...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the provision rate of drinking facilities (water dispensers) for each type of the above recreational venues? Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have any plans to provide drinking facilities at all recreational venues? If not, what are the reasons? Will the Department consider prohibiting the sale of unhealthy and “three high” (high fat, high sugar and high salt) drinks and food by refreshment/food vending machines at its venues? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides drinking facilities at sports venues including sports centres, water sports centres, stadia, tennis courts, sports grounds and swimming pools. Drinking facilities are also provided in most major parks, as well as at some beaches and playgrounds with outdoor sports facilities. For venues without the installation of drinking facilities, some are provided with refreshment outlets or vending machines. LCSD will keep the arrangements under review and may consider to provide additional drinking facilities at existing or new

venues. The current provision of drinking facilities at sports and recreation facilities by type is set out at the Annex.

LCSD encourages the contractors operating refreshment outlets or vending machines at leisure venues to provide a variety of healthy food and drinks. Products offered for sale in vending machines must comply with the prevailing food legislation.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Provision of Drinking Facilities at Venues under  
the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Percentage of venues for which drinking facilities are provided</b>
Sports Centres and other indoor sports facilities	100%
Water Sports Centres	100%
Stadia	100%
Tennis Courts	98%
Sports Grounds	96%
Swimming Pools	95%
Major Parks	72%
Beaches	34%
Parks and Playgrounds with outdoor sports facilities such as volleyball courts, basketball courts, football pitches	33%



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Reply Serial No.

**HAB284**

Question Serial No.

0325

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration plans to design new exhibits and environmental decoration for the renovation of the exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) of the details of the renovation works and the expenditure involved; and
- (b) of the current progress of the work?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

A provision of \$32 million has been approved by the Finance Committee for the renewal of the exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum. The project covers the dismantling of all the existing aged exhibits, improvement of infrastructure, as well as the design, prototyping, fabrication and installation of a new integrated exhibition system.

Under this renewal project, about 60 sets of exhibits, 70% of which are interactive, will be installed in the 1 600-square metre exhibition halls of the Space Museum. Through the use of new technology, the new exhibition seeks to explain the evolution and

development of the universe, the exploration of the space, and the Sun-Earth relationship. Lighting, wall murals and environmental decorations will be suitably used to create a dimmed and mysterious environment or a futuristic and surrealistic environment at the galleries to enhance visiting experience. Besides, a new automatic exhibit control system will be installed to integrate individual exhibits which will be served by a digital audio, video and data network system.

The tender to invite qualified exhibit consultants to design the exhibits for the new permanent exhibition will be issued shortly. The specifications for the tender are drawn up after extensive research and reference has been made to the latest astronomy and space science exhibits of overseas museums.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 14 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB285**

Question Serial No.

0326

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will hold the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community in 2011 to collect data on the physical fitness conditions of Hong Kong people aged between three and 69. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the establishment and expenditure involved; and
- (b) the way the personal data collected in the Test will be handled after they have been used for analysis purposes.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has engaged various professional agents to provide services for conducting the survey and the tests in connection with the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT). The estimated budget for the PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engagement of professional agents, procurement of test equipment and publicity. The PFT is administered by the existing staff of LCSD and the creation of new posts is not required for the project.

It has been specified in the contracts with the agents concerned that the service providers shall not disclose or divulge to any person the records of personal data (as defined in the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap 486)) in connection with the contract. The personal data will be disposed of six months after the completion of the project.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 15 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB286**

Question Serial No.

1672

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the estimated expenditure for providing book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis? What criteria will be adopted in deciding whether or not to continue or extend the trial scheme to other locations?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The trial scheme of providing book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations will involve an estimated expenditure of around \$5 million per annum. The plan is to launch the scheme in the fourth quarter of 2011. A review will be conducted one year after its implementation to assess the public response to and effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications, based on which the Department will decide whether to continue or extend the scheme to other major MTR interchange stations.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 15 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB287**

Question Serial No.

1673

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please list the amounts of fines payable to the libraries for the late return of borrowed materials in the past two financial years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11) respectively. Please also list for each year the amount of fines actually received and its proportion in the total amount of fines. Has the Administration put in place any measures against borrowers who intentionally default on payment of fines?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The statistical information requested is given below:

- a) The total amount of overdue fines payable to the libraries for 2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010) and 2010-11 (as at 31 January 2011) due to readers' late return of borrowed materials are \$21,291,800 and \$18,114,500 respectively; and
- b) The total amount of overdue fines received for the late return of borrowed materials for 2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010) and 2010-11 (as at 31 January 2011) are \$19,698,500 and \$16,772,100 respectively, accounting for 92.52% and 92.59% respectively of the total amount of overdue fines payable to libraries.

The Department endeavours to educate readers on the need to return books/materials borrowed timely and to report the change of address to facilitate correspondence with the library. In addition, notices are issued to readers to remind them of the items that have not been returned and the overdue charges incurred. These notices include “Overdue Notice”, “Final Overdue Notice” and “Payment Notice” sent to the concerned readers respectively at 15 days, 45 days and 120 days after the due date. The borrowing right of the readers will be suspended if there are unreturned loan items or unpaid outstanding overdue fines 14 days after the issue of the “Final Overdue Notice”. Library staff will also remind the readers to return the outstanding items and to settle the payment when the concerned readers turn up at the library counters to borrow or return library materials. Legal action against the concerned readers would be considered on a case-by-case basis to recover the outstanding fees.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB288**

Question Serial No.

1674

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the number of Internet Express Terminals provided in static libraries for public use, please list by district the figures of these Terminals in the past two financial years (2009-10 and 2010-11) and in the 2011-12 financial year. Please also explain what major factors will be considered by the Administration when planning the number of Internet Express Terminals to be provided in the libraries in different districts.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The number of Internet Express Terminals (IETs) provided in static libraries in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and the estimated provision in 2011-12 by district are set out in Annex.

When planning the provision of IETs in public libraries, the Department will consider a host of other factors, including the availability of resources, the number of IETs and other Internet workstations already installed in the library, their utilisation, the size and physical constraints of individual libraries, and the anticipated demand for IET services from library users.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



**Provision of Internet Express Terminals**

Public Libraries	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>			
<b>Central &amp; Western</b>			
City Hall	1	1	1
Shek Tong Tsui	2	2	2
Smithfield	1	1	1
<b>Eastern</b>			
Chai Wan	2	2	2
Electric Road	1	1	1
North Point	1	1	1
Quarry Bay	2	2	2
Yiu Tung	1	1	1
Siu Sai Wan (under planning)	N.A.	N.A.	2
<b>Southern</b>			
Aberdeen	2	2	2
Ap Lei Chau	1	1	1
Pok Fu Lam	1	1	1
Stanley	1	1	1
<b>Wan Chai</b>			
Hong Kong Central Library	2	4	4
Lockhart Road	2	2	2
Wong Nai Chung	1	1	1
<b>Kowloon</b>			
<b>Kowloon City</b>			
Hung Hom	1	1	1
Kowloon City	1	1	1
Kowloon	2	2	2
To Kwa Wan	1	1	1
<b>Kwun Tong</b>			
Lam Tin	1	1	1
Lei Yue Mun	1	1	1
Ngau Tau Kok	2	2	2
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1
Shui Wo Street	2	2	2
Shun Lee Estate	1	1	1
<b>Sham Shui Po</b>			
Lai Chi Kok	2	2	2
Pak Tin	1	1	1
Po On Road	2	2	2
Un Chau Street	1	1	1
<b>Wong Tai Sin</b>			
Fu Shan	1	1	1
Lok Fu	1	1	1
Lung Hing	1	1	1

Public Libraries	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
<b>Wong Tai Sin (Cont'd)</b>			
Ngau Chi Wan	1	1	1
San Po Kong	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1
<b>Yau Tsim Mong</b>			
Fa Yuen Street	2	2	2
Tai Kok Tsui	1	1	1
Tsim Sha Tsui	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	2	2	2
<b>New Territories</b>			
<b>Islands</b>			
Cheung Chau	1	1	1
Mui Wo	1	1	1
North Lamma	1	1	1
Peng Chau	1	1	1
South Lamma	-	-	-
Tai O	1	1	1
Tung Chung	1	3	3
<b>Kwai Tsing</b>			
North Kwai Chung	2	2	2
South Kwai Chung	1	1	1
Tsing Yi	2	2	2
<b>North</b>			
Fanling	2	2	2
Sheung Shui	3	3	3
Sha Tau Kok	-	-	-
<b>Sai Kung</b>			
Sai Kung	1	1	1
Tseung Kwan O	2	2	2
<b>Sha Tin</b>			
Lek Yuen	1	1	1
Ma On Shan	1	1	1
Sha Tin	2	2	2
<b>Tai Po</b>			
Tai Po	4	4	4
<b>Tsuen Wan</b>			
Shek Wai Kok	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	4	4	4
<b>Tuen Mun</b>			
Butterfly Estate	1	1	1
Tai Hing	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	1	1	2
<b>Yuen Long</b>			
Tin Shui Wai North	1	1	1
Tin Shui Wai	2	2	2
Yuen Long	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>101</b>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB289**

Question Serial No.

0698

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The work of the Administration under this Programme involves “initiating and organising public art programmes in collaboration with the arts community”. Please provide the following information:

- (a) The number of existing curatorial projects on public art, names of additional projects to be carried out, as well as the expenditure and estimated number of art groups or artists involved in each project.
- (b) The existing locations of public art displays, additional locations to be provided, as well as the expenditure and estimated number of art groups or artists involved for each location.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) There are six existing curatorial projects on public art initiated and/or organised by the Art Promotion Office (APO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) or organised in collaboration with other government departments or organisations. Three will be launched in 2011-12. Details of these projects are as follows:

## Public art projects in progress

Names of public art project		Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure / Budget
1	Art @ Government Buildings	Revenue Tower Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices Tsuen Wan Government Offices	3 (artists)	\$3,897,000
2	Park Déco Scheme – Quarry Bay Park	Quarry Bay Park	4 (artists / art groups)	\$2,999,000
3	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong Film Archive Tsimshatsui Book Centre, Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Queen Elizabeth Hospital Hong Kong Central Library Tin Chak Shopping Centre Hong Kong Cultural Centre JCCAC Artist Village Hong Kong Visual Art Centre Olympian City 2 Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Jao Tsung-I Academy	24 (artists) (as at March 2011)	\$423,000 borne by Fund of Diversified Community Activities of Home Affairs Department (HAD). LCSD's commitment is \$1,218,000.
4	ArtAlive@Park	Hong Kong Park Kowloon Park Sha Tin Park Tuen Mun Park	86 (artists)	\$7,000,000 borne by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). No expenditure for LCSD.
5	Sai Kung District Council Public Art Project 2009	Po Tsui Park Po Hong Park Man Yee Playground	4 (artists)	\$1,771,000 borne by HAD. LCSD's commitment is \$241,000.
6	Public Art Project – Tamar	Open Space of the Central Government Complex	8 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$8,835,000 borne by Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. No expenditure for LCSD.

### Public art projects to be launched in 2011-12

Names of public art project		Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure / Budget
1	Park Déco Scheme – Cornwall Street Park	Cornwall Street Park	3 (artists, estimated)	\$5,500,000 to be borne by HAB.  LCSD's commitment is \$1,000,000.
2	Beautification of Shanghai Street Public Toilet	Shanghai Street Public Toilet Complex, Yau Ma Tei (External walls)	1 (art group, estimated)	\$1,000,000 to be borne by HAB. No expenditure for LCSD.
3	Public Art Scheme of the Town Park, Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	Town Park & Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	2-4 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$3,000,000 to be borne by Architectural Services Department. No expenditure for LCSD.

(b) The public art projects launched and completed between 1999 and 2008 with art works still on display are detailed below:

Names of public art project	Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure
Public Art Scheme 1999	Kwai Tsing Theatre Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building Tai Po Central Town Square	7 (artists / art groups)	\$4,663,000
Public Art Scheme 2002	Hong Kong City Hall (Memorial Garden) Yuen Long Theatre (Bamboo Courtyard) Hong Kong Central Library (Foyer) Tuen Mun Public Library (Podium, Lift Lobby) Tseung Kwan O Public Library (Foyer Entrance) Fanling Public Library (Children Library)	6 (artists / art groups)	\$2,679,000
Public Art Scheme 2003/04	Ma On Shan Public Library (Children Library) Hong Kong Cultural Centre (Outdoor on Salisbury Road)	2 (art groups)	\$1,290,000
Public Art Scheme 2006	Ko Shan Road Park Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	3 (artists / art groups)	\$1,149,000

<b>Names of public art project</b>	<b>Locations</b>	<b>Numbers of participating artists / art groups</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
	Po Hong Park		
Lantern Painting Activity at West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade 2005	West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade	59 (artists)	\$174,000
Installation of Public Artworks at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Stage I & II Stage I – 2001 Stage II – 2006	Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	26 (artists / art groups)	\$8,144,000 borne by Housing Department. LCSD's commitment is \$639,000.
Camera Yuen Long: Art-in-Subways 2008	6 subways (NS203, 224, 184, 209, 210, 211) along the Yuen Long Highway between Tin Shui Wai and Shap Pat Heung interchange	12 (artists)	\$496,000 borne by Highways Department, \$5,000 borne by HAD. LCSD's commitment is \$156,000.

[The additional locations where public art works will be displayed, the estimated expenditure and the number of artists involved have been set out in part (a) of the reply.]

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB290**

Question Serial No.

0570

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government expects to provide subvention to 80 national sports associations (NSAs)/sports organisations this year. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the names of the NSAs/sports organisations which will receive subvention in 2011-12 and the respective amounts of subvention?
- (b) whether the Government will consider the governance standard of the NSAs/sports organisations when approving applications for subvention? If so, what are the expenditure and staff resources earmarked for this purpose? If not, what are the criteria for approval?
- (c) when will the Government complete its review of the sports subvention system to enhance transparency and accountability and ensure proper use of public funds? What are the number of staff and expenditure involved as at present?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will earmark an estimated \$231 million for providing subvention to 58 national sports associations (NSAs) and

23 sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) in 2011-12. The names of these NSAs and SOs are at the Annex. Since LCSD is still assessing the annual plans submitted by NSAs and SOs, the amount of subvention to be allocated to the individual NSAs and SOs has not yet been finalised.

- (b) In determining the amount of subvention to be granted to NSAs and SOs, LCSD takes into account factors such as : (a) the development potential of the sport; (b) the staff strength and the past expenditure pattern of the NSA/SO; (c) the performance of the NSA/SO against the targets set for the last financial year, including their effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention; and (d) the practicability and effectiveness of the annual plan and the mid-term development plan submitted by the NSA/SO.
- (c) LCSD has completed a comprehensive review of the administration of the SSS and will implement a series of measures from 2011-12 onwards to enhance the monitoring of the use of subvention as well as the internal control of NSAs. Under the enhanced arrangements, LCSD will adopt a more performance-based approach in determining the allocation of subvention, under which NSAs' achievements in Key Performance Areas, including their internal controls and governance, will be more closely linked to the subvention amount to be granted. LCSD has conducted the review by deploying existing resources.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



**List of subvented national sports associations in 2011-12**

1.	Hong Kong Archery Association
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon & Lion Dance Association
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association
13.	Hong Kong Dancesport Association
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association
17.	Hong Kong Football Association
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association
20.	Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association
24.	Judo Association of Hong Kong, China
25.	Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association
29.	Hong Kong Life Saving Society
30.	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled
45.	Hong Kong Squash

46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association
53.	University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union

**List of subvented sports organisations in 2011-12**

1.	Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
2.	Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong
3.	Citizen Athletic Association
4.	Happy Valley Athletic Association
5.	Hong Kong Chess Federation
6.	Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association
7.	Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association
8.	Hong Kong Christian Service
9.	Hong Kong Dance Federation
10.	Hong Kong Miniature Football Association
11.	Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China
12.	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf
13.	Hong Kong Tai Chi Association
14.	Hong Kong Teacher's Association
15.	Hong Kong Tennis Patrons' Association
16.	Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association
17.	Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association
18.	Kowloon Miniature Football Association
19.	New Territories Regional Sports Association
20.	Outward Bound (Alumni) Association
21.	Sail Training Association of Hong Kong
22.	Scout Association of Hong Kong
23.	South China Athletic Association

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB291**

Question Serial No.

1921

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide a breakdown, by the 18 Districts in Hong Kong, of the distribution of the natural or artificial turf pitches, sports centres, sports grounds, stadia and tennis courts under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as well as their usage rates during peak hours and non-peak hours for 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

In 2010-11, there are 49 natural turf football pitches, 28 artificial turf football pitches, 89 sports centres, 25 sports grounds, two stadia and 256 tennis courts under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The distribution of these facilities in the 18 districts are at Annexes I to V and the average usage rates of the facilities during peak hours and non-peak hours for 2010 are at Annex VI.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annex I to Reply Serial No. HAB291**

**List of Natural Turf Football Pitches in 2010**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>No. of Pitches</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>		
Wan Chai	1 Causeway Bay Sports Ground	1
	2 Happy Valley Recreation Ground	5
	3 So Kon Po Recreation Ground	1
Eastern	4 Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground	1
Southern	5 Aberdeen Sports Ground	2
<b>Kowloon</b>		
Sham Shui Po	6 Sham Shui Po Sports Ground	1
	7 Shek Kip Mei Park	1
	8 Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	3
Kowloon City	9 Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground	2
	10 Kowloon Tsai Park	1
	11 Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground	2
	12 Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	1
Wong Tai Sin	13 Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground	2
	14 Morse Park	2
	15 Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground	1
Kwun Tong	16 Kowloon Bay Park	1
	17 Kowloon Bay Sports Ground	1
	18 Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	1
	19 Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch	1
<b>New Territories</b>		
Kwai Tsing	20 Kwai Chung Sports Ground	1
	21 Tsing Yi Sports Ground	1
	22 Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground	1
Tsuen Wan	23 Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	1
	24 Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground	1
Tuen Mun	25 Siu Lun Sports Ground	1
	26 Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	1
Yuen Long	27 Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	1
	28 Yuen Long Stadium	1

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>No. of Facilities</b>
Sha Tin	29 Hin Tin Playground	1
	30 Ma On Shan Sports Ground	1
	31 Sha Tin Sports Ground	1
Tai Po	32 Tai Po Sports Ground	1
North	33 Fanling Recreation Ground	1
	34 Kwu Tung Grass Soccer Pitch	1
	35 North District Sports Ground	1
Sai Kung	36 Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	1
	37 Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>49</b>

**Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB291**

**List of the Artificial Turf Football Pitches in 2010**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>No. of Pitches</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>		
Central and Western	1 Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	1
Wan Chai	2 Happy Valley Recreation Ground	4
Eastern	3 Quarry Bay Park	2
Southern	4 Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	1
<b>Kowloon</b>		
Yau Tsim Mong	5 Boundary Street Recreation Ground	1
	6 Cherry Street Park	1
Kowloon City	7 Kowloon Tsai Park	2
Wong Tai Sin	8 Lok Fu Recreation Ground	1
	9 Morse Park	2
	10 Po Kong Village Road Park	2
Kwun Tong	11 Kowloon Bay Park	1
	12 Shun Lee Tsuen Park	1
<b>New Territories</b>		
Islands	13 Man Tung Road Park	1
Kwai Tsing	14 Tsing Yi Northeast Park	1
Tuen Mun	15 Wu Shan Recreation Ground	1
Sha Tin	16 Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	1
	17 Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	1
Tai Po	18 Kwong Fuk Football Ground	1
	19 Kwong Fuk Park	1
North	20 Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	1
Sai Kung	21 Po Tsui Park	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28</b>

