

**Replies to initial written questions raised by
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB001

Question Serial No.

2780

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:

A large piece of land has been earmarked for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project, yet nothing has been developed. Please inform this Committee of the total expenditure involved since the announcement of the WKCD project. Will the Government consider allocating some of the land for other purposes?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) was established in 2008 under the WKCDA Ordinance (Cap. 601) and the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved a one-off upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion to WKCDA for implementing the WKCD project.

During the period from 2009 to 2011, WKCDA has conducted a three-stage Public Engagement exercise on the overall planning of WKCD and eventually selected the “City Park” conceptual plan by Foster + Partners as the basis for the preparation of the Development Plan (DP) for WKCD. The DP was gazetted in March 2012 under the Town Planning Ordinance and subsequently approved by the Chief Executive in Council in January 2013. The winning design for Xiqu Centre was announced in December 2012 and the appointed architect for Xiqu Centre (Phase 1) is now working on the schematic design. The selection of a design consultant for the Park and the M+ design competition are currently in progress. Phase 1 facilities will be completed in stages starting from 2015-16.

According to the audited statements of accounts of WKCDA, the total expenditure since its establishment and up to 31 March 2012 was about \$0.5 billion. The Government’s plan is to implement the WKCD project in accordance with the DP.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB002

Question Serial No.

2789

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:

The Budget Speech mentioned that the Administration will foster the development of visual arts and nurture local talent in the field. In this connection, please advise how many artist and arts group tenants were there at the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre last year. In addition, will the Administration consider raising the rental allowance in the future to ease tenants' financial burden? Will the Administration also consider developing part of the Youth Square in Chai Wan into an arts centre and offering rental allowance to its tenants?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre (JCCAC) is operated on a non-profit making and self-financed basis. Currently, there are 103 artist / art group tenancies, 17 art student / graduate tenancies and 7 arts institutional tenancies at the JCCAC.

The Government has earmarked additional funding for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to renovate and make available some arts space for artists in an industrial building in Wong Chuk Hang. In the coming year, HKADC will undertake renovation works and operate a scheme to enable new and budding artists to lease the units for arts creation at a concessionary rate. HKADC will also continue to explore other suitable premises for converting into arts space.

We have been offering concessions for hiring facilities at Youth Square by non-profit-making organisations. We are also actively promoting art as one of the focal themes of Youth Square.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB003

Question Serial No.

2790

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:

How many persons will benefit from the Community Care Fund's (CCF) relaxation of criteria for "being inadequately housed"? What will be the expenditure involved? In addition, what new programmes does the Government expect the CCF to launch? Who will be the expected beneficiaries and what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The Community Care Fund (CCF) rolled out the "Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed" programme (this programme) in October 2012. Taking into account the views from the community and the community service units assisting in implementing the programme, the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will expedite the evaluation of this programme and "Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing" programme with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013. The estimated number of beneficiaries and related expenditure will be worked out in due course.

With the proposed injection of \$15 billion into the CCF, the CCF will roll out more programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families continuously, and consider the target beneficiaries and related expenditure.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB004

Question Serial No.

2791

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:

Please provide the details of the annual total expenditure of the Community Care Fund (CCF) since its establishment. It is expected by the Government that after the additional injection into the CCF, together with the original balance the CCF would generate an annual investment return of about \$1 billion. How will the Government effectively utilise the sizeable funds of the CCF? How will the CCF broaden its scope of beneficiaries and increase subsidy amounts as a result of the injection?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The total payments (including disbursements and administrative expenses) made by the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to end February 2013) were around \$268 million and \$422 million respectively, excluding payments made under the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families.

The proposed injection will mainly serve 3 purposes:

- (i) provide assistance to those who could not benefit from the relief measures set out in the Budget, i.e. those colloquially known as the “N have-nots”;
- (ii) plug the gaps in the existing system and launch more targeted assistance programmes and pilot projects to assist the needy; and
- (iii) continue to implement those programmes that are proven effective but are yet to be incorporated into the Government’s regular assistance, pending study of related policies.

Apart from continuing its existing programmes, the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will, among other things, expedite the evaluation of its “Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing” and “Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed” programmes with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013. The CCF Task Force will also, taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, roll out more programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB005

Question Serial No.

2795

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:

The ADC Critic's Prize organised by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council has drawn criticisms from across the board. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the criteria of the Prize? What was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The ADC Critic's Prize organised by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) aims to raise the status of local arts critics. The budget of this programme is HK\$200,000. The ADC Critic's Prize seeks to widen the readership of arts criticism. The entry works should be targeted to the general public, inspiring them to develop a new perspective of local arts and culture.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB006

Question Serial No.

3277

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 Youth Square located at Chai Wan which was officially opened in 2010, will the Administration please advise this Committee what its actual operating expenditure as at the end of 2012 is? Also, what are the reasons for the increase of the estimated expenditure of the Youth Square in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The 2012-13 revised estimate of expenditure of the Youth Square is \$71.5 million.

The 2013-14 estimate has catered for the anticipated increase in the Composite Consumer Price Index and incentive management fee to the Management Contractor of the Youth Square.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB007

Question Serial No.

0861

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:

Hong Kong athletes have excelled in international sports competitions in recent years. Please advise this Committee of the following:

- a. Would the Administration provide additional resources to further support elite sports training and development? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- b. Given that a career in sport can be short-lived, are there measures to help retired athletes pursue coaching or engage in vocational training? If so, what are the details and resources involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Han-pan

Reply:

- a. We will strengthen support to elite athletes by allocating increased funding to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) in 2013-14 commensurate with the increased running costs and levels of supporting services to athletes upon the substantive completion of the \$1.8 billion redevelopment of the HKSI in 2013. We will allocate these resources from the \$7 billion Elite Athletes Development Fund in accordance with the Annual Plan of the HKSI endorsed by the Sports Commission. For 2013-14, we have earmarked \$325 million for allocation to the HKSI, compared with \$280 million for 2012-13.
- b. Through the “Athletes Integrated Educational and Vocational Development Programme”, the HKSI provides assistance to elite athletes in education and career development including academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, career planning and vocational training. In 2012-13, 40 programmes were organised for about 600 athletes. In addition, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China will continue to implement its “Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme”, which was launched in 2008 with government subvention of \$11 million, to provide support to serving and retired athletes. So far, 55 retired athletes have been granted scholarships for further study and another 56 athletes have found employment through the Programme.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB008

Question Serial No.