**Annex III to Reply Serial No. HAB291**

**List of Sports Centres in 2010**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b> Central and Western	1 Hong Kong Park Sports Centre
	2 Smithfield Sports Centre
	3 Shek Tong Tsui Sports Centre
	4 Sheung Wan Sports Centre
	5 Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre (former named as Western Park Sports Centre)
Wan Chai	6 Harbour Road Sports Centre
	7 Lockhart Road Sports Centre
	8 Wong Nai Chung Sports Centre
Eastern	9 Chai Wan Sports Centre
	10 Island East Sports Centre
	11 Java Road Sports Centre
	12 Quarry Bay Sports Centre
	13 Sai Wan Ho Sports Centre
Southern	14 Wong Chuk Hang Sports Centre
	15 Aberdeen Sports Centre
	16 Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre
	17 Stanley Sports Centre
	18 Yue Kwong Road Sports Centre
<b>Kowloon</b> Yau Tsim Mong	19 Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 1
	20 Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 2
	21 Fa Yuen Street Sports Centre
	22 Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre
	23 Kwun Chung Sports Centre
	24 Kowloon Park Sports Centre
Sham Shui Po	25 Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre
	26 Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre
	27 Pei Ho Street Sports Centre
	28 Po On Road Sports Centre
	29 Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>
Kowloon City	30 Fat Kwong Street Sports Centre
	31 Ho Man Tin Sports Centre
	32 Hung Hom Municipal Services Building Sports Centre
	33 Kowloon City Sports Centre
	34 To Kwa Wan Sports Centre
Wong Tai Sin	35 Choi Hung Road Sports Centre
	36 Chuk Yuen Sports Centre
	37 Kai Tak East Sports Centre
	38 Morse Park Sports Centre
	39 Ngau Chi Wan Sports Centre
	40 Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre
Kwun Tong	41 Chun Wah Road Sports Centre
	42 Hiu Kwong Street Sports Centre
	43 Kowloon Bay Sports Centre
	44 Lam Tin South Sports Centre
	45 Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
	46 Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre
	47 Shun Lee Tsuen Sports Centre
	48 Shui Wo Street Sports Centre
<b>New Territories</b> Islands	49 Cheung Chau Sports Centre
	50 Mui Wo Sports Centre
	51 Peng Chau Sports Centre
	52 Praya Street Sports Centre
	53 Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre
Kwai Tsing	54 Cheung Fat Sports Centre
	55 Fung Shue Wo Sports Centre
	56 Lai King Sports Centre
	57 North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre
	58 Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre
	59 Tai Wo Hau Sports Centre
	60 Tsing Yi Sports Centre



<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>
Tsuen Wan	61 Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre
	62 Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre
	63 Wai Tsuen Sports Centre
	64 Yeung Uk Road Sports Centre
Tuen Mun	65 The Jockey Club Tuen Mun Butterfly Beach Sports Centre
	66 Leung Tin Sports Centre
	67 Tai Hing Sports Centre
	68 Yau Oi Sports Centre
Yuen Long	69 Fung Kam Street Sports Centre
	70 Long Ping Sports Centre
	71 Tin Shui Sports Centre
	72 Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre
Sha Tin	73 Hin Keng Sports Centre
	74 Heng On Sports Centre
	75 Mei Lam Sports Centre
	76 Ma On Shan Sports Centre
	77 Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre
Tai Po	78 Fu Heng Sports Centre
	79 Fu Shin Sports Centre
	80 Tai Po Hui Sports Centre
	81 Tai Po Sports Centre
	82 Tai Wo Sports Centre
North	83 Luen Wo Hui Sports Centre
	84 Lung Sum Avenue Sports Centre
	85 Tin Ping Sports Centre
	86 Wo Hing Sports Centre
Sai Kung	87 Po Lam Sports Centre
	88 Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre
	89 Tsui Lam Sports Centre

## List of Sports Grounds and Stadia in 2010

## Sports Grounds

District	Venues
<b>Hong Kong</b>	
Wan Chai	1 Causeway Bay Sports Ground
	2 Wan Chai Sports Ground
Eastern	3 Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground
Southern	4 Aberdeen Sports Ground
<b>Kowloon</b>	
Sham Shui Po	5 Sham Shui Po Sports Ground
Kowloon City	6 Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground
	7 Perth Street Sports Ground
Wong Tai Sin	8 Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground
Kwun Tong	9 Kowloon Bay Sports Ground
<b>New Territories</b>	
Islands	10 Cheung Chau Sports Ground
Kwai Tsing	11 Kwai Chung Sports Ground
	12 Tsing Yi Sports Ground
	13 Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground
Tsuen Wan	14 Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground
Tuen Mun	15 Siu Lun Sports Ground
	16 Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
Yuen Long	17 Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground
	18 Yuen Long Stadium
Sha Tin	19 Ma On Shan Sports Ground
	20 Sha Tin Sports Ground
Tai Po	21 Tai Po Sports Ground
North	22 Fanling Recreation Ground
	23 North District Sports Ground
Sai Kung	24 Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
	25 Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground

## Stadia

1. Hong Kong Stadium
2. Mong Kok Stadium

**Annex V to Reply Serial No. HAB291**

**List of Tennis Courts in 2010**

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>No. of Courts</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>		
Wan Chai	1 Bowen Road Tennis Court	4
	2 Causeway Bay Sports Ground	6
	3 Hong Kong Tennis Centre	17
Eastern	4 Chai Wan Park	6
	5 Quarry Bay Park	8
	6 Sai Wan Ho Playground	4
	7 Victoria Park	14
Southern	8 Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre	8
<b>Kowloon</b>		
Yau Tsim Mong	9 Cherry Street Park	4
	10 King's Park Recreation Ground	6
Sham Shui Po	11 Lai Chi Kok Park	5
	12 Shek Kip Mei Park	8
	13 Tung Chau Street Park	5
Kowloon City	14 Ho Man Tin Sports Centre	2
	15 Junction Road Park	6
	16 Ma Tau Wai Service Reservoir Playground	4
	17 Tin Kwong Road Tennis Court	4
Wong Tai Sin	18 Choi Hung Road Playground	5
	19 Morse Park	6
	20 Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground	4
	21 Shek Ku Lung Road Playground	4
Kwun Tong	22 Hiu Ming Street Playground	3
	23 Hong Ning Road Park	4
	24 Jordan Valley Playground	4
	25 Ping Shek Playground	4
	26 Sin Fat Road Tennis Courts	4
	27 Shun Lee Tsuen Park	2

<b>District</b>	<b>Venues</b>	<b>No. of Courts</b>
<b>New Territories</b>		
Islands	28 Cheung Chau Park	3
Kwai Tsing	29 Kwai Shing Playground	3
	30 North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre *	1
	31 Shek Lei Street Tennis Courts	2
	32 Tsing Yi Park	7
	33 Mei King Playground #	2
Tsuen Wan	34 Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	4
	35 Shing Mun Valley Park	2
	36 Sha Tsui Road Playground	3
	37 Tsuen King Circuit Playground	4
	38 Tsuen Wan Park	4
Tuen Mun	39 Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	6
	40 Tsing Sin Playground	4
	41 Wu Shan Tennis Courts	3
Yuen Long	42 Sai Ching Street Tennis Courts	6
	43 Tin Shui Wai Park	2
	44 Shui Pin Tsuen Playground #	1
Sha Tin	45 Hin Tin Playground	4
	46 Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	2
	47 Siu Lek Yuen Road Playground	4
	48 Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	6
	49 Yuen Wo Playground	6
Tai Po	50 Tai Po Sports Ground	6
	51 Wan Tau Kok Playground	3
North	52 North District Sports Ground	6
	53 Wo Hing Sports Centre *	1
	54 Fanling Temporary Tennis Courts #	2
Sai Kung	55 Po Tsui Park	6
	56 Sai Kung Tennis Courts	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>256</b>

\* Indoor Court

# Hard-Surfaced Tennis Courts

**Annex VI to Reply Serial No. HAB291**

**Usage of Major Leisure Facilities in 2010**

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Usage Rate (%)</b>		
	<b>Peak Hours</b>	<b>Non-peak Hours</b>	<b>Average</b>
Natural Turf Pitches	100%	100%	100%
Artificial Turf Pitches	95%	46%	73%
Sports Centres (Arena)	90%	64%	78%
Sports Grounds	99%	97%	98%
Tennis Courts	75%	38%	58%

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Total Number of Days Used</b>
Hong Kong Stadium	102

Remark:

Mong Kok Stadium is under improvement works during the period from September 2009 to September 2011.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB292**

Question Serial No.

1922

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the follow-up action plan on the “Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the work items, target groups, the manpower involved, the expenditure and the effectiveness of the work for promoting “Sport for All” in 2010-11;
- (b) of the work items, target groups, the manpower involved and the estimated expenditure for promoting “Sport for All” in 2011-12; and
- (c) whether the Government will earmark provision for collecting data on a regular basis on public participation in physical and sports activities and studying the factors affecting public participation in these activities? If so, what are the manpower involved and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) & (b) To encourage people from all walks of life to participate in regular recreational and sports activities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide variety of sports programmes like

training courses, recreational activities and competitions for the general public. The Department also organises territory-wide major events and sports competitions, including the “Sport For All” Day, Healthy Exercise for All Campaign, the School Sports Programme, the Hong Kong Games, the Masters Games and the Corporate Games, to promote a strong sporting culture in the community. To follow up on the recommendations of the “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), LCSD will enhance the promotion of sport in the community in 2011-12 in collaboration with the District Councils, national sports associations, non-government organisations and schools. The total expenditure to be incurred in 2011-12 will be \$143.5 million, representing a 16% increase over that in 2010-11.

The total number of programmes organised in 2010-11 and those planned to be organised in 2011-12 to promote “Sport for All” are as follows:

	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)
Total No. of Programmes	36 712	36 900
Expenditure (\$ million)	123.5	143.5 (Estimated)

- (c) The Study was first conducted in 2008 at a cost of \$1.7 million. To keep track of the participation patterns of Hong Kong people in sports and other physical activities, it is recommended that this study should be conducted every five years. The next study will be conducted in 2013 but the cost has yet to be confirmed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**HAB293**

Question Serial No.

1923

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government has indicated that it would strengthen the channels for booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through further enhancement to the computerised booking system. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- (b) For the elderly and those who can hardly benefit from the booking services through telephone, the Internet and self-service kiosks, will the Government provide additional support to facilitate their booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes? If so, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower required?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to upgrade the Leisure Link System (LLS) in order to improve the services provided to the public for booking sports facilities and enrollment in sports programmes. The estimated expenditure is about \$20 million. The project involves both hardware and software upgrading and will be implemented by the vendors and administered by LCSD mainly through deployment of existing staff.



The upgrading of the LLS will also improve the booking services provided at booking counters at leisure venues. The elderly and those who do not use or have access to computers can continue to make bookings at the counters where LCSD's staff will provide assistance to users.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB294**

Question Serial No.

1924

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government will conduct the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community in 2011. What are the specific work plan, the estimated expenditure and manpower required for the Test?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. It comprises two parts, a questionnaire survey and a physical fitness test. Target participants are Hong Kong citizens aged between three and 69, categorised into five age groups - infants (aged 3-6), children (7-12), adolescents (13-19), adults (20-59) and the elderly (60-69). The sample size is about 10 000, drawn at random from 18 districts.

The estimated budget for the PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity. The PFT is administered by existing staff of the Department and the creation of new posts is not required for the project.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 15 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB295**

Question Serial No.

1925

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government plans to organise more programmes for special target groups, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities in 2011-12. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the estimated expenditure and manpower required for the measures?
- (b) whether the Government organised any recreation and sports activities for elderly persons and persons with disabilities in 2010-11? If so, please list the target groups, the manpower involved, the expenditure and the effectiveness of the respective items.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, the Department will set aside about \$10.91 million for organising some 5 200 specially designed and free programmes for 486 000 elderly people and persons with disabilities. Programmes will include swimming, fitness exercise, fitness

(multi-gym), gymnastics, hydro-fitness, social dance, lawn bowls, table tennis and gateball. Outreach programmes will also be organised for the elderly and persons with disabilities at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres respectively.

The total number of free programmes organised in 2010-11 and those to be organised in 2011-12 for these two target groups are as follows:

	The Elderly		Persons with Disabilities	
	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)
Number of Free Programmes	3 864	4 000	1 171	1 200
Expenditure (\$ million)	6.82	7.41 (estimated)	3.22	3.50 (estimated)

Recreation and sports programmes for the elderly and persons with disabilities are organised as part of the annual programmes for promoting community sport. LCSD does not have information showing the manpower specifically attributable to the organisation of these two types of programmes. The special programmes have been well-received by the target groups, as indicated by the enrollment rate, which averages 95%.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB296**

Question Serial No.

1926

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the report of the study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, there were fewer female respondents who thought they had sufficient amount of physical activities. In its current review of the recreation and sports activities and facilities provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Government commission more experts to study ways to improve the existing services from a gender perspective? If so, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower required for the study?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

Based on the outcomes of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has begun implementing a five-year action plan to follow up on the recommendations of the Study.

A Task Force with members from the Community Sports Committee, representatives of the Department of Health, the Education Bureau and the academic sector has been set up to oversee the action plan. LCSD will explore with the experts on the Task Force how to encourage female participation in sports and other physical activities and what

further improvements to leisure services are required. The work will be carried out by deploying the existing staff and resources of LCSD.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB297**

Question Serial No.

1927

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government deployed resources to develop feeder systems for a number of sports in 2010-11. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific measures for developing the feeder systems as well as the manpower and provision involved; and
- (b) with a breakdown by sports, the amount of additional subvention provided or expected to be provided for each sport from 2010-11 to 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) invites the national sports associations (NSAs) to submit plans on the implementation of enhanced feeder programmes and provides funding support through the Sports Subvention Scheme. The NSAs concerned are required to submit to LCSD evaluation reports on their achievement of the performance targets upon completion of the feeder programmes.



The enhanced feeder system seeks to identify and nurture young athletes with potential at an early stage for the long-term and sustainable development of sports in Hong Kong. With the enhanced system, our young athletes at or below the junior squad level are provided with more opportunities to participate in overseas training and local competitions, pre-squad training and development programmes in a more structured and systematic manner, thus enhancing their skills and experience to enable their advancement to the senior squad and elite levels.

The Department carries out the initiatives to promote feeder system through deployment of existing manpower.

- (b) The total amount of subvention to 22 NSAs for implementing the enhanced feeder system in 2010-11 is around \$12 million. The detailed breakdown by sports is set out in the attached Annex.

For 2011-12, LCSD will set aside around \$19 million to provide funding support for the existing 22 NSAs to continue implementing their feeder systems as well as for other NSAs to implement new feeder programmes for their young athletes. As the Department is still in the final process of assessing the plans submitted by the NSAs, the subvention to be allocated to individual NSAs in 2011-12, including that for the provision of feeder programmes, has not yet been finalised.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Breakdown of Subvention to 22 NSAs for Implementing  
the Enhanced Feeder Programmes in 2010-11**

<b>Sports</b>	<b>Amount of Subvention \$</b>
Athletics	1,379,164
Badminton	557,264
Cycling	776,982
Fencing	249,654
Gymnastics	172,722
Handball	526,329
Judo	528,484
Karatedo	425,032
Rowing	608,900
Shooting	374,984
Squash	386,815
Swimming	243,900
Table Tennis	837,438
Taekwondo	503,819
Tennis	835,976
Tenpin Bowling	641,749
Triathlon	69,028
Volleyball	546,577
Windsurfing	901,248
Wushu	112,628
Sports for Intellectually Disabled	763,540
Sports for Physically Disabled	819,964
<b>Total:</b>	12,262,197 (say \$12 million)

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Question Serial No.

1928

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please list the number, nature and attendance of the activities organised in the sports centres and stadia under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as well as the expenditure and manpower involved in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages a wide range of sports venues including sports centres, sports grounds, stadia and swimming pools. To encourage people to participate in regular sports activities, LCSD organises sports programmes such as training courses and competitions at its sports venues. The Department also organises territory-wide major events and sports competitions, including the Sport for All Day, “Healthy Exercise for All” Campaign, the School Sports Programme, the Hong Kong Games, the Masters Games and the Corporate Games, with a view to promoting a strong sporting culture in the community.

The total number of recreation and sports programmes organised by LCSD in its sports venues from 2006-07 to 2010-11 as well as the attendance and expenditure involved are as follows:

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
No. of Programmes	29 150	33 600	34 500	35 790	36 712
Attendance	1 781 000	1 816 000	*2 288 000	*2 163 000	2 037 000
Expenditure (\$ million)	99.5	107.0	*153.5	*128.5	123.5

\* Additional community programmes in support of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the 2009 East Asian Games were organised in 2008-09 and 2009-10, resulting in a larger attendance and higher expenditure for these two financial years.

The number of staff working under the Leisure Services Branch of LCSD is around 5 000 in 2010-11. Most of them perform multiple duties, including the organisation of recreation and sports programmes, as well as venue management and horticultural maintenance. LCSD does not have information showing the manpower resources devoted specifically to organising recreation and sports programmes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB299**

Question Serial No.