0067

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:

What are the details of the work plan for the review of the Chinese Temples Ordinance? What is the expected date of completion and how much resources would be allocated for the review exercise in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The review on the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153) (“CT Ordinance”) focuses on the power and responsibilities of the Chinese Temples Committee and the registration matters of Chinese temples. The review is nearing completion and the Home Affairs Bureau (“HAB”) is considering legislative amendments to the CT Ordinance.

Subject officers of various ranks and grades of the HAB are involved in, amongst other duties, the review of the CT Ordinance. No allocation of new resources is required.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.3.2013

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

HAB009

Question Serial No.

0070

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 proposal of building youth hostels, it was stated in a written reply by the Administration to the Finance Committee of Legislative Council in 2012-13 that the Administration was working with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to devise detailed arrangements for the implementation of the youth hostel scheme. What is the progress so far? In 2013-14, how much resources will be dedicated to funding NGOs to build youth hostels?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To implement the Youth Hostel Scheme, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) plans to start with two relatively more mature projects on a pilot basis. They are the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' (TWGHs) project at Hollywood Road and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' project at Tai Po. HAB has formulated the key parameters for the two pilot projects in respect of their development and operations. The non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will need to carry out pre-construction studies and go through the statutory town planning process before funding approval by the Legislative Council is sought. Funding has been earmarked for 2013-14 under the Capital Works Reserve Fund for TWGHs to carry out pre-construction studies. HAB will review the scheme, based on the progress made in the two pilot projects, and continue discussions with other NGOs which have expressed interest to participate.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.3.2013

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

HAB010

Question Serial No.

0889

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 the Budget Speech that the Government proposed to inject an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF). This, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, is expected to generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. In this respect, will the Government please advise the Committee:

- (a) the respective breakdown of CCF's expenditure over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13);
- (b) on what basis did the Government set the injection amount ; and
- (c) the amount of injection from the business sector over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

- (a) The total payments (including disbursements and administrative expenses) made by the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to end February 2013) were around \$268 million and \$422 million respectively, excluding payments made under the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families. There was no payment made in 2010-11.
- (b) The proposed additional injection of \$15 billion will support the Commission on Poverty and its CCF Task Force in renewing their efforts to alleviate poverty. It will mainly serve 3 purposes –
 - (i) provide assistance to those who could not benefit from the relief measures set out in the Budget, i.e. those colloquially known as the “n have-nots”;
 - (ii) plug the gaps in the existing system and launch more targeted assistance programmes and pilot projects to assist the needy; and
 - (iii) continue to implement those programmes that are proven effective but are yet to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance, pending study of related policies.

Apart from continuing its existing programmes, the CCF Task Force will, among other things, expedite the evaluation of its “Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing” and “Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed” programmes with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013. In 2013-14 and beyond, the CCF Task Force will also, taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, roll out more programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families.

- (c) The amount of donations received from the community in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to end February 2013) were around \$300 million, \$478 million and \$410 million respectively.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB011

Question Serial No.

0102

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 proposed in paragraph 116 of the Budget Speech that an additional \$15 billion will be injected into the Community Care Fund (CCF), but the CCF is originally intended to be a fund for poverty alleviation jointly financed by the Government and the business sector. In this regard, will the Government please advise the Committee:

1. What were the amounts of annual donation from the business sector in the recent three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively?
2. As the Government will inject an additional \$15 billion into the CCF, will the Government ask for any additional donation from the business sector? If yes, what will be the target amount? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

1. The amount of donations received from the community in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to end February 2013) were around \$300 million, \$478 million and \$410 million respectively.
2. The Community Care Fund (CCF) aims to roll out more assistance programmes to help the underprivileged as soon as possible regardless of the amount of donations received from the community. The Government has no plan to appeal for donations from the business sector now but always welcomes the support of the community for the CCF through donations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 12.3.2013

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

HAB012

Question Serial No.

2860

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:

As for promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), please advise

1. What are the relevant details? What will be the estimated expenditure involved?
2. Are there any research on the changes in the number of SEs in Hong Kong over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)? Please list the numbers of SEs in Hong Kong for the past five years by year and type of business.
3. Has the Administration considered conducting surveys on public understanding of SEs, so as to collect more comprehensive information and data for developing more suitable publicity and educational programmes? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

1. To foster the partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), the Administration has put in place the Social Enterprise Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership through a matching forum and a mentorship scheme. In collaboration with the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee (SEAC), the Administration will also launch the Social Enterprise Award Scheme for the second time in 2013-14 to give recognition to successful SEs which operate and create social impact in Hong Kong. The Administration will also present awards to organizations and individuals which/who have served as mentors or partners of SEs in order to give them recognition and encourage cross-sectoral support for SEs. Apart from the above, the Administration will implement other ongoing efforts including sponsoring the SE Summit, a series of training programmes and a business plan writing competition.

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked about \$19 million to support and promote the development of SEs.

Separately, the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) administered by the HAD provides seed grants for eligible organisations to establish SEs. A sum of \$150 million has been earmarked for the continued implementation of the Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

2. There is no registration system for SEs in Hong Kong but HAD maintains a Directory of Social Enterprises covering SEs which receive funding support under the ESR Programme and other relevant schemes as well as SEs founded by the prominent charitable organisations in Hong Kong. At present, about 160 SEs are listed in the Directory.
3. In collaboration with the SEAC, the Administration will launch in 2013-14 a Research Study on the SE sector in Hong Kong. Amongst other things, the Study seeks to ascertain public receptiveness and expectation of SEs in Hong Kong with a view to enabling the SEAC and the Government to map out the best measures in supporting the operation and future development of SEs.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB013

Question Serial No.

2861

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:

It is mentioned that “the Hong Kong Arts Development Council will launch a trial scheme in 2013-14 to provide arts space at suitable industrial premises to artists and arts groups at concessionary rent”. Please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the details of the trial scheme and the estimated expenditure involved;
- (b) of the number of industrial premises, names of districts and the total floor area involved;
- (c) of the definition of “suitable industrial premises” and the criteria by which these premises will be selected; and
- (d) of the rent of these premises, the eligibility criteria, and the number of arts units to benefit from the trial scheme.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

To provide young artists and budding arts groups with more room to pursue their artistic creation, the Government has earmarked a capital funding of \$8.72 million for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to renovate and make available arts space (about 10 000 square feet) for artists in an industrial building in Wong Chuk Hang. In the coming year, the HKADC will undertake renovation works and operate a scheme to enable new and budding artists to lease the units for arts creation at a concessionary rate. The HKADC is working on the details of the scheme.

Suitability of the premises for conversion into arts space will be subject to the physical condition of the premises such as size and ceiling height, as well as the compatibility of arts activities with the building's land use restriction.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB014

Question Serial No.

2023

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 the Community Care Fund's (CCF) study tour programme, please specify, in a table, the number of applying schools, actual number of beneficiaries, the age, grade and gender distribution of beneficiaries, as well as the amounts of subsidy and administrative and staffing expenses involved of each application since the programme's launching?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) Programme
(as at end February 2013)

Number of applying schools	1 606
Actual number of beneficiaries	22 093 students
Age, grade and gender distribution of beneficiaries	The information is not available.
Average amount of subsidy per beneficiary	\$2,357
Average administrative expenses per beneficiary	\$125 (of which the staffing expenses are \$121)

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB015

Question Serial No.

2024

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:

Please specify, in a table, the amount of utilised subsidy, administrative expenses, the numbers of benefiting cases and beneficiaries, the geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence, as well as beneficiaries' average monthly household income, number of household members, type of residence (public housing/Home Ownership Scheme flats/private residence), gender and age distribution of each Community Care Fund (CCF) programme since the approval of provision and launching.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Since its establishment, the CCF has rolled out 18 assistance programmes. In addition, the CCF also rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011. Details of the assistance programmes and statistics that have been collated (as at 28 February 2013) are set out below -

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
	(\$ million)		(\$)		
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/ competitions	52.07 / 2.78	22 093 (persons) / 22 093 (persons)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / aged between 6 and 18

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid (\$ million)	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income (\$)	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	86.49 ¹ / 4.924 ²	959 (person-times) / 959 (person-times)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	306.2 / 0.53	118 387 ³ (person-times) / 118 387 ³ (person-times)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / aged between 6 and 12
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	0.13 / 0.05	128 (persons) / 128 (persons)	not available / not available	not available / not available	male: 16 persons; and female: 112 persons / not available
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	35.03 / 2.75	1 974 (person-times) / 1 974 (person-times)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / aged below 60

¹ This refers to the total approved subsidy on drug costs for the beneficiaries.

² Including the administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

³ This refers to 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid (\$ million)	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income (\$)	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	1.65 / 0.08	825 (households) / 825 (households)	not available / not available	not available / public housing	not available / not available
(7) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning and escorting services for medical consultations	2.02 / 0.18	1 144 (persons) / 1 144 (persons)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / aged 65-70: 140 persons; aged 71-80: 562 persons; aged 81-90: 410 persons; and aged 91 or above: 32 persons
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	32.09 / 1.59	22 605 (households) / 22 605 (households)	not available / not available	1-person: 13 125 households; and 2-or-more person: 9 480 households / private housing	not available / not available
(9) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	14.58 / 2.05	1 435 (persons) / 1 435 (persons)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / aged under 6

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid (\$ million)	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income (\$)	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action ⁴	0.39 / 0.14	140 (households) / 204 (persons)	Tai Kok Tsui: 142 persons; Tsuen Wan: 38 persons; and To Kwa Wan: 24 persons / CSSA recipients: 63 households; less than \$1,500: 14 households; \$1,501 - \$2,500: 6 households; \$2,501 - \$3,500: 3 households; \$3,501 - \$4,500: 7 households; \$4,501 - \$5,500: 19 households; and more than \$5,501: 28 households	1-person: 107 households; 2-to-3 person: 24 households; and 4 person: 9 households / private industrial buildings	male : 93 persons; and female : 47 persons / aged under 18: 2 persons; aged 18 - 30: 11 persons; aged 31- 40: 36 persons; aged 41- 50: 44 persons; aged 51-60: 38 persons; and aged above 60: 9 persons

⁴ The gender and age distribution information refers to that of the applicants representing the households to make applications. Information of the beneficiaries is not available.

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid (\$ million)	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income (\$)	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs ⁵	4.29 / 0 ⁶	281 (person-times) / 281 (person-times)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	0.03 / 0.07	83 (persons) / 83 (persons)	not available / not available	not available / not available	male : 11 persons; and female : 72 persons / not available
(13) Subsidy for elderly tenants in private housing	10.24 / 0.79	2 068 (households) / 2 561 (persons)	not available / 1-person household: \$2,848; 2-person household: \$4,220; and 3-or-more person household: \$9,205	1-person: 1 581 households; 2-person: 481 households; and 3-or-more person: 6 households / private housing	not available / aged 65 or above
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	13.77 / 0.46	5 473 (persons) / 5 473 (persons)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / aged between 6 and 15

⁵ This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

⁶ The administration expenses incurred for this programme are included under those of programme (2) above.

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid (\$ million)	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income (\$)	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	0.51 / 1.14	84 (persons) ⁷ / 84 persons	Hong Kong Island: 22 persons; Kowloon: 37 persons; and New Territories: 25 persons / not available	not available / not available	male: 22 persons; and female: 62 persons / aged 60 - 69: 8 persons; aged 70 - 79: 33 persons; and aged 80 or above: 43 persons
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	0.14 / 0.48	41 (owners' corporations) / 41 (owners' corporations)	Central & Western: 4; Eastern: 5; Wan Chai: 3; Southern: 1; Kowloon City: 6; Sham Shui Po: 6; Yau Tsim Mong: 7; Kwun Tong: 1; Wong Tai Sin: 3; Yuen Long: 2; North: 1; and Tai Po: 2 / not applicable	not applicable / private buildings	not applicable / not applicable

⁷ Up to 28 February 2013, 422 elders have been referred to participating dentists / dental clinics for dental services under this programme.