1929

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

For each of the 18 districts, please list the static libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, their opening hours and library stock, as well as the number of Internet Express Terminals provided in each library for public use.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

Information on the static libraries managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, including their locations by district, opening hours, stock size and the number of Internet Express Terminals provided, is set out in the Annex.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB299**

**Hong Kong Public Libraries**

District	Library	Library Materials Stock (as at 31 Jan 2011) (items)	Nos. of Internet Express Terminals (2010-11) (no.)	Opening Hours	
				Group	Details
<b>Hong Kong Central Library</b>		2 469 196	4	A	<b>A) <u>Hong Kong Central Library</u></b>
<b>Central &amp; Western</b>	City Hall	538 136	1	B	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday .....10 am to 9 pm
	Shek Tong Tsui	173 959	2	B	Wednesday .....1 pm to 9 pm
	Smithfield	75 449	1	C	Saturday and Sunday .....10 am to 9 pm
<b>Wanchai</b>	Lockhart Road	186 959	2	B	Public Holiday* .....10 am to 7 pm
	Wong Nai Chung	86 107	1	C	
<b>Eastern</b>	Chai Wan	228 514	2	B	<b>B) <u>34 Major / District Libraries</u></b> Monday or Thursday .....12 noon to 8 pm
	North Point	81 311	1	B	Monday to Wednesday and Friday or
	Quarry Bay	187 863	2	B	Tuesday to Friday .....9 am to 8 pm
	Electric Road	78 113	1	C	Saturday .....9 am to 8 pm
	Yiu Tung	66 974	1	C	Sunday and Public Holiday* .....9 am to 5 pm
<b>Southern</b>	Aberdeen	157 926	2	B	<b>C) <u>21 Small Libraries (Urban Area)</u></b>
	Ap Lei Chau	78 325	1	C	Monday to Wednesday and Friday .....10 am to 7 pm
	Pok Fu Lam	77 686	1	C	Thursday .....Closed
	Stanley	82 501	1	C	Saturday and Sunday .....10 am to 5 pm
<b>Kowloon City</b>	Kowloon	682 747	2	B	Public Holiday* .....10 am to 1 pm
	To Kwa Wan	170 918	1	B	
	Hung Hom	94 280	1	C	<b>D) <u>2 Small Libraries (New Territories)</u></b>
	Kowloon City	75 225	1	C	• Lek Yuen Public Library and Tin Shui Wai North Public Library Monday .....Closed
<b>Wong Tai Sin</b>	Ngau Chi Wan	174 276	1	B	Tuesday to Friday .....9 am to 8 pm
	San Po Kong	169 394	2	B	Saturday .....9 am to 5 pm
	Fu Shan	69 050	1	C	Sunday and Public Holiday* .....9 am to 1 pm
	Lok Fu	74 008	1	C	
	Lung Hing	54 228	1	C	<b>E) <u>3 Small Libraries (New Territories)</u></b>
	Tsz Wan Shan	72 594	1	C	• Shek Wai Kok Public Library, Butterfly Estate Public Library and Sha Tau Kok Public Library
<b>Kwun Tong</b>	Ngau Tau Kok	168 998	2	B	Monday, Wednesday .....10 am to 1 pm, and
	Shui Wo Street	208 305	2	B	and Saturday.....2 pm to 6 pm
	Lam Tin	69 205	1	C	Tuesday and Friday .....1 pm to 8 pm
	Lei Yue Mun	75 746	1	C	Thursday .....Closed
	Sau Mau Ping	57 032	1	C	Sunday and Public Holiday* .....9 am to 1 pm
	Shun Lee Estate	76 968	1	C	

District	Library	Library Materials Stock (as at 31 Jan 2011) (items)	Nos. of Internet Express Terminals (2010-11) (no.)	Opening Hours	
				Group	Details
<b>Yau Tsim Mong</b>	Fa Yuen Street	178 862	2	B	<b>F) 5 Small Libraries (Islands)</b>  • Tai O Public Library Monday ..... Closed Tuesday to Friday ..... 10 am to 1 pm, and ..... 2 pm to 6 pm Saturday ..... 9 am to 1 pm, and ..... 2 pm to 5 pm Sunday and Public Holiday* ..... 9 am to 1 pm  • Mui Wo Public Library Monday to Wednesday, Friday ..... 10 am to 1 pm, and ..... 2 pm to 6 pm Thursday ..... Closed Sunday and Public Holiday* ..... 10 am to 1 pm  • Peng Chau Public Library Monday ..... Closed Tuesday to Saturday ..... 9:30 am to 1 pm, and ..... 2 pm to 5:30 pm Sunday and Public Holiday* ..... 10 am to 1 pm  • North Lamma Public Library Monday, Wednesday, Thursday ..... 9:45 am to 1 pm, and ..... 2 pm to 4:30 pm and Saturday ..... Tuesday, Friday and Sunday ..... Closed Public Holiday* ..... 9:15 am to 1 pm  • South Lamma Public Library Tuesday and Friday ..... 9 am to 1 pm, and ..... 2 pm to 5 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday ..... Closed Public Holiday* ..... 10:15 am to 1 pm  * The Library will be closed on the following public holidays : New Year's Day, The First, Second and Third Day of the Chinese New Year, Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.
	Yau Ma Tei	153 071	2	B	
	Tai Kok Tsui	80 965	1	C	
	Tsim Sha Tsui	70 048	2	C	
<b>Tuen Mun</b>	Tuen Mun	478 059	1	B	
	Tai Hing	95 495	1	B	
	Butterfly Estate	50 805	1	E	
<b>Sham Shui Po</b>	Lai Chi Kok	190 952	2	B	
	Po On Road	164 357	2	B	
	Pak Tin	46 883	1	C	
	Un Chau Street	62 414	1	C	
<b>Kwai Tsing</b>	Tsing Yi	215 442	2	B	
	North Kwai Chung	174 121	2	B	
	South Kwai Chung	167 899	1	B	
<b>Tsuen Wan</b>	Tsuen Wan	448 051	4	B	
	Shek Wai Kok	37 099	1	E	
<b>Yuen Long</b>	Yuen Long	185 297	2	B	
	Tin Shui Wai	218 601	2	B	
	Tin Shui Wai North	68 725	1	D	
<b>North</b>	Sheung Shui	185 023	3	B	
	Fanling	246 610	2	B	
	Sha Tau Kok	21 792	-	E	
<b>Tai Po</b>	Tai Po	290 988	4	B	
<b>Sha Tin</b>	Sha Tin	446 979	2	B	
	Lek Yuen	57 598	1	D	
	Ma On Shan	214 469	1	B	
<b>Sai Kung</b>	Sai Kung	117 446	1	B	
	Tseung Kwan O	254 248	2	B	
<b>Islands</b>	Cheung Chau	76 226	1	B	
	Mui Wo	28 333	1	F	
	Peng Chau	26 991	1	F	
	North Lamma	18 743	1	F	
	South Lamma	10 709	-	F	
	Tai O	24 952	1	F	
	Tung Chung	218 855	3	B	
<b>66 static libraries</b>	<b>Total :</b>	<b>12 189 101</b>	<b>98</b>		

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB300**

Question Serial No.

1930

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With reference to the standards of major recreation facilities and recreation buildings set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, please list for each of the 18 districts the number, the provision requirements based on the local population and planning standards, and the present shortfall (if any) of the following facilities:

- (a) Tennis court
- (b) Basketball court
- (c) Volleyball court
- (d) Football pitch
- (e) Mini-Soccer pitch
- (f) Rugby/Baseball/Cricket pitch
- (g) Athletics
- (h) Roller skating rink
- (i) Jogging track
- (j) Children's playground

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The level of provision recommended by the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) in respect of various types of recreation and sports facilities by districts and the existing provision by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department



(LCSD) are set out at the Annex. It should be noted that the differences between the level of provision recommended by HKPSG and those provided by LCSD in respect of a particular type of facilities does not necessarily imply a shortfall in the provision as facilities provided in public and private housing developments should also be suitably taken into account when considering the overall level of provision in accordance with the HKPSG.

For example, based on a survey conducted by LCSD, in addition to the 256 tennis courts managed by the Department, over 400 tennis courts are provided in public housing estates and private residential developments. Moreover, 391 basketball courts and 149 volleyball courts are provided in public housing estates, in addition to those provided by LCSD.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 21 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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	Tennis court		Basketball court		Volleyball court		Football pitch (11-a-side)	
District	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD
Central & Western	17.7	0	26.5	28	13.2	12	2.7	0
Wan Chai	10.9	27	16.3	11	8.2	6	1.6	8
Eastern	39.6	32	59.3	33	29.7	9	5.9	1
Southern	18.6	8	27.9	11	14.0	10	2.8	3
Sham Shui Po	25.1	18	37.6	36	18.8	18	3.8	4
Yau Tsim Mong	21.2	10	31.8	26	15.9	16	3.2	2
Kowloon City	25.0	16	37.4	45	18.7	21	3.7	6
Wong Tai Sin	28.1	19	42.1	25	21.1	11	4.2	8
Kwun Tong	41.5	21	62.2	34	31.1	17	6.2	3
Islands	10.4	3	15.5	20	7.8	10	1.6	0
Tuen Mun	33.2	13	49.8	29	24.9	11	5.0	3
Yuen Long	38.5	9	57.8	36	28.9	20	5.8	2
Kwai Tsing	33.8	15	50.6	34	25.3	21	5.1	4
Tsuen Wan	19.7	17	29.5	22	14.8	13	3.0	2
North	20.9	9	31.3	37	15.7	16	3.1	3
Tai Po	19.7	9	29.6	18	14.8	11	3.0	3
Sha Tin	42.1	22	63.1	22	31.6	16	6.3	5
Sai Kung	29.0	8	43.5	15	21.8	9	4.4	3

Note : LCSD is not the sole provider of recreation and sports facilities in Hong Kong. According to HKPSG, facilities in public housing estates and private residential developments should also be taken into account in assessing the local needs of a district.

District	Mini-Soccer pitch (7-a-side)		Mini-Soccer pitch (5-a-side)		Rugby/Baseball/Cricket pitch		Athletics (accommodated in sports ground)	
	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD
Central & Western	8.8	9	8.8	1	1	0	1.1	0
Wan Chai	5.5	7	5.5	0	1	4	0.7	2
Eastern	19.8	17	19.8	3	1	1	2.4	1
Southern	9.3	10	9.3	3	1	1	1.1	1
Sham Shui Po	12.5	16	12.5	2	1	2	1.5	1
Yau Tsim Mong	10.6	6	10.6	0	1	0	1.3	0
Kowloon City	12.5	19	12.5	1	1	3	1.5	2
Wong Tai Sin	14.0	12	14.0	4	1	5	1.7	1
Kwun Tong	20.8	21	20.8	9	1	1	2.5	1
Islands	5.2	13	5.2	1	1	0	0.6	1
Tuen Mun	16.6	9	16.6	1	1	0	2.0	2
Yuen Long	19.3	11	19.3	6	1	0	2.3	2
Kwai Tsing	16.9	11	16.9	14	1	0	2.0	3
Tsuen Wan	9.8	4	9.8	3	1	0	1.2	1
North	10.4	12	10.4	3	1	0	1.3	2
Tai Po	9.9	4	9.9	2	1	0	1.2	1
Sha Tin	21.0	7	21.0	5	1	1	2.5	2
Sai Kung	14.5	8	14.5	2	1	0	1.7	2

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	Roller skating rink (m <sup>2</sup> )		Jogging track (m)		Children's playground (m <sup>2</sup> )	
District	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD
Central & Western	2 647	0	8 823	975	21 176	22 283
Wan Chai	1 634	0	5 447	4 314	13 072	15 426
Eastern	5 934	292	19 780	2 393	47 472	16 610
Southern	2 788	0	9 293	1 220	22 304	6 358
Sham Shui Po	3 763	950	12 543	3 596	30 104	15 361
Yau Tsim Mong	3 176	450	10 587	1 327	25 408	9 656
Kowloon City	3 743	616	12 477	2 520	29 944	7 240
Wong Tai Sin	4 211	360	14 037	2 500	33 688	12 396
Kwun Tong	6 224	1 054	20 747	5 097	49 792	11 174
Islands	1 553	921	5 177	200	12 424	3 232
Tuen Mun	4 979	2 740	16 597	1 000	39 832	22 819
Yuen Long	5 775	565	19 250	2 265	46 200	47 100
Kwai Tsing	5 063	1 173	16 877	1 943	40 504	8 000
Tsuen Wan	2 950	800	9 833	2 900	23 600	8 535
North	3 129	2 703	10 430	4 213	25 032	26 110
Tai Po	2 957	0	9 857	2 518	23 656	6 656
Sha Tin	6 311	1 990	21 037	2 430	50 488	47 881
Sai Kung	4 349	248	14 497	1 290	34 792	8 063

Note : LCSD is not the sole provider of recreation and sports facilities in Hong Kong. According to HKPSG, facilities in public housing estates and private residential developments should also be taken into account in assessing the local needs of a district.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB301**

Question Serial No.

1931

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With reference to the standards of library provision set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, please list for each of the 18 districts the number of libraries provided, the provision requirements based on the local population and the planning standards, and the present shortfall (if any).

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The provision of public libraries is made having regard to a host of factors including the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPS&G), which suggests that one district library should be provided for every 200 000 people. Where appropriate, the Department may consider providing a major library in lieu of two district libraries for every 400 000 people. In addition, the Department provides small libraries and mobile libraries to supplement the services of the district libraries. Presently, the 7.12 million of population in Hong Kong is served by 66 static libraries and ten mobile library vans. The distribution of public libraries at the 18 districts is shown at the Annex.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Existing Libraries and  
Mobile Library Stops by District**

(as at March 2011)

Type of Library District (Population) <small>Note 1</small>	No. of District Libraries according to HKPS&G	Major Library	District Library	Small Library	Total No. of Static Libraries	No. of Mobile Library Stops	Shortfall By the HKPS&G
<b>HONG KONG REGION</b>							
Central & Western (264 700)	1	1	1	1	3		Nil
Wan Chai (163 400)	1		1	1	2		Nil
Eastern (593 400)	2		3	2	5	4	Nil
Southern (278 800)	1		1	3	4	4	Nil
<b>KOWLOON REGION</b>							
Sham Shui Po (376 300)	1		2	2	4	3	Nil
Kowloon City (374 300)	1	1	1	2	4	2	Nil
Wong Tai Sin (421 100)	2		2	4	6	3	Nil
Kwun Tong (622 400)	3		2	4	6	7	1 <small>Note 2</small>
Yau Tsim Mong (317 600)	1		2	2	4	1	Nil
<b>NEW TERRITORIES REGION</b>							
Kwai Tsing (506 300)	2		3		3	10	Nil
Tsuen Wan (295 000)	1	1		1	2	6	Nil
Tuen Mun (497 900)	2	1	1	1	3	7	Nil
Yuen Long (577 500)	2		2	1	3	10	Nil
North (312 900)	1		2	1	3	5	Nil
Tai Po (295 700)	1		1		1	8	Nil
Sha Tin (631 100)	3	1	1	1	3	12	Nil
Sai Kung (434 900)	2		2		2	6	Nil
Islands (155 300)	1		2	5	7	5	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>65</b> <small>Note 3</small>	<b>93</b>	<b>1</b> <small>Note 2</small>

Note:

<sup>1</sup> Hong Kong resident population by District Council district in Mid-2011 projected by the Planning Department.

<sup>2</sup> A new district library is under construction at Lam Tin for completion by 2012.

<sup>3</sup> The Hong Kong Central Library is a territory library and it has not been included in the figure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Reply Serial No.

**HAB302**

Question Serial No.

1932

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in the 2010-11 Policy Address that the Government will provide book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the implementation details, the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- (b) When will the Government review the scheme?
- (c) Will the Government earmark any provision to extend the scheme to other MTR stations?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Department plans to launch a trial scheme of providing book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in the fourth quarter of 2011. The estimated expenditure to be incurred is about \$5 million per annum, which are mainly costs of hiring logistics services for collecting, checking in, sorting and delivering the returned books

back to the libraries. The Department will monitor the implementation of the trial scheme with its existing staff and no additional manpower is required.

- (b) With the experience gained during the trial period, a review will be conducted to assess the public response to and effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications, based on which the Department will decide whether to continue with the scheme or extend it to other major MTR interchange stations.
- (c) The Department will decide if it is appropriate to continue or extend the scheme based on the findings of the review.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



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Reply Serial No.

**HAB303**

Question Serial No.

0652

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2011-12, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to implement the follow-up action plan endorsed by the Sports Commission on the “Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” with a view to further promoting “Sport for All” in the community. In this connection, what is the estimated expenditure for the plan? Is there any expenditure earmarked for reviewing the effectiveness of the plan? If so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

Based on the results and recommendations of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has begun implementing a five-year action plan. Phase 1 of the plan, which aims to promote the findings of the Study to various stakeholders, including District Councils, national sports associations (NSAs), schools, district sports associations and district organisations, was implemented between mid 2009 and late 2010. The Department has produced promotional materials including an Announcement of Public Interest and a “Know Your Physical Activity Level” booklet to promote the importance and benefits of regular participation in sport and other physical activities at a cost of \$5 million.

From mid 2010 onwards, the Phase 2 work will focus on reviewing the provision of sports facilities and the combination of recreation and sports activities having regard to the outcome of the Study. A Task Force with members from the Community Sports Committee, representatives of the Department of Health, the Education Bureau and the academic sector has been set up to oversee the progress of the action plan and monitor its effectiveness. The related monitoring work will be carried out using LCSD's existing resources.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB304**

Question Serial No.

0653

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in the Estimates that during 2011-12, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will implement the recommendations of the comprehensive review of the sports subvention scheme with a view to streamlining the procedures, enhancing accountability and improving its overall effectiveness and efficiency. Please list the detailed estimated expenditures, the relevant details and the implementation schedule in respect of the recommendations.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has completed a comprehensive review of the administration of the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) and recommended a number of measures to improve its administration. The measures cover areas relating to the allocation of subvention; the monitoring of the use of subvention; and governance and internal controls of the national sports associations (NSAs).

On the allocation of subvention, LCSD will adopt a more performance-based approach in determining the amount of subvention for NSAs. NSAs' achievements in key performance areas such as organisation of programmes, development of sports and corporate governance and compliance in the current year will be more closely linked to the amount of subvention to be granted to the NSAs in the following year.

To simplify the subvention system so as to increase the flexibility enjoyed by NSAs on one hand and maintain control over major expenditure items on the other, LCSD will adopt an “output-based” approach for monitoring the use of subvention by NSAs. NSAs can use the approved subvention more flexibly as long as they meet their commitment on deliverables and fulfill other broad funding principles as well as the conditions set for expenditure items requiring special attention such as air fares and hotel accommodation. With a view to rationalising the reporting workload and enhancing NSAs’ compliance, LCSD will streamline the reporting system and format. Moreover, LCSD will introduce a new “risk-based” approach to conduct on-site inspections of subvented programmes which will help determine the frequency of on-site inspections to be undertaken by LCSD staff in a more systematic manner, taking into account the nature and complexity of the programmes as well as the risk level of the NSAs.

As for the governance and internal controls of NSAs, LCSD will continue to organise workshops and seminars and provide guidelines on internal control to NSAs. LCSD will also raise the level of the auditing standard so that NSAs’ audited accounts will provide assurance on the NSAs’ compliance with guidelines and requirements. LCSD is developing a computerised system to strengthen the monitoring of NSAs’ compliance and performance, as well as to facilitate timely submission of reports by NSAs. A list of suitable accounting software has been provided to NSAs for their reference and adoption to enhance the management of their accounts.

The above improvement measures will be implemented from 2011-12 onwards. LCSD will provide NSAs with additional resources to strengthen their manpower for enhancing internal control and accounting capabilities. In parallel, the manpower of LCSD will be enhanced. Additional recurrent funding of \$8 million and \$1.69 million will be earmarked for strengthening the manpower of the NSAs and LCSD respectively in a full year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB305**

Question Serial No.

0654

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in the Estimates that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise more programmes for special target groups, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities in 2011-12. What is the estimated expenditure involved and what are the details of the programmes? What are the number and nature of the programmes to be organised and who are the target participants? Please compare the actual expenditures on these programmes in the past three years, and explain the reasons for any increase or decrease in the estimated expenditures.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, the Department will set aside around \$10.91 million for organising some 5 200 specially designed and free programmes for 486 000 elderly people and persons with disabilities. Programmes will include swimming, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), gymnastics, hydro-fitness, social dance, lawn bowls, table tennis and gateball. Outreach programmes will also be organised for the elderly and persons with disabilities at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres respectively.

The expenditure incurred in the organisation of special recreation and sports programmes for the elderly and persons with disabilities in the past three years and the estimated expenditure for these programmes in 2011-12 are as follows:

	Expenditure (\$ million)		
	Programmes for the Elderly	Programmes for Persons with Disabilities	Total
2008-09	6.11	2.89	9.00
2009-10	6.71	3.28	9.99
2010-11	6.82	3.22	10.04
2011-12 (Estimated)	7.41	3.50	10.91

In support of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the 2009 East Asian Games, more programmes were organised for all sectors of the community including the elderly and persons with disabilities, resulting in relatively higher expenditure in 2008-09 and 2009-10. Having regard to the results and recommendations of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, LCSD has formulated a five-year action plan to encourage people to participate in sports and other physical activities more regularly. To this end, more recreation and sports programmes will be organised for the elderly and persons with disabilities in 2011-12, resulting in a further increase in expenditure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB306

Question Serial No.