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid (\$ million)	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income (\$)	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed ⁸	97.74 / 3.15	16 498 (households) / 38 711 (persons)	not available / 1-person household: \$4,985; 2-person household: \$8,090; 3-person household: \$10,903; 4-person household: \$13,404; 5-person household: \$14,870; and 6-or-more person household: \$16,480	1-person: 5 175 households; 2-person: 4 186 households; 3-person: 3 955 households; 4-person: 2 689 households; 5-person: 424 households; and 6-or-more person: 69 households / Rooms, cubicles, cocklofts or bedspaces in private permanent housing : 14 648 households; bedspaces offered under Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme: 59 households; temporary housing: 1 534 households; and homeless: 257 households	not available / aged under 11: 6 540 persons; aged 11 - 17: 4 168 persons; and aged 18 or above: 28 003 persons

⁸ Information as at 8 March 2013.

Programme title and content	Subsidies paid / administrative expenses paid (\$ million)	Number of benefiting cases / number of beneficiaries	Geographical distribution of beneficiaries' residence / beneficiaries' average monthly household income (\$)	Number of household members / type of residence	Gender / age distribution
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	0 / 0	0 ⁹ (person) / 0 ⁹ (person)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
One-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families	1,193.52 / 22.32	198 920 (persons) / 198 920 (persons)	not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

⁹ The programme was rolled out in end January 2013. There are no statistics on the number of eligible applications and beneficiaries at the moment.

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

HAB016

Question Serial No.

2025

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:

As the Government will inject \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF), spending a large amount of public money, will the Government please reply to the following questions:

1. How to enhance transparency and allow the public to monitor the CCF to make sure the subsidy is well used?
2. Will users be invited to comment on the operation of programmes, such that the assistance can meet their needs?
3. For some persons with severe physical disabilities, respiratory support medical equipment is necessary for life support and essential to their rights to live. Why can't such equipment be provided at a low price to patients just as life support medication, instead of being regarded as welfare and granted to CSSA recipients or provided through CCF on charitable basis only?
4. Patients groups have repeatedly reflected their difficulties to the CCF but the newly implemented subsidy programme for renting respiratory support medical equipment maintains or adds measures that hinder patients in applying for the subsidy, such as:
 - the 60-year-old age limit
 - turn a blind eye to the considerable expenditure on medication and care for patients, and the patients' views on setting the income limit at 150% of the median income
 - introduction of means test

With such measures, the number of beneficiaries has decreased significantly. By transferring the gap of the safety net to CCF, does that mean the CCF will turn into a hypocritical and cosmetic measure?

5. Will the Government incorporate more services or subsidies that should be provided by the Government into the CCF?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

1. The Government has updated the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the progress of the Community Care Fund (CCF) from time to time. In addition, the statements of accounts of the CCF as audited by the Director of Audit are incorporated into the financial report of the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporation for tabling at the LegCo annually. The summary of discussion of meetings and information about the CCF and its programmes have also been uploaded to the CCF website. To further enhance the CCF's transparency, the Government plans to report regularly to the Subcommittee on Poverty under the House Committee of the LegCo the implementation progress of CCF programmes every six months with a table setting out the information such as beneficiary statistics, disbursements, etc, which will also be uploaded to the CCF website for easy reference by the public.
2. Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement CCF programmes will submit periodic progress reports to the CCF Task Force/ Commission on Poverty for review of the programmes on a continual basis. Views and suggestions about the programmes are welcome and will be circulated to the members of the CCF Task Force for reference.
- 3.&4. The objective of the CCF is to provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net, or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered. The CCF also implements measures on a pilot basis to help the Government identify those that can be considered for incorporation into the Government's regular assistance and service programmes. As a guiding principle, CCF programmes seek to complement the assistance and services provided by the Government or other charitable funds to avoid duplication of efforts as far as practicable.

Based on the above considerations, the CCF assistance programme to provide special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment is designed to benefit those receiving Higher Disability Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, living in the community and coming from families with financial difficulties. It makes reference to the financial assessment criteria adopted by the Samaritan Fund in handling applications for subsidy on drugs cost, and the amount of subsidy under the programme is contingent on the annual household disposable financial resources of the beneficiaries.

As a longer term measure, the Social Welfare Department and the Hospital Authority are studying the feasibility of introducing a case management-oriented service programme to assist non-Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients with severe physical disabilities who require constant nursing care, with a view to relieving their financial burden in terms of medical equipment, consumable items and care services.

5. The Government will, taking into account the effectiveness of the programmes and the advice of the CCF Task Force/ Commission on Poverty, consider whether to continue the implementation of a programme, and whether and how a programme should be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB017

Question Serial No.

3294

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:

The Financial Secretary talked about nurturing emerging industries in his Budget Speech. In this connection, will the Administration advise this Committee on the expenditure involved in 2013-14? What are the details of the plan and the anticipated outcome?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Kwok-pan

Reply:

Regarding the cultural industry, in 2013-14, the Government's expenditure on arts and culture will exceed \$3 billion. We will continue to strengthen our support for the development of cultural software through developing quality arts programmes, stepping up audience building, enhancing arts education and supporting the grooming of arts talents. This is to be achieved through various performances, public arts programmes, museum services and library services implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as well as funding provided to various arts groups and organizations, including arts groups of different sizes and art forms, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Arts Festival, etc.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB018

Question Serial No.

3296

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:

Will the Administration continue to promote the six industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved? What are the specific plans? Please present the information in separate tables.

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Kwok-pan

Reply:

Regarding the cultural industry, in 2013-14, the Government's expenditure on arts and culture will exceed \$3 billion. We will continue to strengthen our support for the development of cultural software through developing quality arts programmes, stepping up audience building, enhancing arts education and supporting the grooming of arts talents. This is to be achieved through various performances, public arts programmes, museum services and library services implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as well as funding provided to various arts groups and organizations, including arts groups of different sizes and art forms, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Arts Festival, etc.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB019

Question Serial No.

0395

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 support to the Family Council in promoting the family core values, please provide the details of relevant promotional efforts and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The Family Council advocates cherishing the family and promotes family core values as a main driver for social harmony. In 2013-14, the Family Council will continue to launch initiatives to promulgate family core values 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 on the Internet).

In 2013-14, an amount of \$27.5 million is allocated to the Home Affairs Bureau to finance programmes and activities related to the Family Council, including organising activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “2013-14 Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme”, conducting family-related researches and maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”, as well as providing funding to uniformed groups to organise family-related programmes.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 12.3.2013

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

HAB020

Question Serial No.

0396

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will work closely with the Hong Kong Arts Development Council in facilitating the development of new and budding artists, and other arts support areas. What are the details and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The Government will provide an annual subvention of \$95.8 million and earmark \$30 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2013-14 for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to continue to implement a variety of schemes and projects to support the development of new and budding artists and arts groups as well as the overall development of the arts sector. Some key programmes are highlighted below –

- (a) implementation of its on-going grant schemes, namely the One-year/Two-year Grant, Multi-Project Grant and Project Grant schemes to lend support to the development of small and medium-sized arts groups of various artforms. To give one-year/two-year grantees with meritorious performance the flexibility and capability to make longer term programme planning to achieve their artistic visions, the HKADC will re-introduce the Three-year Grant scheme in 2013-14, which will give arts groups a three-year funding commitment;
- (b) showcasing the talents of local artists and arts groups through HKADC's proactive projects, many of these programmes such as the Fresh Wave provide opportunities for new and budding artists and art groups to enhance their development;
- (c) supporting emerging artists through HKADC's Internship Schemes which provides local internship opportunities in the disciplines of drama, xiqu, music, dance and visual arts, as well as the Cultural Internship Scheme which sponsors local arts managers with leadership potential to participate in structured internship and training programmes in arts administration outside Hong Kong; and
- (d) providing venue support through its venue subsidy scheme and implementing a trial scheme to lease some units in an industrial building to new and budding artists for arts creation at a concessionary rate.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB021

Question Serial No.

0397

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:

What measures will the Administration take to develop and promote Cantonese opera in 2013-14? What is the estimated provision?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

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.

On the development of performance venues for Cantonese opera, the Yau Ma Tei Theatre, which opened in July 2012, will continue to serve as a cradle to nurture Cantonese opera new talents. Besides, an annex to the Ko Shan Theatre is being built to provide a new theatre of 600 seats and is expected to be completed in 2013.

The Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) will continue to support projects and new initiatives for the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera. It is estimated that about \$9 million will be spent by CODF in 2013-14 to support various Cantonese opera projects.

On top of the funding support provided by the CODF, it is estimated that an expenditure of about \$41 million will be spent by the Government in 2013-14 to support the development of Cantonese opera through performances, audience building and arts education programmes, preservation work and exhibitions implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and support provided to Cantonese opera organisations under the Department's Venue Partnership Scheme, the Cantonese opera training programmes under the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and the Cantonese opera projects supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 11.3.2013

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

HAB022

Question Serial No.

0398

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:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Administration will strengthen its efforts in developing a cultural network with the Mainland and other places. What are the specific plans? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other places.

We will continue to enhance cultural cooperation of the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) through the cultural cooperation platform established jointly by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to discuss, implement and follow up on collaboration initiatives involving the three places. The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Macao in May 2013. We will also continue to promote collaboration with other places in the Mainland and various authorities or organizations relating to the arts and culture such as the Ministry of Culture, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the National Museum of China, the Palace Museum and the National Library of China to enhance cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland.

We will continue to strengthen the promotion of cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Taiwan through the “Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee” (HKTCCC), established under the “Hong Kong – Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council”. The HKTCCC will organise the second “Hong Kong Week” in Taipei in 2013 to showcase Hong Kong's arts and culture to the Taiwan audience, and introduce to them the cultural characteristics of Hong Kong and the latest developments of our creative industries. In addition, the third Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Co-operation Forum will be organised in Hong Kong this year for the representatives of various cultural sectors of the two places to exchange views.

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 13 countries. We will continue to organize the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum this year. Moreover, we will continue to collaborate with cultural organizations and institutions around the world in organizing various cultural exchange activities such as inviting troupes from different countries to participate in annual international arts carnival and thematic arts festival to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts.

The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD in 2013-14 for promoting cultural cooperation and exchange with Mainland, Taiwan and other places is about \$108.3 million.

HAB also promotes cultural exchange through the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). HKADC will continue to provide funding support for cultural exchange projects of local artists and arts groups and proactive projects which involve promotion of local artists and arts groups overseas. In 2013-14, the budget for these projects is about \$9.3 million.

The Arts Development Fund (ADF) administered by the HAB provided funding to 47 projects with a total grant of \$3.14 million in 2012-13 for supporting outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2013-14, 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.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG
Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs
Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB023

Question Serial No.

0400

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 following information:

- (a) What were the number of participants and the average expenditure per participant for the International Youth Exchange Programme for the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012)?
- (b) What is the estimated average expenditure per participant for the International Youth Exchange Programme in 2013-14?
- (c) In 2012, the actual number of participants for the International Youth Exchange Programme was 115, but the estimated number of participants for 2013 has dropped to 95. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- (a) The Commission on Youth (COY) organises the “International Youth Exchange Programme” (the IYEP) to provide opportunities for Hong Kong youths to broaden their international perspectives. The numbers of Hong Kong delegates and the average expenditure per Hong Kong delegate in the past three years are as follows:

Year	Exchange Partner	Number of Hong Kong Delegates	Average Expenditure per Hong Kong Delegate (\$)
2012-13	Ireland	8	22,590*
	United Kingdom	16	17,328*
	Singapore	25	5,583*
	Japan	15	12,738*
2011-12	Ireland	8	24,321
	United Kingdom	22	25,501
	Singapore	26	4,977

Year	Exchange Partner	Number of Hong Kong Delegates	Average Expenditure per Hong Kong Delegate (\$)
2010-11	Ireland	12	16,299
	United Kingdom	21	22,023
	Singapore	23	4,401
	Japan	15	9,287

* The figures are estimate.