2966

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise and enhance the Community Garden Programme in the 18 districts to encourage community participation at the neighbourhood level. What are the details of the programme and the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The Community Garden Programme (the Programme) aims to encourage the public to participate and cultivate an interest in greening activities at neighbourhood level, making such activities an integral part of their daily life. The Programme was launched in 2004, with 21 community gardens currently operating in 18 districts, attracting about 10 000 participants a year.

The Programme is conducted in the form of gardening courses lasting for 18 weeks. The fee for each course is \$400. Each participant will be allotted with a planting plot of 1.5m x 1.5m in a community garden to practise gardening and is allowed to bring along four friends or relatives to attend the course. The recurrent expenditure for each programme is about \$50,000 covering the remuneration for part-time instructors and other operational expenses.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB307**

Question Serial No.

2967

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has been promoting the Green Volunteer Scheme to enhance community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance. How effective has the Scheme been so far? What are the work and expenditure involved in expanding the Scheme this year?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The Green Volunteer (GV) Scheme was launched in 2003. The GVs are deployed to assist in various duties including organising greening activities; undertaking simple horticultural maintenance work; labelling trees along roadside and inside parks and gardens and reporting damaged condition of trees when spotted. With continued efforts made in promoting the Scheme, the number of GVs has been increasing steadily to the current level of about 2 500.

In order to train up the GVs and to enhance community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance, training courses and activities are organised for them on a regular basis to strengthen their knowledge on trees. In 2011–12, the Department plans to organise some 400 courses and activities for the GVs at an estimated cost of around \$0.6 million. With more experience and knowledge, the GVs are expected to play an increasingly positive role in enhancing greening work and tree surveillance in the years to come.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB308**

Question Serial No.

2968

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1911 Revolution. Apart from organising an exhibition “Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution” and an international conference in collaboration with various cultural and educational institutions, what other promotion programmes will be held by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to help the young people of Hong Kong understand the history of the Revolution? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

Apart from the *Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution* exhibition and the *International Conference on the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution*, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will organise or co-organise / has organised the following programmes to promote the understanding of the 1911 Revolution by young people:

	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure</b>
1	<i>Revolution Once More: Dr Sun Yat-sen from Xing Zhong Hui to the Governments in Guangzhou</i> exhibition	\$0.6 million (actual expenditure)

	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure</b>
2	<i>The Second Hong Kong Secondary School Chinese History Research and Study Planning</i>	Costs to be borne by HKU Master of Arts in Chinese Historical Studies Alumni Association and other organisations. No expenditure for LCSD.
3	<i>The Academic Seminar to Mark the Centenary of the Xinhai Revolution</i>	Costs to be borne by The Chinese University of Hong Kong. No expenditure for LCSD.
4	<i>Seminar Forum on the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution</i>	Costs to be borne by HKU Master of Arts in Chinese Historical Studies Alumni Association and other organisations. No expenditure for LCSD.
5	<i>Field Visit: Tribute to Revolutionary Heroes</i>	Costs partially borne by HKU Master of Arts in Chinese Historical Studies Alumni Association and other organisations; LCSD's expenditure is about \$1,500.
6	<i>Xinhai Revolution Centenary Stamp Exhibition</i>	No expenditure is incurred by LCSD apart from the provision of venue.
7	<i>Dr Sun Yat-sen and Guangzhou in the Post-1911 Revolution Period</i> exhibition	\$740,000 (direct production cost)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB309**

Question Serial No.

0310

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the scheme to display artworks in government buildings to promote community participation in arts and cultural activities, will the Government provide this Committee with the following information:

- (a) the names of all the participating government departments, as well as the venue offered by each department and the public area made available for displaying artworks;
- (b) the estimated expenditure and details of expenditure of the scheme, as well as the manpower involved; and
- (c) a breakdown by venue of the number of artworks permanently displayed under the scheme and the number of participating artists?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

Details of the displays of artworks in government properties (excluding museum premises) arranged by the Art Promotion Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are set out in Annex.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 21 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB309**

<b>Government Bureaux/ Departments</b>	<b>Scheme / Exhibition</b>	<b>Location &amp; Size of Public Area</b>	<b>Expenditure / Estimated expenditure</b>	<b>Display Nature</b>	<b>No. of Artworks Displayed</b>	<b>No. of Artists / Art groups</b>
<b>Initiatives in 2010-11</b>						
LCSD	Park Déco Scheme - Quarry Bay Park	Quarry Bay Park* (9.79 hectares)	\$2,999,000	Permanent	29	4 (artists)
LCSD	ArtAlive@Park (2010-11)	Hong Kong Park* (8 hectares) Kowloon Park* (13.3 hectares) Sha Tin Park* (8.05 hectares) Tuen Mun Park* (12.5 hectares)	\$7 million borne by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). No expenditure for LCSD.	Temporary	33	86 (artists)
Home Affairs Bureau LCSD Government Property Agency	Art @ Government Buildings	Revenue Tower (approx. 20 m <sup>2</sup> ) Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices (approx. 20 m <sup>2</sup> ) Tsuen Wan Government Offices (approx. 10 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$3,897,000	Temporary	3	3 (artists)
LCSD Government Property Agency	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2010 – Convergence/ Divergence – An International Prints Exchange Exhibition	Lobby, Queensway Government Offices (150 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$8,000	Temporary	20	20 (artists)
LCSD	Art Moves - Rekindling Hearts with Art and Love – In Commemoration of the Two Year Anniversary of the Sichuan Earthquake Exhibition	Exhibition Gallery, Sha Tin Town Hall (378 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$205,000	Temporary	129 #	21 (artists) 50 (volunteers, teachers and children)
LCSD	Cross All Borders: Hong Kong Festival Showcasing New Visual Artists with Disabilities 2010	Exhibition Gallery 4 – 5 of Hong Kong Central Library (494 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$126,000	Temporary	79	70 (artists)
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood V Launch Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong City Hall Low Block (590 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$505,000	Temporary	44	24 (artists)
LCSD	In Search of Art - Art Specialist Course Exhibition	Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Cultural Centre (282 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$82,000	Temporary	119	119 (artists)

Government Bureaux/ Departments	Scheme / Exhibition	Location & Size of Public Area	Expenditure / Estimated expenditure	Display Nature	No. of Artworks Displayed	No. of Artists / Art groups
LCSD	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2010 – Convergence/ Divergence – An International Prints Exchange Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong City Hall (590 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$406,000	Temporary	204	195 (artists)
LCSD	Hong Kong Sculpture Biennial 2010 “Echo – Classic” Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$103,000	Temporary	12	12 (artists)
LCSD	Art Specialist Course 2010 – 2011 Graduation Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$149,000	Temporary	90	32 (artists)
LCSD	Government House Sketching Tour Artworks Display	L2 lobby, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (100 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$16,000	Temporary	21 #	4 (artists) (and 21 students)
LCSD	Micro-Symphony: New Work of XEX.GRP	L5 lobby and corridor, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (200 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$28,000	Temporary	5	3 (artists)
LCSD	Artist in Residence 2010	L5 lobby and corridor, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (200 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$215,000	Temporary	3	2 (artists)
LCSD	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2010 – Watershed: A Tale of Hong Kong and Belfast	2-5/F, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (400 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$20,000	Temporary	11	11 (artists)

### Initiatives in 2011-12

LCSD	Park Déco Scheme – Cornwall Street Park	Cornwall Street Park* (1.9 hectares)	\$5.5 million to be borne by HAB. LCSD's commitment is \$1 million	Permanent	30 (estimated)	3 (artists, estimated)
LCSD Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Beautification of Shanghai Street Public Toilet	Shanghai Street Public Toilet Complex, Yau Ma Tei (External walls)	\$1 million to be borne by HAB. No expenditure for LCSD.	Permanent	1	1 (art group)
LCSD	Public Art Scheme of the Town Park, Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	Town Park & Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O* (6.9 hectares)	\$3 million to be borne by Architectural Services Department. No expenditure for LCSD.	Permanent	2-4 (estimated)	2-4 (artists / art groups) (estimated)
LCSD	ArtAlive@Park (2011-12)	Four public parks in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories	\$7,000,000	Temporary	30 (estimated)	80 (artists, estimated)

Government Bureaux/ Departments	Scheme / Exhibition	Location & Size of Public Area	Expenditure / Estimated expenditure	Display Nature	No. of Artworks Displayed	No. of Artists / Art groups
		(to be confirmed)				
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V: Still Lives and Waves – Works by Ivy Ma	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Film Archive (200 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$106,000	Temporary	12 (estimated)	1 (artist)
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V: Works by Foon Sham	Exhibition Gallery, Tsuen Wan Town Hall (372 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$106,000	Temporary	21 (estimated)	1 (artist)
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V: Works by Lam Tung-pang	Exhibition Gallery 4 – 5 of Hong Kong Central Library (494 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$106,000	Temporary	20 (estimated)	1 (artist)
LCSD	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2011 – XinYiDai: An International Prints Exchange Exhibition by Generation Y	Exhibition Gallery, Sha Tin Town Hall (378 m <sup>2</sup> ) (venue to be confirmed)	\$480,000	Temporary	200 (estimated)	120 (artists, estimated)
LCSD	Art Specialist Course 2011 – 2012 Graduation Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$203,000	Temporary	80 (estimated)	28 (artists, estimated)
LCSD	Artist in Residence 2010	L5 lobby, corridor & Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (418 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$262,000	Temporary	6	3 (artists)
LCSD	Summer Art@VAC	L5 lobby & corridor, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (200 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$260,000	Temporary	20 # (estimated)	4 (artists)  20 (groups of children and parents) (estimated)
LCSD	Photographic Project for No.12 Oil Street	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m <sup>2</sup> )	\$357,000	Temporary	60	12

\* Artworks are displayed in various parts of the parks.

# Some participants are not artists and the artworks are created by them in collaboration with artists.

The manpower resources deployed to carrying out the public art projects detailed in the Annex are absorbed by the Art Promotion Office.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB310**

Question Serial No.

0311

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the “public art programmes”, please provide a list of the programmes organised by the Art Promotion Office in collaboration with other organisations in the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11), the number of participating artists, the venues for display, the number of artworks displayed, the duration of display, as well as the expenditures and manpower involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

Details of the public art projects organised by the Art Promotion Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in collaboration with other organisations in the past five years, i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11, are set out in Annex.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Betty FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 21 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB310**

Name of public art project	Number of participating artists / art groups	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed / to be displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure / Budget
<b>2006-07</b>					
New Face Heritage – Installation of Public Artworks at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Stage II	14 (artists)	Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	10	Since 11 November 2006	\$2,654,000 borne by Housing Department. LCSD's commitment is \$309,000.
Mobile Art Expedition	35 (artists)	9 bus bodies of Citybus Ltd. and New World First Bus Services Ltd.	82	3 December 2005 to 2 June 2006	\$520,000
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III <sup>Note 1</sup>	35 (artists)	Hong Kong Central Library Kwai Tsing Theatre MTR Tiu Keng Leng Station Ko Shan Theatre Hong Kong Arts Centre KCR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Hong Kong Cultural Centre Kwai Tsing Theatre Xinhua Book City Hong Kong Cultural Centre Yuen Long Theatre Sha Tin Town Hall Stanley Plaza Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Yat Tung Shopping Centre Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Lung Cheung Mall Hong Kong Arts Centre Hong Kong Central Library Hong Kong Central Library Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre Yuen Long Theatre Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Tsuen Wan Town Hall Tsuen Wan Plaza	333	26 to 30 June 2005 14 to 21 September 2005 23 September to 13 October 2005 12 October to 29 November 2005 4 to 29 November 2005 1 December 2005 to 31 March 2006 23 December 2005 to 5 January 2006 19 January to 5 February 2006 7 February to 16 March 2006 4 to 19 March 2006 22 March to 5 April 2006 1 to 13 May 2006 16 to 31 May 2006 14 to 22 June 2006 24 June to 12 July 2006 5 to 15 August 2006 29 August to 10 September 2006 23 September to 10 October 2006 14 to 29 October 2006 17 to 29 November 2006 1 to 18 March 2007 21 March to 2 April 2007 3 to 10 April 2007 13 to 23 April 2007 13 to 23 April 2007	\$2,277,000
<b>2007-08</b>					
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III	Please refer to Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III in 2006-07. There were three exhibitions organised under this scheme in 2007-08.				



Name of public art project	Number of participating artists / art groups	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed / to be displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure / Budget
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV <sup>Note 2</sup>	70 (artists)	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong City Hall Low Block L3 Crystal Atrium, Metroplaza MTR Sheung Shui Station MTR Yau Tong Station Tsuen Wan Town Hall Tin Ping Shopping Centre Grand Century Place Hong Kong Central Library Yuen Long Theatre Kai Tin Shopping Centre Hong Kong Central Library Tsuen Wan Plaza Hong Kong Film Archive Tsz Wan Shan Shopping Centre Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre Ho Man Tin Plaza Citywalk Sha Tin Town Hall	406	24 to 30 January 2008 7 to 19 March 2008 28 March to 6 April 2008 26 May to 15 June 2008 18 June to 6 July 2008 14 to 27 August 2008 29 August to 9 September 2008 7 to 31 October 2008 6 to 16 December 2008 6 to 19 February 2009 21 February to 8 March 2009 16 to 29 April 2009 19 to 29 June 2009 16 June to 26 July 2009 7 to 23 August 2009 16 to 28 October 2009 1 to 17 November 2009 8 March to 1 April 2010 13 to 31 March 2010	\$1,542,000
<b>2008-09</b>					
Mobile Art Gallery 2008	21 (artists)	21 bus-bodies and bus stops of Citybus Ltd. and New World First Bus Services Ltd.	21	14 June to 13 December 2008	\$347,000
Public Art Scheme	1 (artist)	Ko Shan Road Park	1	Since December 2008	\$1,149,000
	1 (artist)	Po Hong Park	1	Since mid 2009	
	2 (artists)	Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	2	Since mid 2009	
Camera Yuen Long: Art-in-Subways Project	12 (artists)	6 subways (NS203, NS224, NS184, NS209, NS210, NS211) along the Yuen Long Highway between Tin Shui Wai and Shap Pat Heung interchange	72	Since January 2008	\$496,000 borne by Highways Department, \$5,000 borne by HAD LCSD's commitment is \$156,000
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV	Please refer to the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV in 2007-08. There were eight exhibitions organised under this scheme in 2008-09.				
<b>2009-10</b>					
Hong Kong International Sculpture Symposium 2009	32 (artists)	West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade	36	12 March to 14 June 2009	\$360,000

Name of public art project	Number of participating artists / art groups	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed / to be displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure / Budget
Sai Kung District Council Public Art Project 2009	4 (artists)	Po Tsui Park Po Hong Park Man Yee Playground	4	To be completed in mid 2011	\$1,771,000 borne by Home Affairs Department (HAD) LCSD's commitment is \$241,000
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV	Please refer to the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV in 2007-08. There were eight exhibitions organised under this scheme in 2009-10.				
<b>2010-11</b>					
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V <sup>Note 3</sup>	24 (artists) (as at March 2011)	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong Film Archive Tsimshatsui Book Centre, Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Queen Elizabeth Hospital Hong Kong Central Library Tin Chak Shopping Centre Hong Kong Cultural Centre JCCAC Artist Village Hong Kong Visual Art Centre Olympian City 2 Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Jao Tsung-I Academy	44 (as at March 2011)	29 January to 15 February 2011 June 2011 to April 2013 (tentative)	\$423,000 borne by Fund of Diversified Community Activities from HAD. LCSD's commitment is \$1,218,000
ArtAlive@Park	86 (artists)	Hong Kong Park Kowloon Park Tuen Mun Park Shatin Park	33	21 December 2010 to 28 February 2011	\$7,000,000 borne by Home Affairs Bureau
Public Art Project – Tamar	8 (artists / art groups, estimation)	Open Space of the Central Government Complex	8	To be completed in late 2011	\$8,835,000 borne by Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
Art @ Government Buildings	3 (artists)	Revenue Tower, Wan Chai Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices Tsuen Wan Government Offices	3	To be displayed from June to November 2011	\$3,897,000
Park Déco Scheme (Quarry Bay Park)	4 (artists)	Quarry Bay Park	29	To be completed in May 2011	\$2,999,000

Note 1: The Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III exhibition series were held from June 2005 to April 2007 spanning across three years.

Note 2: The Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV exhibition series were held from January 2008 to March 2010 spanning across three years.

Note 3: The Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V exhibition series were held from January 2011 to April 2013 spanning across three years.

The manpower resources deployed to carrying out the public art projects detailed in the Annex are absorbed by the Art Promotion Office.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB311**

Question Serial No.

0778

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Venue Partnership Scheme, will the Government:

- (a) list all the venues participating in the Scheme since it was launched and their corresponding Venue Partners, as well as the dates when each Venue Partner started operation;
- (b) provide a breakdown of the various forms of support provided by the venues to each of their Venue Partners and the expenditure involved in each form of support; and
- (c) provide a breakdown of the number of activities co-organised by each venue and its Venue Partner(s), the number of audience outreached and the average cost for each member of the audience of each activity in 2010-11 by the types of activities (e.g. performance, exhibition, publication, educational activity, community or promotion programme)?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) The three-year pilot Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) was fully launched in April 2009, although most Venue Partners (VPs) had started organising activities at the respective partnering venues during the soft-launch period in 2008-09. Under the Scheme, 20 VPs including individual groups, joint groups and consortia are engaged in organising performing arts activities of various art forms at 11 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(LCSD). The list of VPs and their respective dates of commencement of activities are set out in Annex A.

- (b) The LCSD provides support to the 20 VPs in the form of (i) priority use of the venue facilities; (ii) provision of funding support; (iii) provision of work space; and (iv) enhanced publicity support such as publicising the VPs' programmes in monthly event calendars, placing programme advertisements in newspapers and MTR stations, and exclusive use of display areas and wall banner sites at venues for programme promotion.

Insofar as provision of funding support is concerned, for the nine VPs which are major performing groups receiving annual subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), HAB provides additional funding under the VPS for VPS-related activities, staff cost and rental charges (totalling \$16.5 million in 2010-11). For the other 11 VPs which are medium and small-sized companies, LCSD provides each of them with an annual programme fee (up to \$1 million) to cover production, staff and administrative costs, in addition to the free use of venue facilities, ticketing services, and the administrative and publicity support mentioned above. The total funding support provided by LCSD (including notional charges) for these 11 performing groups amounts to \$19.7 million in 2010-11.

Breakdown of the funding support (actual and notional, as applicable) from HAB and LCSD in 2010-11 under the VPS is set out in Annex B.

- (c) The number of activities organised by the 20 VPs at the 11 performance venues and the attendance numbers in 2010-11 are estimated as follows:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>2010-11 (Estimated)</b>
No. of stage performances	633
No. of educational, promotional and audience building activities	634
Total attendance	645 336

Breakdown is set out in Annex C.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Venue Partnership Scheme (2009-10 to 2011-12)**  
**List of Venue Partners and Date of Commencement of Activities**

Venue		Venue Partner	Date of Commencement of Activities (including soft-launch period in 2008-09)
1.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	April 2008
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	April 2008
2.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	April 2008
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	April 2008
		(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	April 2008
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	April 2008
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) Whole Theatre	August 2008
		(ii) E-Side Dance Company	September 2008
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	(i) Hong Kong Dance Company	August 2008
		(ii) Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	February 2009
5.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	(i) Chung Ying Theatre Company	August 2008
		(ii) W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	May 2009
6.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	September 2008
7.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	September 2008
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	September 2008
9.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	September 2008
		(ii) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	October 2008
10.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	December 2008
11.	Yuen Long Theatre*	(i) Chung Ying Theatre Company	July 2009
		(ii) Y-Space	September 2009

\* Yuen Long Theatre confirmed its Venue Partners at a later date than other venues as no suitable Venue Partner was identified in the first round of invitation, resulting in a later commencement date of its related activities.

**Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Support to Venue Partners (2010-11)****A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)**

Venue		Venue Partner	Additional Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau for VPS: 2010-11 (Estimates) [Note 1]
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	1,775,830
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	1,538,963
		(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	2,577,050
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	3,012,558
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	1,916,088
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	1,241,000
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	1,630,080
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	2,054,452
5.	Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	790,000
<b>(A) Sub-Total :</b>			<b>16,536,021</b>

**Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Support to Venue Partners (2010-11)****B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from LCSD**

Venue	Venue Partner	Funding Support from LCSD: 2010-11 (Estimates) [Note 2]				
		Notional Hire Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Notional URBTIX Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Annual Programme Fee (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c)	
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	660,000	160,000	990,045	1,810,045
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	366,000	24,400	1,000,000	1,390,400
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-side Dance Company	381,175	11,564	850,000	1,242,739
		(ii) Whole Theatre	1,003,425	66,678	1,000,000	2,070,103
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	840,300	96,200	454,000	1,390,500
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	763,800	26,300	820,048	1,610,148
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	1,982,500	335,000	1,000,000	3,317,500
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	837,000	67,000	1,000,000	1,904,000
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	293,380	11,390	900,000	1,204,770
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera & Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	1,175,000	102,200	1,000,000	2,277,200
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	482,000	2,000	972,600	1,456,600
<b>(B) Sub-Total :</b>			<b>8,784,580</b>	<b>902,732</b>	<b>9,986,693</b>	<b>19,674,005</b>



Annex B to Reply Serial No. HAB311

- Note 1: To avoid hidden subsidy, Venue Partners receiving funding support from HAB have to pay rental in using Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) venues. The funding in 2010-11 includes both the amount of hire charges in using LCSD venues and the amount of VPS-related activities and staff cost. These Venue Partners also receive subventions from HAB for their core productions, outreach activities and publicity efforts, etc. which may be held in the partnering venues.
- Note 2: The funding support does not include the costs involved in providing work space and publicity support to the Venue Partners.
- Note 3: Notional hire/URBTIX charge denotes charges incurred by the Venue Partner for free use of hiring units at the partnering venue as well as ticketing services.

**Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience (2010-11)****A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) [Note 1]**

Venue	Venue Partner	Level of Activities and Attendance : 2010-11 (Estimated)			
		No. of Ticketed Stage Performances (a)	No. of Educational / Promotional / Audience Building Activities (Charged or Free) (b)	Total No. of Performances / Activities (a)+(b)	Total Attendance
1. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	58	67	125	137 729
	(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	27	24	51	69 002
	(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	39	28	67	99 744
	(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	33	17	50	51 657
2. Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	25	11	36	30 106
	(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	58	44	102	36 310
3. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	32	53	85	20 900
4. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	3	28	31	8 210
5. Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	6	40	46	5 200
<b>Sub-Total (A) :</b>		<b>281</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>458 858</b>

**Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience (2010-11)****B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) [Note 2]**

	Venue	Venue Partner	Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience : 2010-11 (Estimated)					
			No. of Ticketed Stage Performances (a)	No. of Educational / Promotional / Audience Building Activities (Charged or Free) (b)	Total No. of Performances / Activities (a)+(b)	Total Cost (Programme Fee & Notional Hire/ Ticketing Charges) (\$)	Total Attendance	Average Cost Per Audience (\$) (Note 3)
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	62	8	70	1,810,045	21 410	85
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	8	36	44	1,390,400	15 300	91
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	18	26	44	1,242,739	6 019	206
		(ii) Whole Theatre	64	9	73	2,070,103	10 134	204
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	19	12	31	1,390,500	15 245	91
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institution for Arts Education	45	89	134	1,610,148	15 870	101
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	62	16	78	3,317,500	58 000	57
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	37	32	69	1,904,000	12 500	152
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	8	31	39	1,204,770	6 500	185
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Chinese Opera	28	30	58	2,277,200	18 100	126
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	1	33	34	1,456,600	7 400	197
<b>Sub-Total (B) :</b>			<b>352</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>19,674,005</b>	<b>186 478</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Total for (A) + (B) :</b>			<b>633</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>1 267</b>	[Note 1]	<b>645 336</b>	[Note 3]

Note 1: It is not feasible to derive the average cost per audience for activities of the Venue Partners subvented by HAB, since the activities held at the partnering venues include not only VPS-related activities, but also their core productions.

Note 2: These Venue Partners receive support from the LCSD direct on free use of venue and ticketing services, plus annual funding support (up to \$1 million per group/consortium) on programme production.

Note 3: The average cost per audience is computed basing on the funding dispensed by LCSD in support of the Venue Partners' programmes and does not include other funding secured by the Venue Partners themselves, if any.

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Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB312**

Question Serial No.

2080

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the auditoria/arena of civic centres under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Government provide this Committee with the following information:

- (a) the year of construction of each of the auditoria/arena of civic centres in the 18 districts and their usage rates in the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11); and
- (b) the types of activities (e.g. performance, exhibition, publication, educational activity, community or promotion programme) held in each of the auditoria/arena of civic centres in the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11)?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

The usage rates by types of activities held at the 15 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past five years from 2006-07 to 2010-11, and their opening years are set out in the Annex.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Usage of 15 LCSD Performance Venues (2006-07 to 2010-11)**

Venue (Note 1) (Opening Year)	Daily Usage Rate																			
	2006-07 (Actual)				2007-08 (Actual)				2008-09 (Actual)				2009-10 (Actual)				2010-11 (Estimated)			
	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall
<b>1. Hong Kong City Hall</b> (1962)																				
- Concert Hall	97%	-	3%	<b>100%</b>	97%	-	1%	<b>98%</b>	96%	-	3%	<b>99%</b>	96%	-	3%	<b>99%</b>	96%	-	2%	<b>98%</b>
- Theatre	96%	-	1%	<b>97%</b>	98%	-	2%	<b>100%</b>	97%	-	2%	<b>99%</b>	99%	-	0%	<b>99%</b>	98%	-	1%	<b>99%</b>
- Exhibition Hall	0%	85%	11%	<b>96%</b>	4%	76%	14%	<b>94%</b>	0%	58%	21%	<b>79%</b>	0%	78%	4%	<b>82%</b>	1%	79%	8%	<b>88%</b>
- Exhibition Gallery	0%	85%	3%	<b>88%</b>	0%	84%	0%	<b>84%</b>	0%	87%	1%	<b>88%</b>	0%	69%	2%	<b>71%</b>	0%	73%	0%	<b>73%</b>
<b>2. Hong Kong Cultural Centre</b> (1989)																				
- Concert Hall	97%	-	3%	<b>100%</b>	97%	-	3%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	98%	-	1%	<b>99%</b>
- Grand Theatre	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>
- Studio Theatre	99%	-	1%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	100%	-	0%	<b>100%</b>	99%	-	0%	<b>99%</b>
- Exhibition Gallery	0%	72%	15%	<b>87%</b>	0%	78%	5%	<b>83%</b>	0%	70%	0%	<b>70%</b>	0%	87%	0%	<b>87%</b>	0%	66%	5%	<b>71%</b>
<b>3. Hong Kong Coliseum</b> (1983)																				
- Arena	80%	-	19%	<b>99%</b>	97%	-	2%	<b>99%</b>	88%	-	12%	<b>100%</b>	84%	-	15%	<b>99%</b>	93%	-	7%	<b>100%</b>
<b>4. Queen Elizabeth Stadium</b> (1980)																				
- Arena	30%	-	61%	<b>91%</b>	21%	-	74%	<b>95%</b>	28%	-	62%	<b>90%</b>	36%	-	54%	<b>90%</b>	30%	-	62%	<b>92%</b>
<b>5. Ko Shan Theatre</b> (1983)																				
- Theatre	96%	-	3%	<b>99%</b>	96%	-	1%	<b>97%</b>	96%	-	1%	<b>97%</b>	98%	-	0%	<b>98%</b>	94%	-	2%	<b>96%</b>
<b>6. Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre</b> (1987)																				
- Theatre	77%	-	9%	<b>86%</b>	85%	-	9%	<b>94%</b>	81%	-	9%	<b>90%</b>	82%	-	10%	<b>92%</b>	91%	-	5%	<b>96%</b>
<b>7. Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre</b> (1990)																				
- Theatre	90%	-	10%	<b>100%</b>	95%	-	4%	<b>99%</b>	96%	-	3%	<b>99%</b>	97%	-	2%	<b>99%</b>	96%	-	3%	<b>99%</b>
<b>8. Sheung Wan Civic Centre</b> (1988)																				
- Theatre	76%	-	15%	<b>91%</b>	83%	-	14%	<b>97%</b>	81%	-	12%	<b>93%</b>	93%	-	3%	<b>96%</b>	92%	-	5%	<b>97%</b>
- Exhibition Hall	47%	26%	6%	<b>79%</b>	25%	29%	17%	<b>71%</b>	32%	24%	11%	<b>67%</b>	39%	21%	10%	<b>70%</b>	38%	21%	11%	<b>70%</b>

**Usage of 15 LCSD Performance Venues (2006-07 to 2010-11)**

Venue (Note 1) (Opening Year)	Daily Usage Rate																			
	2006-07 (Actual)				2007-08 (Actual)				2008-09 (Actual)				2009-10 (Actual)				2010-11 (Estimated)			
	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall
9. <b>Tsuen Wan Town Hall</b> (1980)																				
- Auditorium	73%	-	18%	<b>91%</b>	78%	-	13%	<b>91%</b>	69%	-	20%	<b>89%</b>	80%	-	15%	<b>95%</b>	82%	-	15%	<b>97%</b>
- Exhibition Gallery	29%	29%	9%	<b>67%</b>	21%	28%	14%	<b>63%</b>	26%	34%	15%	<b>75%</b>	43%	21%	14%	<b>78%</b>	55%	17%	14%	<b>86%</b>
10. <b>Tuen Mun Town Hall</b> (1987)																				
- Auditorium	75%	-	5%	<b>80%</b>	66%	-	11%	<b>77%</b>	70%	-	12%	<b>82%</b>	85%	-	6%	<b>91%</b>	83%	-	8%	<b>91%</b>
- Exhibition Gallery	16%	19%	23%	<b>58%</b>	8%	10%	33%	<b>51%</b>	18%	39%	23%	<b>80%</b>	6%	39%	25%	<b>70%</b>	7%	28%	25%	<b>60%</b>
11. <b>North District Town Hall</b> (1982)																				
- Auditorium	45%	-	15%	<b>60%</b>	40%	-	19%	<b>59%</b>	49%	-	20%	<b>69%</b>	56%	-	15%	<b>71%</b>	54%	-	14%	<b>68%</b>
12. <b>Tai Po Civic Centre</b> (1985)																				
- Auditorium (Note 4)	43%	-	52%	<b>95%</b>	39%	-	53%	<b>92%</b>	38%	-	54%	<b>92%</b>	29%	-	62%	<b>91%</b>	35%	-	57%	<b>92%</b>
13. <b>Sha Tin Town Hall</b> (1987)																				
- Auditorium	88%	-	9%	<b>97%</b>	92%	-	5%	<b>97%</b>	93%	-	4%	<b>97%</b>	88%	-	5%	<b>93%</b>	91%	-	7%	<b>98%</b>
- Exhibition Gallery	12%	40%	21%	<b>73%</b>	10%	51%	21%	<b>82%</b>	14%	26%	22%	<b>62%</b>	12%	48%	13%	<b>73%</b>	18%	39%	24%	<b>81%</b>
14. <b>Kwai Tsing Theatre</b> (1999)																				
- Auditorium	95%	-	4%	<b>99%</b>	94%	-	4%	<b>98%</b>	98%	-	1%	<b>99%</b>	94%	-	4%	<b>98%</b>	94%	-	5%	<b>99%</b>
15. <b>Yuen Long Theatre</b> (2000)																				
- Auditorium	54%	-	21%	<b>75%</b>	58%	-	16%	<b>74%</b>	61%	-	19%	<b>80%</b>	74%	-	11%	<b>85%</b>	76%	-	12%	<b>88%</b>

Note 1: Including major auditoria/arena and exhibition facilities of the 15 LCSD performance venues, but not other facilities such as cultural activities halls/lecture halls.

Note 2: Arts-related usage includes performances, educational /audience & community building activities, etc.

Note 3: Non-arts-related usage includes meetings, lectures, conferences, workshops, ceremonies and sports events at Hong Kong Coliseum and Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

Note 4: The use of Tai Po Civic Centre Auditorium is shared between LCSD as a civic centre and the Tai Po Government Secondary School as a school hall, hence the high percentage of non-arts-related activities.

Perfs : Performances

Exh : Exhibitions

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB313**

Question Serial No.

2081

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) outlets, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the manpower and operating expenditure of each outlet; and
- (b) whether the Government will consider extending the opening hours of the outlets to cater for the needs of the working population? If so, what will be the provision and manpower resources earmarked by the Government? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) The Department strives to provide convenient access for members of the public to purchase tickets through the following channels of sales:
  - (i) 24-hour ticketing services via the Internet;
  - (ii) credit card telephone booking (available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily); or
  - (iii) any of the 42 URBTIX outlets throughout the territory during their opening hours.

Among the 42 outlets, 15 are located at 15 performance venues managed by the Department. Of these 15 outlets, eight of them remain open till half-an hour after an evening performance at the venue commences and the remaining seven at major venues with high patronage operate till 9:30 p.m. daily to serve patrons during the intermission of performances. A total of 40 full time and 19 part-time staff are working in shift at these 15 outlets. As the ticketing system, sales terminals and dataline cost are borne by the service provider, Cityline (HK) Ltd under contractual terms, the main operating expenditure of these 15 outlets is staff cost which is estimated at \$6.6 million per annum (details on individual outlets are at the Annex ). The other 27 outlets are operated by non-government agents on contractual basis for providing ticketing services to the public during their office/shop's opening hours of which the closing time ranges from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The respective agents are responsible for providing manpower and bearing all expenses related to the operation of these outlets.

- (b) The various channels of sales as mentioned above are providing the general public a convenient access to ticketing service. The Department has no plan to extend the opening hours of the outlets under its management at present. However, the Department will monitor the position closely and will continue to explore further service improvements in meeting the changing needs of the public.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



**Manpower and Operating Expenditure  
of Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) Outlets Located at  
15 Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) Performance Venues**

<b>URBTIX outlets located at 15 LCSD performance venues</b>	<b>No. of Full time staff</b>	<b>No. of Part-time staff</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Staff Cost <sup>Note 1</sup></b>
Hong Kong Cultural Centre	7	2	\$1,179,000
Hong Kong City Hall	5	8	\$948,000
Queen Elizabeth Stadium	1	-	\$186,000
Hong Kong Coliseum	1	-	\$186,000
Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	1	-	\$186,000
Sheung Wan Civic Centre	1	-	\$117,000
Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	1	-	\$117,000
Ko Shan Theatre	1	-	\$186,000
Sha Tin Town Hall , Tai Po Civic Centre & North District Town Hall <sup>Note 2</sup>	7	9	\$1,290,000
Tuen Mun Town Hall	4	-	\$594,000
Yuen Long Theatre	3	-	\$430,000
Kwai Tsing Theatre	5	-	\$743,000
Tsuen Wan Town Hall	3	-	\$446,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$6,608,000</b>

Note 1: As the ticketing system, hardware and dataline cost are borne by the service provider, Cityline (HK) Ltd, the main operating expenditure of outlets is staff cost.

Note 2: No breakdown on individual outlets is available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB314**

Question Serial No.

3089

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums  
(4) Performing Arts  
(5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the development of local arts and culture, will the Government inform this Committee of the total expenditures, staffing expenses and operational expenses in respect of arts and culture, direct financial support to artists, expenses on arts projects and expenses on arts and cultural programmes incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, as well as the respective percentages of these expenses against its total annual provision in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

The Cultural Services (CS) Branch of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is responsible for the management of performance venues, museums and public libraries as well as the provision of cultural services through various means including organisation of exhibitions and performing arts programmes, provision of support for artists and cultural workers and provision of subvention to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, etc.

The total recurrent expenditure of the CS Branch (excluding the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) whose policy responsibility is under the Development Bureau) from 2008-09 to 2010-11, with a breakdown on administration and programme expenses is as follows:

Item of Expenditure <sup>Note 1</sup>	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11 (Estimated)	
	\$million	%	\$million	%	\$million	%
Staff and related expenses of the CS Branch <sup>Note 2</sup>	609.9	33.3	626.9	33.0	655.7	34.0
Operational expenses of the CS Branch <sup>Note 3</sup>	899.7	49.2	916.6	48.3	919.6	47.6
Provision of cultural services through organisation of exhibitions and performing arts programmes and provision of support for cultural workers and artists, etc	300.8	16.5	335.2	17.7	321.8	16.7
Subvention to arts organisation	18.6	1.0	19.1	1.0	33.2	1.7
Total Recurrent Expenditure of the CS Branch	1,829.0	100	1,897.8	100	1,930.3	100

Note 1 - Excluding AMO

Note 2 - The increase in staff and related expenses in 2009-10 and 2010-11 is mainly due to civil service pay adjustments and the intake of more civil servants to fill existing vacancies.

Note 3 - Including mainly the expenses on the management and operation of performance venues, museums and public libraries.

Note 4 - One-off allocation was provided to the LCSD in 2009-10 for organising celebration activities for the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China as well as the 2009 East Asian Games.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB315**

Question Serial No.

0365

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) What is the detailed estimated expenditure for the 3rd Hong Kong Games to be held in May 2011?
- (b) By making reference to the figures of the previous two Hong Kong Games, what is the expected number of participants for this year's Games?
- (c) With less than three months to go before the Games, what publicity programmes will be launched by the Administration to encourage the participation of the whole community?
- (d) There are comments that the previous two Hong Kong Games have failed to stimulate a strong response and promote "Sport for All". In this connection, what measures will be taken by the Organising Committee this year?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply :

- (a) The estimated budget for the 3rd Hong Kong Games (HKG) is about \$23 million. The estimated expenditure, part of which will be funded by sponsorship, will cover the organisation of sports competitions, financial support to the 18 district teams for pre-games training, publicity, community

involvement programmes and ceremonies. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is as follows:

		Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
i.	Organisation of Competitions and Exchange Programmes	2.6
ii.	Financial Support to 18 District Teams, including the organisation of selection competitions, training for athletes and publicity at district level	8.2
iii.	Publicity and Community Involvement Activities	8.4
iv.	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	3.8

(b) The inaugural HKG held in 2007 saw over 1 280 athletes taking part in four sports competitions and over 100 000 members of the public participating in 12 publicity and community involvement programmes. The 2nd HKG held in 2009 attracted over 2 300 athletes from 18 districts to compete in six sports competitions and over 160 000 members of the public to participate in 13 publicity and community involvement programmes. The 3rd HKG will have eight events, and the Department expects that more than 3 000 athletes from 18 districts will compete in these sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, table tennis, swimming, tennis, futsal and volleyball. The Department also expects over 170 000 members of the public to participate in 17 publicity and community involvement programmes.