- (b) We are now discussing with our exchange partners the arrangement of IYEP 2013-14. Details, including expenditure of each programme, are not yet available.
- (c) The number of youth participants fluctuates every year. We expect a lower number of participants in 2013-14 because IYEP is working with three exchange partners for programmes in the year, compared to four in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 12.3.2013

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

HAB024

Question Serial No.

0401

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:

In respect of fostering partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises, what are the specific plans for 2013-14? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

To foster the partnership between the community, the business sector and the Government in promoting the development of social enterprises (SEs), the Administration will continue to implement the Social Enterprise Partnership Programme to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership through a matching forum and a mentorship scheme.

In collaboration with the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee, the Administration will also launch the Social Enterprise Award Scheme (the Award Scheme) for the second time in 2013-14. The Award Scheme aims to give recognition to successful SEs which operate and create social impact in Hong Kong, with a view to encouraging them as well as other SEs to provide needed services for the community through entrepreneurial thinking and innovative approaches. The Administration will also present awards to organizations or individuals which/who have served as mentors or partners for SEs in order to give them the recognition of their service and with a view to encouraging cross-sectoral support for SEs.

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked about \$19 million to support and promote the development of SEs. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of HAB and HAD will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid measures.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB025

Question Serial No.

0402

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:

It is mentioned in paragraph 65 of the Budget Speech that Art Basel will debut in Hong Kong this year. Please advise this Committee of the following:

- a. What assistance will the SAR Government provide to facilitate the organisation of Art Basel?
- b. How will the SAR Government promote local arts development through this art fair?
- c. What will the SAR Government do to help introduce local artists to overseas visitors through this art fair?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

On culture and the arts, our vision is to develop Hong Kong as an international cultural metropolis where life is celebrated through cultural pursuit. We welcome the presence of international art fairs such as Art Basel in Hong Kong, which attract large numbers of overseas and local art-related participants to Hong Kong and foster interaction and exchanges among them. We will facilitate the organization of such fairs as far as possible.

The Meetings and Exhibition Hong Kong Office of the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) has helped in promoting the Art Basel - Hong Kong (Art Basel - HK) through various channels. For example, it will include the event in its online Calendar and electronic newsletter. The event will be featured in the HKTB's official website, digital marketing platforms and promotional collaterals. The visitor centres of the HKTB will also help distribute the event leaflets.

We understand that the organizer of Art Basel - HK is planning to invite a number of overseas arts editors and critics to Hong Kong to cover the event and report on Hong Kong's art scene. As successful art fairs will highlight our potential as an international art metropolis, the Government will sponsor some of these journalists to Hong Kong.

We will capitalize on this event to promote local art development and local artists. We have planned a number of exhibitions at venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) to complement Art Basel - HK around the event period, providing local and overseas visitors with the opportunity to learn more about local art scene and artists. For example, the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum will stage exhibitions which will feature the works by local artists among others. The VIPs of Art Basel - HK 2013 can have complimentary access to LCSD's museums. The Art Promotion Office of LCSD will open the new art space at Oil Street around

the Art Basel - HK period with the launching of an exhibition which will feature local and Mainland artists. The WKCD Authority will organize an exhibition which will showcase inflatable sculptures produced by local and international artists at the WKCD site. The exhibition will run through the Art Basel - HK period. Given its potential synergy with Art Basel - HK, the exhibition is expected to impress on some of the most prominent members of the international arts community that Hong Kong is committed to developing a world-class arts and cultural hub. Besides, the senior curators of M+ will also give a guided tour to VIPs of Art Basel - HK on Hong Kong artists and actively introduce Hong Kong artists to important arts professionals.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 12.3.2013

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

HAB026

Question Serial No.

0404

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 following information:

- (a) What were the number of participants and the average expenditure per participant for the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland for the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012)?
- (b) What is the estimated average expenditure per participant for the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- (a) The Commission on Youth sponsors community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people through the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme). The number of participants and sponsorship per participant in the past three years are as follows :

Year	No. of Participants	Amount of Sponsorship per participant per day
2012-13	About 9,800	\$200 (within Guangdong Province) \$440 (outside Guangdong Province)
2011-12	About 10,700	\$180 (within Guangdong Province) \$400 (outside Guangdong Province)
2010-11	About 9,400	\$160 (within Guangdong Province) \$370 (outside Guangdong Province)

- (b) In 2013-14, the amount of sponsorship per participant per day under the Scheme will be \$205 and \$450 for visit within and outside Guangdong Province respectively.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 11.3.2013

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

HAB027

Question Serial No.

0405

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:

In 2013-14, the Bureau will continue to provide opportunities to youngsters, with a token stipend, to serve in under-privileged areas in the Mainland under the “Service Corps”. In this connection, please advise:

- (a) What are the details and the expenditure involved in this programme?
- (b) What were the numbers of participants in the past three years (i.e. from 2010 to 2012)?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

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 subsidise young people aged between 18 and 29 to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland for six to 12 months.

HAB will cover the cost in accommodation, transportation, stipend and medical insurance during the service period. To better prepare the delegates for the endeavor and to assist them in coping with the difficulties during the service period, suitable training and professional counseling services will be provided for the delegates. Delegates will receive an award upon satisfactory completion of service.

For the first three Phases of Service Corps carried out in 2011 to 2013, the number of delegates and expenditure are as follows:

	Service Period	Number of delegates	Expenditure
Phase I	September 2011 to January 2012 (1 semester)	15	\$0.8 million
Phase II	February to July 2012 (1 semester)	9	\$1.3 million
Phase III	September 2012 to July 2013 (2 semesters)	16	\$2.08 million

The estimated expenditure for Phase IV from September 2013 to July 2014 (2 semesters) is \$2.8 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 12.3.2013

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

HAB028

Question Serial No.

0406

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 operation of Youth Square, would the Bureau please advise the occupancy rate of the facilities in Youth Square (by performance venues and hostels) and the visitor flow between 2010-11 and 2012-13.

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

Information relating to the occupancy rate of performance venues and hostel and the visitor flow of Youth Square is as follows –

Year	Occupancy Rate		Visitor Flow
	Performance Venues	Hostel	
2010-11	68%	84%	1 101 416
2011-12	71%	80%	1 674 200
2012-13 (Estimate)	73%	85%	2 000 000

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 11.3.2013

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

HAB029

Question Serial No.

0408

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 support to youth uniformed groups, please advise the Committee:

- (a) The breakdown of each uniformed group by the number of members, the total amount of subsidy and the average amount of subsidy per member.
- (b) Will the Administration consider to increase the amount of subsidy for youth uniformed groups having regard to the inflation rate?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- (a) In 2013-14, the estimated level of recurrent subvention is \$47.07 million for the 11 uniformed groups with a total membership of 133,578. The average amount of subvention per member is \$352. The organisations and the amounts of subvention are listed below:

Uniformed groups	Estimated amount of recurrent subvention for 2013-14 (HK\$)*
1. Scout Association of Hong Kong	17,430,000
2. Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	11,000,000
3. Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps	1,200,000
4. Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps	1,370,000
5. Hong Kong Adventure Corps	1,160,000
6. Hong Kong Red Cross (Uniformed Groups Session)	8,160,000

Uniformed groups	Estimated amount of recurrent subvention for 2013-14 (HK\$)*
7. Hong Kong St John Ambulance Brigade (Cadet Command)	1,490,000
8. The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong	2,320,000
9. The Girls' Brigade, Hong Kong	1,090,000
10. Hong Kong Road Safety Association	1,200,000
11. Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards	650,000
Total:	47,070,000

Key Note:

* The above does not include funding provided in other policy areas or funding schemes by application.

- (b) 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 uniformed groups may apply for and which also form part of the funding of uniformed groups on top of the abovementioned subvention and private donations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB030

Question Serial No.

0409

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 inform the Committee on the following:

- (a) Regarding the services to be provided by the Family Council in 2013-14, what are the details of all the work involved in promoting family-friendly environment and family harmony? What are the respective expenditures involved?
- (b) Has any evaluation been made on the effectiveness of all the work involved in promoting family-friendly environment and family harmony? If yes, what are the evaluation results? If not, why?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- (a) Creating a pro-family environment, in particular a pro-family working environment would help improve work-life balance and bring positive impact on employees' family life. As such, wider adoption of family-friendly employment policies and practices (FFEPPs) in the workplace through publicity and promotional efforts would be conducive to raising the awareness of the employers of the importance of FFEPPs. In this connection, the Family Council launched its first "Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme" (the Award Scheme) in 2011 to raise the awareness of the business sector of the importance of FFEPPs, and more than 1,000 companies were awarded. In view of its resounding success, the Family Council agreed that the Award Scheme should be organised as a regular biennial event and its scope should be expanded to cover the non-business sectors including non-governmental organisations and social enterprises. The second Award Scheme will be launched in the third quarter of 2013.

In 2013-14, an amount of \$27.5 million is allocated to the Home Affairs Bureau to finance programmes and activities related to the Family Council, including organising activities under the "Happy Family Campaign" and the "2013-14 Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme", conducting family-related researches and maintenance of the "Happy Family Info Hub", as well as providing funding to uniformed groups to organise family-related programmes.

- (b) We have conducted regular opinion polls to gauge the effectiveness of the programmes and work of the Family Council through the Family Council's website, i.e. the "Happy Family Info Hub", which has an average monthly hit rate of about 1 million. Results of the polls conducted in 2012 indicated that 78% out of the 250 respondents were aware of the work and activities of the Family Council. Since 2011, biennial survey is also conducted to gauge public's views on the importance of families. In the family survey conducted among some 2,000 households in 2011, 81% of the respondents indicated that they were satisfied with their family lives. In 2013-14, an amount of \$0.6 million has been set aside to conduct another family survey to collect updated data on the situation of families in Hong Kong.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 12.3.2013

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

HAB031

Question Serial No.

0812

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 Administration's plan to work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (CoY) in promoting civic education, will the Administration please inform us on the estimated expenditure, details of relevant plans and estimated number of beneficiaries for national education in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The provision earmarked for the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (CoY) on national education promotion in 2013-14 is about \$26.3 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organizations to organize youth study tours to the Mainland, and local promotional activities on civic education (including national education), promotion on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications enhancing understanding of various aspects of our country (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 2013 would be about 9 000. As regards the number of participants of other programmes and activities, we are unable to provide an estimation as those programmes and activities are yet to be planned by the concerned organizations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB032

Question Serial No.

3110

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 the departmental records management work over the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13):

- Please provide information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform such work. If there is no officer designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they have to undertake in addition to records management;
- Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

- Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

- Please list in the table below information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

Question 1:

Records management of the Home Affairs Bureau (the Bureau) is the responsibility of every staff. While the Secretary for Home Affairs has the overall responsibility for the records management of the Bureau, one directorate officer is assigned to oversee the records management in the Bureau and two senior officers (one Chief Executive Officer and one Senior Executive Officer) are appointed as the Departmental Records Manager and Assistant Departmental Records Manager respectively to assist in establishing and implementing the departmental records management programme in the Bureau. Besides, 14 Divisional Records Managers (not below the rank of Senior Executive Officer) are appointed to oversee records management matters in the registries of their own divisions/sections/offices.

For the day-to-day records management activities, three Confidential Assistants, one Clerical Officer and one Clerical Assistant in the General Registry of the Administration Section are designated to perform mainly in records management and filing work of the Bureau. In addition, registry staff of divisions/sections/offices are required to carry out day-to-day record management activities in the registries of their own offices. These registry staff have to undertake other duties of their offices including compiling returns for the office, organising events/activities, processing payments/procurements/applications, handling of enquiries and complaints, carrying out general office administration work etc. Since their involvement in records management duties may vary according to the work nature of division/section/office, functions/activities engaged by the division/section/office and seasonal fluctuation of various duties, we have no record and cannot estimate the number of hours the registry staff spend on records management duties.