(c) & (d) To publicise the 3rd HKG, the Department has held and will continue to hold promotional and community involvement activities in the run-up to and during the Games. The “18 Districts’ Pledging Ceremony” was held on 25 February 2011 during which ten HKG ambassadors were appointed and a series of community involvement activities were launched. These activities will enable members of the public to participate in and support the HKG in different ways.

To arouse greater public awareness and encourage more people to take part in the HKG, the Department has increased the scale of the HKG by increasing the number of sports competitions as explained above as well as stepped up the publicity and community involvement activities. In addition to displaying bunting, banners and posters in 18 districts, creating a dedicated webpage, issuing press releases, placing advertisements in newspapers and disseminating information on the HKG through different media channels, the Department is also launching new publicity initiatives to

arouse public attention. These include the production of a theme song for the HKG and two Announcements of Public Interest; the placing of advertisements on buses, trains, MTR stations and billboards at the entrances of the cross-harbour tunnel in Wanchai and Hunghom. A grand opening ceremony and a closing ceremony will be held on 14 May and 5 June respectively to enable participation by the general public and to mark the opening and closing of this event.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB316**

Question Serial No.

0734

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead : 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 278 non-directorate posts to meet operational needs in 2011-12. Please provide the following information on the posts to be deleted and created by Programme:

- (a) the distribution of the 278 new posts by rank, function and Programme;
- (b) the number of staff filling the respective vacancies in 2011-12 and the total expenditure involved by rank, function and Programme;
- (c) the establishment and strength of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2010-11 by rank; and
- (d) the number of non-civil service contract staff employed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2010-11 by rank.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

(a) & (b)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to create 278 new non-directorate posts to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as sports centres, parks, a swimming pool, and a public library, as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. These posts cover 14 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.

Civil service staff will be deployed to fill the 278 posts upon creation. The estimated salary provision for these 278 new posts in 2011-12 is \$59.5 million. A breakdown of the number of posts and the estimated salary provision per annum by Programme is set out below:

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Net increase in Posts</b>	<b>Estimated Salary Provision Per Annum (\$ million)</b>
(1) Recreation and Sports	173	33.7
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	9	1.9
(3) Heritage and Museums	30	5.9
(4) Performing Arts	3	2.2
(5) Public Libraries	63	15.8
<b>Total:</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>59.5</b>

(c) As at 1 March 2011, the establishment and strength of LCSD were 8 059 and 7 444 respectively.

These posts and staff cover different departmental grades and ranks (including Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Curator, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services) and Cultural Services Assistant) as well as various general and common grades (including Accounting Officer, Administrative Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Executive Officer, Information Officer, Maintenance Surveyor, Management Services Officer, Official Languages Officer, Statistical Officer, Statistician, Structural Engineer,



Supplies Officer, Training Officer, Transport Services Officer, Treasury Accountant, Veterinary Officer, Calligraphist, Clerical Assistant, Clerical Officer, Clerk of Works, Computer Operator, Confidential Assistant, Special Driver, Motor Driver, Office Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supervisor of Typing Services, Supplies Assistant, Supplies Attendant, Supplies Supervisor, Typist, Veterinary Laboratory Technician, Senior Artisan, Artisan, Laboratory Technician, Photographer, Property Attendant, Workman I and Workman II).

- (d) As at 1 March 2011, there were 1 214 non-civil service contract staff in the Department. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure and cultural venues as well as offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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HAB317

Question Serial No.

2371

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead : 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 (LCSD) will create 278 non-directorate posts in 2011-12. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) the distribution of the posts to be deleted and created by rank, function and Programme;
- (b) the establishment and strength of LCSD in 2010-11 by rank;
- (c) the number of non-civil service contract staff employed by LCSD in 2010-11 by rank;
- (d) the total expenditure involved in 2010-11 and the estimated total expenditure for 2011-12 for employment of non-civil service contract staff, agency workers, and outsourced services.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to create 278 new non-directorate posts to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as sports centres, parks, a swimming pool and a public library, as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. These posts cover 14 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.

A breakdown of the number of posts to be created and deleted by Programme is set out below:

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Creation (a)</b>	<b>Deletion (b)</b>	<b>Net increase in posts (c) = (a) – (b)</b>
(1) Recreation and Sports	180	7	173
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	10	1	9
(3) Heritage and Museums	30	0	30
(4) Performing Arts	6	3	3
(5) Public Libraries	63	0	63
<b>Total:</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>278</b>

- (b) As at 1 March 2011, the establishment and strength of LCSD were 8 059 and 7 444 respectively.

These posts and staff cover different departmental grades and ranks (including Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Curator, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services) and Cultural Services Assistant), as well as various general and common grades (including Accounting Officer, Administrative Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Executive Officer, Information Officer, Maintenance Surveyor, Management Services Officer, Official Languages Officer, Statistical Officer, Statistician, Structural Engineer, Supplies Officer, Training Officer, Transport Services Officer, Treasury Accountant, Veterinary Officer, Calligraphist, Clerical Assistant, Clerical Officer, Clerk of Works, Computer Operator, Confidential Assistant, Special Driver, Motor Driver, Office Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supervisor of Typing Services, Supplies Assistant, Supplies Attendant, Supplies Supervisor, Typist, Veterinary Laboratory Technician, Senior Artisan, Artisan, Laboratory Technician, Photographer, Property Attendant, Workman I and Workman II).

- (c) As at 1 March 2011, there were 1 214 non-civil service contract staff in the Department. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure and cultural venues as well as offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services.

(d) (i) Expenditure for the employment of Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff

The estimated expenditure for the employment of NCSC staff in 2010-11 is about \$320 million.

A considerable number of NCSC staff in LCSD are employed to meet short-term or seasonal service needs (e.g. seasonal lifeguards employed during the swimming season). Hence, the number of NCSC staff varies from time to time during the year. The Department is therefore unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the employment of NCSC staff in 2011-12.

(ii) Expenditure for the engagement of agency workers

The estimated expenditure for the engagement of agency workers in 2010-11 is about \$36 million.

Agency workers are engaged by individual venues and offices in LCSD to meet specific service needs which are mainly unforeseeable and short-term in nature or entail irregular work pattern. Each venue or office has to critically examine its operational needs, manpower and financial positions as well as the availability of alternative modes of service delivery before it proceeds to engage agency workers. Given the rather ad hoc and irregular nature for the engagement of agency workers in the Department, the Department is unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the engagement of agency services in 2011-12.

(iii) Expenditure for outsourced services

The estimated expenditures on major outsourced services such as cleansing, security, venue management and horticultural maintenance in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are about \$775 million and \$828 million respectively. The anticipated increase in expenditure in 2011-12 is mainly due to the need to provide outsourced services for the new leisure and cultural facilities mentioned in Part (a) above.

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HAB318

Question Serial No.

1653

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2011-12, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will increase 278 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown for the 278 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department plans to create 278 new non-directorate posts to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as sports centres, parks, a swimming pool, and a public library, as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. The estimated salary provision for these 278 new posts in 2011-12 is \$59.5 million. These posts cover 14 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.

A breakdown of the number of posts and the estimated salary provision per annum by Programme is set out below:

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Net increase in Posts</b>	<b>Estimated Salary Provision Per Annum (\$ million)</b>
(1) Recreation and Sports	173	33.7
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Reply Serial No.

**HAB319**

Question Serial No.

3206

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the estimates of expenditure for the information technology management unit of the Department:

- a. What is the estimated expenditure in 2011-12? What is the rate of change as compared with the actual expenditure in 2010-11? What is(are) the reason(s) for the above rate of change in expenditure?
- b. What specific projects are included in the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12? Which of them are on-going projects and new projects? What are the number of staff, the costs and the implementation timetable of each project? Of the staff involved for each project, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced service providers?
- c. Has the Administration earmarked any provision for the promotion of e-engagement as well as opening up of public sector information? If so, what are the specific contents (including project names, details, manpower and costs involved, and implementation timetable)? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will the Administration consider carrying out such measures in the future?
- d. What are the permanent establishment, existing number of staff and vacancies of ITMUs? Will there be any increase in manpower in the coming year? If so, what is the estimated number of additional posts and the ranks involved? Are these

posts permanent in nature? Will candidates for these posts be appointed on civil service terms of appointment? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) for that?

- e. Has the effectiveness of ITMUs been reviewed comprehensively? If so, what are the results of the review and the specific improvement measures involved? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will such review be carried out in the future?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

- a. The estimated expenditure of the Information Technology Office (ITO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for 2011-12 is \$67.4 million. Comparing with the actual expenditure of \$76.4 million in 2010-11, there is a decrease of 11.8%. The decrease is mainly due to a large scale replacement exercise for obsolete hardware/software conducted in 2010-11 which will not recur in 2011-12.
- b. The expenditure of ITO for 2011-12 is to support the on-going operation and maintenance of hardware, software and application; and minor application enhancements for the IT systems in LCSD. Details of expenditure are as follows:

Responsibility Areas	Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)	Manpower Requirement in 2011-12		
		No. of Civil Service Posts	No. of Contract Staff	No. of Staff of Outsourced Service Providers
Support of business systems	5.415	8	29	12
Support and operation of IT infrastructure and system environment	17.672	20	12	12
IT strategy, planning, management and administrative support	1.997	9	2	1



In addition, projects in 2011-12 funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 – Computerisation Subhead A023VA and A043VA are listed below:

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12</b>  <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>Manpower Requirement in 2011-12</b>			<b>Implementation Schedule</b>
		<b>No. of Civil Service Posts</b>	<b>No. of Contract Staff</b>	<b>No. of Staff of Outsourced Service Providers</b>	
A023VA - Replacement of Library Automation System for the Hong Kong Public Libraries	110.000	0	1	4	2nd Quarter 2013
A043VA - Major upgrade of Multimedia Information System for the Hong Kong Public Libraries	2.694	0	1	3	3rd Quarter 2013

- c. LCSD does not have any e-engagement initiatives currently under planning, nor does it have plans to open up more public sector information for the time being. Nevertheless, LCSD will keep the matter under review and take forward initiatives where necessary.
- d. The projected permanent establishment of ITO for 2011-12 is 37 posts. As at 1 March 2011, the Office has 31 civil service staff and civil servants will be deployed to fill the vacancies. LCSD will review the need to create new civil service posts subject to service requirement and availability of resources.

- e. The work of ITO and plan for new IT projects/initiatives in the Department together with the resources provisions/requirements are regularly reviewed by the senior management of the Department. In general, under the charge of ITO, the operation of IT systems as well as the planning and implementation of new IT projects/initiatives meet the requirements and expectations of the Department.

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB320**

Question Serial No.

0782

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to “continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities”, please provide the following information:

- (a) How will the Administration enhance utilisation of the facilities? What are the relevant details?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Will it cover the maintenance and improvement of facilities? If so, what are the details? What is the expenditure involved?
- (d) Please list by district the utilisation rates of sports facilities or venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past five years (i.e. from 2006 to 2010).

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

To increase the utilisation of sports facilities, especially during non-peak hours, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to allow free use of selected sports facilities by schools, subvented non-government organisations, national

sports associations and district sports associations during non-peak hours (i.e., from opening till 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June in the following year). Moreover, persons with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary rates in the use of sports facilities. In addition, the Department will organise more promotional activities, including fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities, and will distribute promotional materials and liaise with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.

The above measures will be carried out as part of the ongoing work of the Department through the deployment of existing resources.

LCSD keeps sports facilities under regular maintenance. As such work is done as part of its ongoing operation, LCSD does not have separate data showing the expenditure involved in carrying out maintenance and improvement works specifically for the purpose of enhancing utilisation of the facilities.

The average usage rates for various types of sports facilities in the past five years by district are detailed at Annexes I to IV.

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**Usage of Sports Centres (Arena) in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)**

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2006	2007	2008 <sup>@</sup>	2009	2010
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	83%	85%	91%	89%	88%
Southern	65%	64%	74%	70%	69%
Central and Western	75%	78%	83%	81%	79%
Wan Chai	89%	85%	89%	88%	86%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Yau Tsim Mong	78%	80%	84%	83%	82%
Sham Shui Po	71%	71%	81%	78%	78%
Kowloon City	73%	74%	79%	78%	76%
Wong Tai Sin	70%	72%	78%	76%	75%
Kwun Tong	69%	73%	79%	76%	75%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	43%	44%	56%	49%	54%
Kwai Tsing	75%	78%	82%	81%	79%
Tsuen Wan	80%	80%	85%	83%	83%
Tuen Mun	73%	78%	82%	80%	79%
Yuen Long	82%	80%	81%	82%	82%
Sha Tin	85%	90%	93%	91%	87%
Tai Po	80%	82%	82%	83%	80%
North	81%	82%	86%	85%	82%
Sai Kung	79%	79%	84%	81%	81%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>78%</b>

## Remarks

@ The increase in usage in 2008 was due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the "Free Admission Scheme".

**Usage of Sports Grounds in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)**

<b>District</b>	<b>Average Usage Rate (%)</b>				
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	79%	91%	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	91%	93%	91%	95%	90%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kowloon City	100%	100%	100%	97%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	93%	92%	93%	93%	93%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	98%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Tuen Mun	97%	98%	98%	98%	100%
Yuen Long	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	92%	94%	93%	94%	98%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
North	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	86%	87%	86%	86%	91%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>

**Usage of Artificial Turf Soccer Pitches in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)**

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	93%	89%	85%	86%	83%
Southern *	-	67%	71%	74%	73%
Central and Western #	-	-	-	-	81%
Wan Chai	86%	75%	79%	74%	68%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Yau Tsim Mong	85%	83%	84%	88%	88%
Kowloon City	88%	83%	82%	81%	78%
Wong Tai Sin	76%	76%	71%	70%	68%
Kwun Tong	82%	80%	78%	76%	77%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	71%	74%	72%	76%	78%
Kwai Tsing ^	-	-	-	-	70%
Tuen Mun	61%	56%	54%	56%	57%
Sha Tin	72%	73%	72%	70%	71%
Tai Po	74%	75%	69%	69%	64%
North	86%	86%	83%	81%	80%
Sai Kung	60%	59%	61%	55%	56%
<b>TOTAL @</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>73%</b>

## Remarks

- \* The natural grass soccer pitch in Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground was converted into an artificial turf soccer pitch in 2006.
- # The artificial turf soccer pitch in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park was open for the public use in November 2010.
- ^ The artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park was open for the public use in June 2010.
- @ There was a decrease in the overall usage of artificial turf soccer pitches in recent years as more artificial turf soccer pitches are provided (nine pitches) to meet the strong public demand. As a result of the much larger number of sessions available for hiring including those during non-peak hours, the overall average usage rate was decreased. Nevertheless, the usage rate of artificial turf soccer pitches at peak hours was about 95% in 2010 which reflected a strong public demand for such facilities, and the total used hours for the facility has increased steadily from 77 078 hours in 2009 to 84 094 hours in 2010.

**Usage of Tennis Courts in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)**

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2006	2007	2008 @	2009	2010
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Eastern	72%	73%	81%	76%	74%
Southern	65%	67%	73%	77%	72%
Wan Chai	74%	74%	81%	79%	78%
<b>Kowloon</b>					
Yau Tsim Mong	48%	54%	67%	65%	63%
Sham Shui Po	45%	50%	65%	60%	57%
Kowloon City	50%	53%	62%	59%	61%
Wong Tai Sin	39%	43%	60%	57%	53%
Kwun Tong	38%	41%	59%	53%	53%
<b>New Territories</b>					
Islands	22%	18%	28%	22%	17%
Kwai Tsing	31%	35%	45%	44%	43%
Tsuen Wan	33%	35%	48%	47%	46%
Tuen Mun	25%	28%	48%	33%	36%
Yuen Long	34%	38%	55%	43%	44%
Sha Tin	41%	45%	55%	56%	57%
Tai Po	45%	47%	57%	57%	59%
North	39%	40%	53%	46%	47%
Sai Kung	43%	47%	63%	57%	54%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>

## Remarks

- @ The increase in usage in 2008 was due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the “Free Admission Scheme”.



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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB321**

Question Serial No.

0783

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the scheme to “provide book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis”, please provide the following information:

- (a) What are the details of the trial scheme? How will the Administration effectively promote the utilisation of the service?
- (b) What is the expenditure involved?
- (c) Are there any targets against which the effectiveness of the scheme can be assessed?
- (d) What is the duration of the scheme? When will the Administration review the scheme and how will the effectiveness of the scheme be assessed?
- (e) Given that the scheme, which only involves three MTR stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong, is too small in scale, will the Administration consider expanding the scheme by providing book drops at more stations, such as Tsing Yi Station on the Tung Chung Line and major interchange stations of the Light Rail Line and the West Rail Line?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to provide book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong on a trial basis starting from the fourth quarter of 2011. The Department will widely publicise the new service to the public through various channels including displaying posters at all public libraries, distributing e-news or posters to schools and non-government organisations, as well as making announcements through the media, and on the library website.
- (b) The scheme will incur an estimated expenditure of about \$5 million per annum for hiring logistics services for collecting, checking in, sorting and delivering the returned books back to the libraries.
- (c) The scheme aims to bring in enhanced library services by offering greater convenience for the general public to return borrowed library materials through the book-drops at the three major MTR interchange stations, thereby encouraging them to make fuller use of library services and to promote the culture of reading. In assessing the effectiveness of the scheme, the Department will take into account various factors including the utilisation rates of the MTR book-drop service, the borrowing rates at libraries, as well as customer feedback and the resources incurred for the trial scheme.
- (d) The trial scheme will last for one year. A review will be conducted to assess the public response to and effectiveness of the scheme, as well as the manpower and financial implications for long term implementation, based on which LCSD will decide whether to continue with the scheme or to extend it to other major MTR interchange stations.
- (e) The three MTR stations chosen for the trial scheme are major interchange stations with heavy passenger traffic which would provide useful data for assessing the effectiveness and public response to the scheme. There is no plan to extend the trial scheme to other stations before the review is completed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB322**

Question Serial No.

3150

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide information in the following format:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )	( )
Particulars of NCSC staff posts				
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	( )	( )	( )	( )
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )	( )
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824	( )	( )	( )	( )
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )

Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
• less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff failing to turn into civil servants	( )	( )	( )	( )
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	( )	( )	( )	( )

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is set out below-

(a) Number and duties of NCSC Staff

<b>No. of NCSC staff as at -</b>		
<b><u>1.1.2011</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2010</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2009</u></b>
1 283 (-5.6%)	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

In the past year, the number of NCSC staff employed by LCSD has decreased by 5.6%. The NCSC staff employed are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure/cultural venues and offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology (IT) services.

(b) Staff cost of NCSC staff

	<b>Financial Year</b>		
	<b><u>2010-11</u></b> <b>(Estimated)</b>	<b><u>2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>2008-09</u></b>
<b>Staff cost of NCSC staff</b>	\$320.0 million (-2.1%)	\$327.0 million (+3.7%)	\$315.3 million
<b>Percentage of staff cost of NCSC staff over total staff costs of LCSD</b>	14.0% (-2.1%)	14.3% (0%)	14.3%

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

(c) Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC Staff

<b>Monthly salary</b>	<b>No. of NCSC staff as at -</b>		
	<b><u>1.1.2011</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2010</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2009</u></b>
<b>\$30,000 or above</b>	55 (-3.5%)	57 (+7.5%)	53
<b>\$16,000 - \$29,999</b>	241 (-6.6%)	258 (+13.2%)	228
<b>\$8,001 - \$15,999</b>	829 (-12.8%)	951 (-0.6%)	957
<b>\$6,501 - \$8,000</b>	54 (+25.6%)	43 (+26.5%)	34
<b>\$5,824 - \$6,500</b>	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
<b>Below \$5,824*</b>	104 (+108.0%)	50 (+61.3%)	31
Total	1 283 (-5.6%)	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year change*

\* The staff with salaries below \$5,824 are all **youth trainees** employed on NCSC terms for six to 12 months to receive training on work in swimming pools and public libraries. These trainees currently receive a monthly allowance of \$4,000.

The majority of the NCSC staff (88%) receive monthly salaries above \$8,000, with 23% of them receiving salaries above \$16,000. The 50-odd NCSC staff receiving salaries from \$6,501 to \$8,000 are mainly workmen and junior clerks whose monthly salaries are no less than \$7,600.

In view of the impending implementation of the Minimum Wage Ordinance, the Department will review the wages of its NCSC staff and, if necessary, make appropriate adjustments to their salaries to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance.

(d) Length of employment of NCSC staff in years

	<b>No. of NCSC staff as at -</b>		
	<b><u>1.1.2011</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2010</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2009</u></b>
<b>5 years or above</b>	644 (+7.2%)	601 (-21.3%)	764
<b>3 years to less than 5 years</b>	110 (-42.1%)	190 (+22.6%)	155
<b>1 year to less than 3 years</b>	284 (+37.9%)	206 (+19.1%)	173
<b>Less than 1 year</b>	245 (-32.3%)	362 (+71.6%)	211
Total	1 283 (-5.6%)	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

The majority of the NCSC staff who have worked for five years or more in LCSD are employed by public libraries who will be gradually replaced by civil servants following the phased implementation of the new mode of delivery of frontline and support services.

(e) Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants

It is the government's established policy to fill civil service vacancies through an open, fair and competitive recruitment process. In filling civil service openings through open recruitment, the Government welcomes all interested candidates who meet the relevant basic entry requirements to apply for the jobs, and compete on the basis of their overall merits. Generally speaking, NCSC staff who have met the basic entry requirements of the job and possess working experience relevant to the job should enjoy a competitive edge over other candidates in the selection process.

For the various civil service open recruitment exercises conducted by LCSD for departmental grades since June 2006, LCSD has received a total of 789 qualified applications from its NCSC staff. About 610 of the qualified NCSC candidates have been found suitable for appointment to the grades concerned, among whom some 510 have been offered appointment as civil servants as at 1 March 2011. Those who are found suitable for appointment but not yet offered civil service appointments are being

put on a waiting list and will be offered appointment as and when vacancies arise. Relevant figures are set out in the table below.

	<b>Civil service open recruitment exercises for Departmental grades in LCSD conducted in <sup>^</sup> -</b>				
	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>
<b>No. of qualified applications from NCSC candidates</b>	114	No recruitment exercise conducted	181	201	293
<b>No. of NCSC candidates found suitable for appointment</b>	85		138	164	219
<b>No. of NCSC candidates who were offered civil service appointment (as at 1.3.2011)</b>	62		129	138	182

<sup>^</sup> Recruitment exercises convened in 2011 have yet to be concluded.

(f) Percentage of NCSC staff over the total number of staff in the Department

<b>Position as at -</b>		
<b><u>1.1.2011</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2010</u></b>	<b><u>1.1.2009</u></b>
14% (-6.7%)	15% (0%)	15%

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year change*

(g) Meal breaks for NCSC staff

The working hours of the NCSC staff are determined with reference to those applicable to civil servants in comparable civil service ranks or comparable level of responsibilities in the Department. They are specified in the employment contracts either as gross working hours (including lunch hour) or net working hours (excluding lunch hour).

As at 1 January 2011, LCSD employed a total of 1 283 NCSC staff. The working hours of 1 143 staff (89%) are expressed in gross working hours and 140 staff (11%) in net working hours. The NCSC staff are remunerated on monthly basis and their terms of employment, including salary and other conditions of service, are covered under a remuneration package as a whole.

(h) Work pattern of NCSC staff

As at 1 January 2011, 497 (39%) of the 1 283 NCSC staff worked five days a week. The remaining 786 (61%) worked on a six-day week or other shift duty patterns having regard to the operational requirements of the venues/offices.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**HAB323**

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

3151

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department      Subhead : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

On engaging "agency workers", please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	( )	( )	( )	( )
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	( )	( )	( )	( )
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	( )	( )	( )	( )
Length of contract for each employment agency	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of agency workers	( )	( )	( )	( )
Details of the positions held by agency workers				
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
• \$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )	( )
• number of workers with monthly salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )	( )
• number of workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Length of service of agency workers				
• 5 years or longer	( )	( )	( )	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
• less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies in the total departmental staff cost	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on five-day weeks	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on six-day weeks	( )	( )	( )	( )

( ) denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

(a) Number of agency workers, agency contracts, length of agency contracts and duties of the agency workers

	Position as at -	
	<u>30.9.2010</u> <sup>Note</sup>	<u>30.9.2009</u> <sup>Note</sup>
<b>No. of agency workers</b>	314 (+5%)	299
<b>No. of agency contracts</b>	240 (+3%)	233
<b>Length of agency contracts</b>	2 to 24 months (88% with contract periods of 12 months or less)	2 to 24 months (85% with contract periods of 12 months or less)

Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes

[*Note : As the use of agency staff is dictated by the operational needs of the venues and offices, information on the use of agency workers is thus kept by the individual venues / offices and there is no single division/section in the LCSD headquarters keeping the complete records of the engagement. The information provided in this reply was a snapshot of the situations taken by the Department on 30 September 2009 and 30 September 2010 respectively in response to surveys conducted by the Civil Service Bureau (CSB).]*

The agency workers were mainly engaged to assist in meeting urgent or unforeseen short-term service needs or unexpected surge in service demands, or service needs which entail irregular work pattern, including –

- (i) assisting in the organisation of short-term leisure and cultural programmes / projects, e.g. the New Vision Arts Festival, summer camps, exhibitions, etc.;
- (ii) providing stage management and technical support services in the performance venues;
- (iii) assisting in data collection and processing work, e.g. data verification and input, etc.; and
- (iv) filling short-term manpower gap pending the appointment of civil servants and / or Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff.

The agency contracts with longer service periods (more than 12 months) were signed before CSB issued the guidelines on the use of agency workers in April 2010. Since then, the contract duration of most new agency contracts entered into by the Department is nine months or less, except for tasks that entail irregular work pattern (such as the provision of stage management and support services for performance venues where agency workers are sourced from contracts of a longer duration to meet the fluctuating service demands of performance venues. These agency workers concerned are remunerated on an hourly basis.)

Apart from the above agency workers, LCSD has also engaged agency services to provide supplementary manpower support in respect of information technology (IT) and public library services.

(i) IT service

The Department has secured supplementary IT manpower through technical service providers engaged under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (hereafter referred to as “T-contract staff”). LCSD engaged 50 T-contract staff as at 30 September 2009 and 47 as at 30 September 2010 to assist in the development of computer systems and programmes or managing specific IT projects. This arrangement allows the Department to tap the latest market expertise in developing IT systems and programmes, and better manage their fluctuating IT manpower requirements. It also enables technology transfer between the

Department's IT staff and IT professionals in the private sector.

(ii) Public library service

The engagement of manpower from employment agencies (hereafter referred to as "service bureau staff") to supplement the provision of frontline service in public libraries dated back to the former Urban Council days. Service bureau staff assist the core workforce (comprising civil servants and NCSC staff) in the public libraries to deliver counter and customer services, sort and shelve library materials, perform patrol and other miscellaneous duties. The supplementary support services are provided on a man-hour basis, and are usually required during peak-demand periods, such as lunch hours, after-school hours, weekends and public holidays.

(b) Expenditure for engaging agency workers and commission paid to employment agencies

	<b><u>2010-11</u></b> <b>(Estimated)</b>	<b><u>2009-10</u></b>
<b>Expenditure for engaging agency workers</b>	\$36 million (+5.9%)	\$34 million
<b>Percentage of expenditure for engaging agency workers over the total departmental staff cost</b>	1.5% (0%)	1.5%

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year changes*

In procuring employment agency services, LCSD has complied with the relevant Stores and Procurement Regulations, Financial Circulars and guidelines issued by CSB. These regulations and guidelines do not require the Department to specify the amount or the rate of commission payable to employment agencies. As such, the Department does not have information on the amount of commission paid to the employment agencies.

(c) Monthly salary range of agency workers

Prior to the issue of the guidelines on use of agency workers in April 2010, the Department did not keep records of the monthly salaries of the individual agency workers who are deployed to work in LCSD venues. After the issue of the guidelines on the use of agency workers by CSB, the Department requires all bidders to state the

wages they would pay to their employees when submitting quotations for the provision of agency service for LCSD. Hence, salary information of agency workers in respect of contracts signed before April 2010 was not available.

As at 30 September 2010, for the 72 workers of agencies engaged by LCSD in accordance with the requirements under the guidelines issued by CSB, 49 were paid on a monthly basis and the remaining 23 paid on an hourly basis as their services were called upon as and when required. Among the 49 agency workers remunerated on a monthly basis, 34 received salaries within the range of \$6,501 to \$8,000 (all received salaries of no less than \$7,183) and 15 received salaries ranging from \$8,001 to \$16,000.

(d) Length of service of agency workers

The mode of using agency workers is that the Department and an employment agency enter into a service contract under which the agency will supply manpower as and when the Department requires. As long as the Department's requirements are satisfied (e.g. in terms of the number of agency workers and the qualifications and/or experience required for agency workers), the employment agency may arrange any of their employees to work in the Department or arrange replacement agency workers during the contract period for different reasons. LCSD therefore does not keep information on the years of service of agency workers who are employees of the employment agencies.

(e) Percentage of agency workers over the total number of staff in the Department

<b>Position as at -</b>	
<b><u>30.9.2010</u></b>	<b><u>30.9.2009</u></b>
3% (0%)	3%

*Figures in ( ) denote year-on-year change*

(f) Meal breaks for agency workers

The Department enters into service contracts with employment agencies for the supply of manpower to meet short-term service needs. The agency workers are employed by the employment agencies and the terms of employment, including paid/unpaid meal breaks, are determined under the employment agreement signed between the agencies and their employees under mutual agreement. The Department does not have information on this issue.

(g) Work pattern of agency workers

As at 30 September 2010, 180 (57%) of the 314 agency workers worked five days a week. The remaining 134 (43%) worked on a six-day week or other shift duty patterns having regard to the operational requirements of the venues/offices.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB324**

Question Serial No.

3152

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On engaging “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	( )	( )	( )	( )
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	( )	( )	( )	( )
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	( )	( )	( )	( )
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)				
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers				
• \$30,001 or above	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
• \$5,000 or below	( )	( )	( )	( )
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	( )	( )	( )	( )

• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	( )	( )	( )	( )
Length of service of outsourced workers				
• 5 years or longer	( )	( )	( )	( )
• 3 - 5 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
• 1 - 3 years	( )	( )	( )	( )
• less than 1 year	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department	( )	( )	( )	( )
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers with paid meal break	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers without paid meal break	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on five-day week	( )	( )	( )	( )
Number of workers on six-day week	( )	( )	( )	( )

( ) denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The requested information relating to the outsourced service contracts of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is set out below:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	Not available	241 (-5%) [as at 28.2.2011]	253 (-2%) [as at 31.3.2010]	258 [as at 31.3.2009]
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (in \$M) – (Note 1)	828 (+7%) (Estimate )	775 (+2%) (Revised Estimate)	758 (+8%) (Actual)	699 (Actual)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	2-3 years (Note 2)			
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers – (Note 3)	Not available	9 600 (-5%)	10 100 (+1%)	10 000



	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)				
Cleansing	Not available	5 619 (-7%)	6 063 (-2%)	6 218
Security		2 310 (-1%)	2 327 (+6%)	2 185
Horticultural Maintenance		1 075 (-10%)	1 190 (+1%)	1 179
Venue Management		579 (+7%)	539 (+30%)	414
Number of outsourced workers whose monthly salary range are – (Note 4)				
• \$30,001 or above	Not available	0	0	0
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		0	0	0
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		36 (+6%)	34 (-8%)	37
• \$6,501 - \$8,000		2 213 (+187%)	771 (+25%)	618
• \$5,824 - \$6,500		703 (-68%)	2 220 (+32%)	1 686
• below \$5,824		6 631 (-6%)	7 031 (-7%)	7 580
Length of service of outsourced workers	Not available (Note 5)			
• 5 years or longer				
• 3 - 5 years				
• 1 - 3 years				
• less than 1 year				
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department (Note 6)	Not available	104%	106%	108%
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	Not available	33.8%	33.2%	31.7%
Number of workers with paid meal break	Not available (Note 5)			
Number of workers without paid meal break				
Number of workers on five-day week	Not available (Note 5)			
Number of workers on six-day week				

( ) denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

- Note (1) The expenditures are related to the major outsourced services in LCSD such as cleansing, security, horticultural maintenance and venue management.
- (2) The duration of the contracts is normally two to three years depending on the operational needs.
- (3) The number of workers (rounded to hundred) includes both full-time and part-time workers provided by outsourced contractors where the numbers of working posts to be manned by them are specified in the contracts.
- (4) The figures represent the number of workers under different committed wage range of LCSD outsourced services contracts in which the numbers of working posts to be manned by contractors have been specified.
- (5) Since LCSD is not the employer of the outsourced workers, it does not have the information requested.
- (6) The total number of staff in the department covers both civil servants and non-civil service contract staff employed by LCSD.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. BETTY FUNG \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB325**

Question Serial No.

2418

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the “3rd Hong Kong Games”, please provide the following information:

- a. What are the details of the Games? What is the expected number of participants?
- b. What are the estimated expenditures involved? Please provide a breakdown of all the expenditures.
- c. Please list the respective number of participants in the previous two Hong Kong Games and provide a breakdown of the expenditures involved.
- d. Has the Administrative set any indicators to assess the effectiveness of this project?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

- (a) The Hong Kong Games (HKG) is a biennial multi-sport event organised by the Sports Commission and co-ordinated by the Commission's Community Sports Committee. The 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, the relevant national sports associations and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are the co-organisers. The objectives of the HKG are to provide people with more opportunities for sports participation at the district level exchanges and co-operation, and to encourage members of the public to participate in sport, thereby promoting the culture of "Sport for All". The HKG also aims to strengthen the public's sense of belonging to the districts they live in and at the same time promote friendship among the 18 districts. The 3rd HKG will be staged from 14 May to 5 June 2011 and will include eight sports events. The Department expects that more than 3 000 athletes from 18 districts will compete in the events, namely, athletics, badminton, basketball, table tennis, swimming, tennis, futsal and volleyball; and that over 170 000 members of the public will participate in publicity and community involvement programmes.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for the 3rd Hong Kong Games is about \$23 million, part of which will be funded by sponsorship. This expenditure will cover the organisation of sports competitions, financial support to the 18 district teams for pre-games training, publicity, community involvement programmes and ceremonies. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is as follows:

	Items	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
i.	Organisation of Competitions and Exchange Programmes	2.6
ii.	Financial Support to 18 District Teams, including the organisation of selection competitions, training for athletes and publicity at district level	8.2
iii.	Publicity and Community Involvement Activities	8.4
iv.	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	3.8

- (c) The inaugural HKG held in 2007 saw over 1 280 athletes competing in four sports events and over 100 000 members of the public participating in 12 publicity and community involvement programmes. The 2nd HKG held in 2009 attracted over 2 300 athletes from 18 districts to compete in six sports events, and over 160 000 members of the public participated in 13 publicity and community involvement programmes. Breakdowns of the expenditure of the 1st and 2nd HKG are as follows:

	Items	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)	
		1st HKG	2nd HKG
i.	Organisation of Competitions and Exchange Programmes	1.0	1.2
ii.	Financial Support to 18 District Teams, including the organisation of selection competitions, training for athletes and publicity at district level	1.8	3.2
iii.	Publicity and Community Involvement Activities	2.3	3.0
iv.	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	3.9	2.6
	Total	9.0	10.0

- (d) The Organising Committee (OC) of each HKG conducts a post-games evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the HKG and suggest improvements for the next HKG. In addition, stakeholders will be invited to give views on the various aspects of the HKG, including the sports events, methods of selecting athletes, competition format, training of athletes and publicity arrangements. The evaluation of the 1st and 2nd HKGs concluded that the HKG should be positioned as an anchor event for the promotion of “Sport for All” in Hong Kong, and that the HKG provides an effective platform for developing a sporting culture in the community as well as promoting a strong district identity. With the experience gained from the first two HKGs, the OC of the 3rd HKG has decided to enhance the scale of the HKG by increasing the number of sports events to eight (including

the six existing events of athletics, badminton, basketball, swimming, table tennis, tennis as well as the two new events of futsal and volleyball), and strengthening the publicity and community involvement programmes so as to arouse greater public awareness and create a lively atmosphere in the lead up to and during the games period. Upon the conclusion of this HKG in June 2011, the OC will review the overall arrangements for the 3rd HKG and make suitable recommendations for the next HKG.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**HAB326**

Question Serial No.

2419

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the wide range of local and overseas cultural and entertainment programmes organised by the Administration in 2010, please provide the following information:

- a. Will the Administration continue to organise various local and overseas cultural and entertainment programmes in 2011? If so, what are the details?
- b. What items will be included in the cultural and entertainment programmes being planned? What are the estimated expenditures involved?
- c. Will the Administration consider providing additional venues for large-scale outdoor performances so as to attract more overseas arts and performing groups to perform in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) strives to fulfil its commitment in providing quality cultural programmes to the community and will continue to organise a wide range of local and overseas cultural and entertainment programmes in 2011-12. The rich, diverse and innovative programmes, featuring internationally renowned and talented local artists, will include concerts and theatrical productions, thematic programme series and arts festivals, traditional

festive carnivals and free entertainment programmes for mass participation, as well as audience-building and educational activities in schools and various districts.

(b) The estimated expenditure on the direct production costs for the cultural and entertainment programmes organised by the Department in 2011-12 is around \$136 million. They comprise:

- year-round cultural presentations of various art forms featuring renowned visiting artists and arts groups on tour to Hong Kong and productions by local small and medium-sized arts groups;
- three major thematic arts festivals, namely, the Chinese Opera Festival in June/July, the International Arts Carnival in July/August and the World's Cultures Festival series with Asian Arts as the theme in October/November;
- audience building programmes to promote knowledge and enhance appreciation of the arts and culture at the community and school levels;
- entertainment programmes to enrich the cultural life of the community comprising free outdoor/indoor activities and large-scale carnivals during traditional Chinese festivals; and
- sponsoring programme presentations by the local small and medium-sized arts groups under the Venue Partnership Scheme.

(c) At present, the Piazzas of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Sha Tin Town Hall under the management of the LCSD are suitable for organising medium to large-scale outdoor performances. In addition to their core functions, the leisure and recreational venues under LCSD's management, such as the Happy Valley Recreation Ground, can also be used for staging performances, subject to certain requirements such as noise level being met.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB327**

Question Serial No.

2500

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The revised estimate for 2010-11 for the subvented sector (i.e. \$146.4 million) was \$1.5 million more than the original estimate (i.e. \$144.9 million). What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The increase of \$1.5 million in the revised estimate for 2010-11 for the subvented sector as compared to the original estimate is mainly due to the 2010 pay adjustment.

Signature	Signed
Name in block letters	Patrick T K Nip
Post Title	Director of Social Welfare
Date	17 March 2011

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB328

Question Serial No.

0690

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : (a) As regards the details of the Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT) stated in paragraph 31 of the Brief Description, would the Government please inform this Committee of –

- (i) the actual expenditure in the past three years (2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11) and the estimated expenditure in 2011-12, and the details of the activities involved;
  - (ii) the number of service recipients in the past three years (2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11) and in 2011-12. Please provide a breakdown of the number of service recipients, including street sleepers, ex-mentally ill persons and ex-offenders.
- (b) Besides, the Social Welfare Department states that in 2011-12, it will continue to keep in view the provision of community development services in light of changing community needs. What are the estimated expenditure and details of activities? Are there any new programmes to promote people's sense of belonging to their community?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply : (a) (i) The actual expenditure in the past three years (2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11) and the estimated expenditure in 2011-12 of the CSNT are as follows –

Year	Amount (\$ million)
2008-09 Actual Expenditure	1.511
2009-10 Actual Expenditure	1.513
2010-11 Revised Estimate	1.509
2011-12 Estimate	1.507

The CSNT provides outreaching support, casework and group work services to assist mainly the street sleepers, ex-mentally ill persons and ex-offenders to integrate into the community.

- (ii) The number of vulnerable individuals newly reached in the past three years is as follows –

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (up to the end of December 2010)
Ex-offenders	143	101	61
Ex-mentally ill persons	37	83	31
Street sleepers	64	79	42
Other vulnerable individuals	222	202	181
Total	466	465	315

The CSNT is targetted to serve 400 newly reached vulnerable individuals in 2011-12.

- (b) The provision for community development services is \$150.4 million in the 2011-12 estimate. To promote a sense of belonging in the community, community development services, which include CSNT, community centres and Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects, will continue to provide their services to encourage people to identify their social needs and mobilise community resources to solve their problems.

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Date	<u>20 March 2011</u>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB329**

Question Serial No.

3252

Head : 42- Electrical and Mechanical Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What measures will the Government take to approve and inspect amusement rides?  
What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

Right from the planning stage, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will assess and approve the design and installation of the amusement rides according to the safety requirements stipulated in the Amusement Rides (Safety) Ordinance, Chapter 449. Before the owners are granted the permits to use and operate the rides, the EMSD will conduct thorough on-site inspections to ensure that all the safety features are properly installed and in good working order. The EMSD will also assess the competency of the operational personnel responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the rides. During the operation stage, the EMSD will conduct regular inspections to the rides to ensure continuous compliance with the statutory requirements.

The estimated expenditure in enforcing amusement ride safety, including processing and approval of applications, assessment of personnel competence and inspections, is \$5.7 million in 2011-12.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Chan Hung-Cheung, Stephen \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB330**

Question Serial No.

0212

Head : 42- Electrical and Mechanical Services Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the inspections of amusement rides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department plans to conduct 1 950 inspections in 2011, similar to the past two years. With the increasing number of amusement rides in the Hong Kong Disneyland and the Ocean Park, please advise:

- a. Based on 1 950 inspections a year, how many times of inspections, on average, are conducted for each amusement ride each year ?
- b. Why not increasing the number of inspections in order to ensure the safety of amusement rides ?
- c. If the number of inspections is to be increased, how much additional expenses will be involved ?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

- a. There are more than 600 amusement rides in Hong Kong with various sizes and designs. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) conducts regular inspections to all the rides and the frequency of inspection of different types of rides varies, depending on the risk of the rides in question. On average, each amusement ride in Hong Kong is inspected three times a year.
- b. & c. To ensure the safety of the rides at all stages, EMSD assesses and approves their design and installation, and conducts inspections during their construction and operation. A risk-based approach is adopted in planning the inspection frequency. Based on previous safety records, the total number of inspections is considered adequate and can be maintained at a level similar to the past two years.

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Post Title Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_



The proposed project site is located in a densely populated residential area surrounded by public and private residential developments such as Choi Ming Court, Tong Ming Court, Kin Ming Estate, Park Central, Metro Town and Ocean Shores. The new facilities will serve the fast developing Tseung Kwan O new town, which has a population of about 367 700.

Construction of the project is at a rough order of cost of \$881.9 million. Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, we plan to start the works in the third quarter of 2011-12, with an estimated expenditure of \$10 million in 2011-12.

Signature	<u>Signed</u>
Name in block letters	<u>Mrs MARIGOLD LAU</u>
Post Title	<u>Director of Architectural Services</u>
Date	<u>16 March 2011</u>



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Reply Serial No.

**HAB332**

Question Serial No.

1936

Head : 703 Buildings

Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration completed the technical feasibility study, event profile and economic impact assessment for the proposed Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak in 2010-11. In this connection, will the Administration advise on :

- (a) the respective cost and manpower for the technical feasibility study, event profile and economic impact assessment; and
- (b) the estimated cost for the planning of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak and the completion date of planning.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The consultancy cost for the feasibility study commissioned by the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) for the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak was \$10.358 million. The Event Profile and Economic Impact Study for MPSC commissioned by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) cost \$1.4 million. Existing staff resources of ArchSD and HAB are deployed to oversee the studies.
- (b) The timeframe and the estimated cost for the planning of the Multi-purpose Complex at Kai Tak are under review.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs MARIGOLD LAU

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Architectural Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB333**

Question Serial No.

0711

Head : 703 – Buildings                      Subhead : 3048RG    Tin Shui Wai public library-  
cum-indoor recreation centre

Programme :

Controlling Officer :    Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau :    Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :    The Administration indicates that the approved project estimate for “Tin Shui Wai public library-cum-indoor recreation centre” is \$625.4 million, but the actual expenditure to 31 March 2010 was \$157.972 million and the estimated expenditure for 2011-12 is \$137 million only. What is the schedule of expenditure for the remainder of over \$330 million? How can the works be expedited to address the serious shortage of community facilities for the local residents as soon as possible?

Asked by :    Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :    The construction of the Tin Shui Wai public library cum indoor recreation centre was commenced in November 2007 and is scheduled to complete in May 2011. The revised estimate for 2010-11 is \$210 million. The estimate of \$137 million for 2011-12 is mainly for the finishing works of the public library, swimming pool and sports centre. The remaining estimated expenditure of \$120.4 million will be incurred in 2012-13 and beyond on procurement of furniture and equipment and settlement of final account. We will closely monitor the project progress and ensure the works are completed on time.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Architectural Services \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB334**

Question Serial No.

0712

Head : 703 - Buildings                      Subhead : 3053RG      Sports centre and community hall  
in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai

Programme :

Controlling Officer :      Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau :      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :      The Administration indicates that the approved project estimate for the “sports centre and community hall in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai” is \$629.8 million, but the actual expenditure to 31 March 2010 was \$14.482 million and the estimated expenditure for 2011-12 is \$180 million only. What is the schedule of expenditure for the remainder of over \$435 million? How can the works be expedited to address the serious shortage of community facilities for the local residents as soon as possible?

Asked by :      Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :      The construction of the sports centre and community hall in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai was commenced in November 2009 and is scheduled to complete in June 2012. The revised estimate for 2010-11 is \$80 million. The estimate of \$180 million for 2011-12 is mainly for the construction of the superstructure. The remaining estimated expenditure of \$355.3 million will be incurred in 2012-13 and beyond on finishing works for the sports building, community hall and ancillary facilities, procurement of furniture and equipment, payment of consultants’ fees and settlement of final account. We will closely monitor the project progress and explore the possibility of expediting the works.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Architectural Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 17 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB335**

Question Serial No.

1052

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead : 3189SC Community hall at the  
housing site in Area 103,  
Tin Shui Wai

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Administration indicates that the approved estimate for the “community hall at the housing site in Area 103, Tin Shui Wai” is \$32 million, but the actual expenditure to 31 March 2010 was \$21.879 million and the estimated expenditure for 2011-12 is \$100,000 only. What is the schedule of expenditure for the remainder of over \$10 million? How can the works be expedited to address the serious shortage of community facilities for the local residents as soon as possible?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : The construction of the community hall at the housing site in Area 103, Tin Shui Wai was completed by the Housing Department in mid 2007 and opened for public use in September 2007. The remaining approved project estimate will be incurred in 2012-13 and beyond on settlement of final account.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**HAB336**

Question Serial No.

0230

Head : 703 - Buildings                      Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding "to undertake the accelerated building programme of the municipal works projects" under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12", could the Administration advise this Committee of :

- (a) the details and objectives of the programme;
- (b) the projects to be included in the programme; and
- (c) the criteria for assessing the priority of the municipal works projects.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

- (a) There are 78 municipal projects in the Architectural Services Department's accelerated programme and the details are shown in the Annex. The objective of the accelerated building programme is to ensure early implementation of leisure and cultural services facilities with a view to promoting sports and cultural development as well as meeting the needs of residents of individual districts.
- (b) As at February 2011, 50 projects have been completed, 15 projects are under construction, 12 projects are under planning and 1 project has been deleted due to unsuitability of the site.
- (c) The government will continue to follow up on the projects in consultation with District Councils (DC) and stakeholders in the sports and cultural sectors. In so doing, the government will continue to take into account factors such as site availability, the relative priorities of the projects as accorded by DCs and the needs of residents.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 16 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

## 78 Accelerated Municipal Projects

## (A) 50 Completed Projects

Item No.	PWP No.	Project Title	Approved Project Estimate (\$M)	Works Completion Date
AP1	3374RO	Local Open Space in Areas 18 and 21, Fanling	33.60	11/2005
AP2	-	District Open Space Between Hang Hong Street and Heng On Estate in Area 92, Ma On Shan	11.24	02/2004
AP3	3371RO	Local Open Space in Area 14 (Mouse Island), Tuen Mun	31.40	07/2004
AP4	3375RO	District Open Space in Areas 3 and 8, Tsing Yi	66.60	07/2004
AP5	3240RS	Ma On Shan Sports Ground - Phase 2	105.20	07/2004
AP6	3377RO	Local Open Space in Area 15, Tin Shui Wai	44.00	09/2004
AP7	3241RS	Football Pitch in Area 5, Tai Po	43.00	06/2005
AP8	3382RO	District Open Space in Area 5, Tai Po	34.30	05/2005
AP9	-	Tung Wan Beach Building, Cheung Chau	13.00	10/2005
AP10	3373RO	District Open Space in Area 7, Tung Chung	58.70	04/2005
AP11	3381RO	Local Open Space in Ping Shan, Yuen Long	31.80	08/2004
AP12	3384RO	Improvement to Lok Wah Playground, Kwun Tong	44.90	11/2004
AP13	3386RO	District Open Space in Area 18, Tuen Mun	35.20	08/2005
AP14	-	Improvement to the Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre	6.28	07/2004
AP15	8005QJ	Renovation of the Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village of YMCA, Ma On Shan	23.70	03/2004
AP16	3379RO	Cherry Street Park, Tai Kok Tsui	91.10	01/2007
AP17	-	Improvements to Butterfly Beach in Area 44 (Ferry Pier), Tuen Mun	7.80	08/2005
AP18	3052RE	Renovation of Libraries - Phase 1 works	125.20	11/2006
AP19	3244RS	Hin Tin Swimming Pool - Phase 2	173.80	03/2007
AP20	-	Sheung Lok Street Rest Garden (Site B), Kowloon City	13.90	10/2006
AP21	3390RO	Local Open Space in Areas 25, 25A and 25B, Tin Shui Wai	67.60	04/2007
AP22	3396RO	District Open Space in Area 2, Tung Chung	48.10	02/2008
AP23	3394RO	District Open Space in Area 39, Fanling / Sheung Shui	42.70	02/2008
AP24	3399RO	District Open Space in Area 35, Tsuen Wan - Phase 2	54.70	03/2008
AP25	3242RS	Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	392.80	03/2009
AP26	3256RS	Indoor Recreation Centre, Community Hall cum Library in Area 17, Tung Chung, Lantau	429.70	10/2009
AP27	3388RO	Sham Shui Po Park - Stage 2	50.30	05/2008
AP28	3400RO	District Open Space in Area 40A, Tseung Kwan O	60.00	07/2008
AP29	3049RE	Renovation of Libraries - Phase 2 works	140.00	10/2008
AP30	3397RO	Local Open Space in Area 16 (Yau Oi South), Tuen Mun	63.20	07/2008

Item No.	PWP No.	Project Title	Approved Project Estimate (\$M)	Works Completion Date
AP31	-	Local Open Space in Area 52 (Ching Chung), Tuen Mun	13.83	01/2009
PA1 *	-	Open Space at Tai Kok Tsui Temporary Market	14.85	01/2008
PA2 *	3247RS	Improvement to Victoria Park Tennis Centre	73.70	07/2009
PA3 *	3405RO	District Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai	91.40	10/2008
PA4 *	3395RO	Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade	220.80	05/2010
PA5 *	3404RO	Local Open Space in Area 50, Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan	21.10	08/2008
PA6 *	3403RO	Local Open Space in Area 28, Fanling / Sheung Shui	36.60	11/2008
PA7 *	3401RO	District Open Space in Shek Yam Estate - Phases 1 and 4, Kwai Chung	46.10	01/2009
PA8 *	3408RO	Recreational Development at North Ap Lei Chau Reclamation	94.30	06/2009
PA9 *	3402RO	District Open Space in Area 9, Tsing Yi	175.90	03/2010
PA10 *	3238RS	Recreational facilities on Jordan Valley former landfill, Kwun Tong	179.60	03/2010
PA11 *	3411RO	Ngau Chi Wan Recreation Ground, Wong Tai Sin	199.40	02/2010
PA13 *	3406RO	District Open Space at Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin	475.60	11/2010
PA14 *	3260RS	Swimming Pool Complex in Area 2, Tung Chung, Lantau	441.40	11/2010
PA15 *	3047RG	Siu Sai Wan Complex	463.70	11/2010
PA19 *	3415RO	District Open Space in Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau	230.00	03/2010
LS1 #	-	Redevelopment of Cheung Sha Wan Road / Cheung Shun Street Playground	6.60	02/2008
LS2 #	-	New Education cum Exhibition Centre at Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens (HKZBG)	3.60	06/2008
LS3 #	-	District Square in Areas 33A and 29, Tin Shui Wai	14.70	03/2008
LS4 #	-	Wah Fu Rest Garden	14.50	06/2009

**(B) 15 Projects Under Construction**

Item No.	PWP No.	Project Title	Approved Project Estimate (\$M)	Works Completion Date
AP32	3266RS	Redevelopment of Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex	1197.70	Late 2014
PA12 *	3048RG	Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre	625.40	Mid 2011
PA16 *	3412RO	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and Swimming Pool Complex	574.70	Mid 2011
PA17 *	3049RG	Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 3, Yuen Long	704.10	Mid 2013
PA18 *	3261RS	Sports Centre in Area 28A, Fanling/Sheung Shui	360.00	Early 2011

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PA20 *	3059RE	Construction of an Annex Building at the Ko Shan Theatre	683.20	Mid 2013
PA22 *	3264RS	Swimming pool complex in Area 1 (San Wai Court), Tuen Mun	791.40	Early 2012
PA23 *	3190SC	Tseung Kwan O Complex in Area 44, Tseung Kwan O	530.90	Mid 2011
LS5 #	3419RO	Aldrich Bay Park	135.20	Early 2011
LS6 #	3263RS	Improvement works for Mong Kok Stadium	275.50	Late 2011
LS9 #	3052RG	Lam Tin North Municipal Services Building	708.50	Mid 2012
LS10 #	3422RO	Local Open Space in Area 25, Fanling / Sheung Shui	51.30	Early 2012
LS11 #	3053RG	Sports Centre and Community Hall in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai	629.80	Mid 2012
LS12 #	3421RO	District Open Space in Area 37, Tseung Kwan O	140.60	Early 2012
LS17 #	3245RS	Conversion of the secondary pool of the Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool into an indoor heated pool	166.70	Mid 2012

**(C) 12 Projects Under Planning**

Item No.	PWP No.	Project Title
PA21 *	5258RS	Development of a Bathing Beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po
LS8 #	3420RO	Local Open Space at Chung Yee Street, Kowloon City District
LS13 #	3427RO	District Open Space in Areas 47 and 48, Fanling/Sheung Shui - phase 1
LS14 #	3050RG	District Open Space, Sports Centre and Library in Area 74 Tseung Kwan O
LS15 #	3269RS	Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 4, Tsing Yi
LS18 #	3055RG	Sports Centre, Community Hall cum Public Library in Area 14B, Sha Tin
LS19 #	3056RG	Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun
LS20 #	3426RO	District Open Space in Area 27 (Sam Shing), Tuen Mun
PA25 *	3424RO	Ecological Park at Tso Kung Tam Valley, Tsuen Wan
LS7 #	3423RO	Quarry Bay Park Phase II (Stages 2 & 3)
LS16 #	-	Tung Chau Street Complex
LS21 #	-	Sport Centre between Tsuen Wan Park and Tsuen Wan Road

**(D) 1 Project deleted**

Item No.	PWP No.	Project Title
PA24 *	3267RS	Sports Centre in Area 33, Tai Po

\* Among 25 Priority Projects announced in the Chief Executive's Policy Address in 2005

# Among 21 projects selected for further planning in 2006



Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**HAB337**

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

Question Serial No.

1878

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The service agreement for the existing four support service centres for ethnic minorities will soon expire, will the service be continued? Is the provision for these centres time-limited or recurrent? In respect of telephone interpretation, on-site interpretation and translation services from April 2010 till now, please advise on the utilisation rate, waiting time, and number of requests refused and the reasons.

	Utilisation rate	Response/ waiting time	Requests refused
Telephone interpretation service (day)			
Telephone interpretation service (night)			
On-site interpretation service			
Translation service			

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply :

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) has been providing support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) to facilitate their integration into the community, including language classes and community support teams. In 2009, the CMAB sponsored non-government organisations to set up four support services centres to provide comprehensive support services for EMs. These services include counselling, referral service, interpretation service, training classes and various integration programmes. The relevant support services would be transferred to and operate under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) with effect from 2011-12.

The expenditure for the establishment of these centres is recurrent in nature. The Administration will keep under review the best mode of provision of services for the EMs, and are liaising with the NGOs concerned on their proposals for extending the services of the centres.

To facilitate the access of EMs to public services, the Hong Kong Christian Service CHEER Centre provides free centralised telephone interpretation and enquiry service in prescribed EM languages during its operating hours from (8am to 10pm daily except public holidays). It also handles calls outside the operating hours with an English speaking staff. The CHEER Centre also provides on-

site interpretation services and written translation services on the request of service providers to facilitate the provision of services to the EMs.

CMAB funded the services in 2010-11. According to CMAB's statistics as obtained from CHEER Centre, the usage rate of the above services from 1 April 2010 to 28 February 2011 is as follows –

<b>Services</b>	<b>Usage</b>
Telephone Interpretation and enquiry services (during operating hours)	1 554 calls
Telephone Interpretation and enquiry services (outside operating hours)	3 calls
On-site interpretation	370 calls
Written translation	38 calls

On-site interpretation services are pre-arranged by service providers and arrangement requests are confirmed within 24 hours. The length of time taken for written translation services for service providers varies depending on the amount of materials to be translated and the urgency, and is scheduled in liaison with the service providers.

During the above period, interpretation services are provided for all telephone calls received. All requests for translation services are also accepted by CHEER, while 46 requests for on-site interpretation services could not be scheduled for the requested timeslots. For these cases the service providers would make alternative arrangements, such as engaging other organisations for interpretation service, for communication with the service users.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 22 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_