Question 2:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by / pending approval from GRS	Are they confidential documents
Financial year 2010-11				
Programme records	From 1979 to 2011	1 125 nos. of records in 49.16 linear metres	From 2 to 25 years after files being inactive	Some are confidential documents
Administrative records	From 1988 to 2011	97 nos. of records in 4.2 linear metres	From 3 to 7 years after files being inactive	Some are confidential documents
Financial year 2011-12				
Programme records	From 1981 to 2012	1 503 nos. of records in 69.19 linear metres	From 2 to 25 years after files being inactive	Some are confidential documents
Administrative records	From 1988 to 2012	363 nos. of records in 15.73 linear metres	From 2 to 7 years after files being inactive	Some are confidential documents

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by / pending approval from GRS	Are they confidential documents
Financial year 2012-13 [up to February 2013]				
Programme records	From 1972 to 2013	1 158 nos. of records in 52.38 linear metres	From 2 to 25 years after files being inactive	Some are confidential documents
Administrative records	From 2006 to 2013	47 nos. of records in 2.12 linear metres	From 2 to 5 years after files being inactive	Some are confidential documents

Question 3:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Financial year 2010-11: Nil					
Financial year 2011-12					
Programme records	From 2005-2009	3 nos. of records in 0.15 linear metres	2011	Permanent retention in Public Records Office	Yes
Financial year 2012-13 [up to February 2013]: Nil					

Question 4:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Financial year 2010-11					
Programme records	From 2004 to 2007	7 linear metres (paper)	Not applicable	3 years after files being inactive	No
Administrative records	From 1987 to 2009	604 nos. of records in 27.06 linear metres	Not applicable	From 1 to 5 years after files being inactive	No
Financial year 2011-12					
Administrative records	From 1976 to 2008	418 nos. of records in 18.89 linear metres	Not applicable	From 2 to 5 years after files being inactive	No

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Financial year 2012-13 [up to February 2013]					
Administrative records	From 1988 to 2010	310 nos. of records in 15.49 linear metres	Not applicable	From 2 to 5 years after files being inactive	No

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

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

HAB033

Question Serial No.

2877

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 enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland. In this regard, please advise:

- (1) On what basis will the Bureau assess whether these study tours have helped achieve the objective of enhancing understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people? If so, what are the details?
- (2) What are the details of the study tours to be organised in 2013-14? What is the breakdown of expenditure involved?
- (3) In addition to organising study tours, has the Bureau explored and considered other forms of activities for raising young people's awareness of Chinese culture and heritage?
- (4) If yes, what are the details? What is the breakdown of expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to co-organise the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Tour with the Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao in 2013-14. The tour aims to enhance Hong Kong young people's understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage; promote mutual understanding and communication among the young people of three places. To achieve these goals and ensure their effectiveness, the programme usually includes visit to museums, historical or cultural spots of the Mainland; exchange between youths of three places; and suitable complementary activities, including pre-tour workshop and post-tour activities. Hong Kong youth participants will share at the post-tour activities what they have learned. The feedbacks from the participants on the previous tours were positive. We reserve \$0.7 million for organisation of a similar tour in 2013-14. Apart from organising the study tour, the Commission on Youth also sponsors community organisations to organise study tours through the "Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland". We estimate that the total sponsorship to be granted for 2013-14 will be about \$26 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB034

Question Serial No.

2879

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 Administration will improve the support for local top athletes in order to meet their non-sporting needs during and after their full-time sporting career. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the work programme for 2013-14;
- (b) of the detailed breakdown of expenditure involved;
- (c) whether the Administration has reviewed the effectiveness of its efforts in meeting the needs of athletes; and if so, of the details.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

(a) and (b)

In 2013-14, the following major programmes will continue to support athletes' education and career planning –

- The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) will provide assistance to elite athletes through the “Athletes Integrated Educational and Vocational Development Programme” which includes academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, career planning and vocational training. The 2013-14 estimated budget of the HKSI's Programme is about \$3.3 million.
- Through the Hong Kong Athletes Fund (HKAF) administered by the HKSI, grants are provided to individual athletes for educational and other academic training, including certificate, diploma and degree courses. Eligible athletes can apply for grant from the HKAF in June and July, and October and November each year. As the application cycle for 2013-14 has not yet commenced, details of expenditure are not available.
- The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) will continue to implement its “Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme” (HKACEP), which was launched in 2008, to provide support to serving and retired athletes, including consultation services, scholarships, vocational training, language courses and job placement programmes. The SF&OC is now working on the proposed plan of the HKACEP for 2013-14 and the related estimated budget.

- (c) The Home Affairs Bureau works closely with the HKSI and the SF&OC to support athletes' needs in respect of educational and career development. We monitor the effectiveness of the programmes concerned through our participation in the work of the respective Committees of the HKSI and the HKACEP, and by receiving feedback from athletes through the HKSI and SF&OC.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB035

Question Serial No.

2881

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:

It is mentioned that the Bureau will seek continued support from the business sector and event organisers to sponsor the purchase of tickets for allocation free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) The events for which free tickets will be given away to people from less privileged backgrounds in 2013-14, the number of tickets involved, and the number of people to benefit from the initiative.
- (b) A detailed breakdown of expenditure involved.
- (c) How do we assess the effectiveness of such sponsorship in giving people from less privileged backgrounds the opportunity to attend major sports events? Please provide details.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

To date, we have identified the following events in 2013-14 for which free tickets will be given away to people from less privileged backgrounds -

Event Name	Organiser	Event Date	Number of tickets already distributed/ to be distributed
Longines Hong Kong Masters 2013	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	28 February - 2 March 2013	250
Cathay Pacific/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens 2013	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	22-24 March 2013	250
GAC Group 26 th Table Tennis Asian Cup 2013	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	12-14 April 2013	350

We expect that further events in 2013-14 will provide tickets for people from less privileged backgrounds, however we do not yet have the details. The tickets are sponsored by companies and event organisers, and the administrative work is handled by Home Affairs Bureau staff. There is no additional expenditure involved.

We will collect feedback from the organisations benefitting from the sponsored tickets and assess the effectiveness of the arrangements.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB036

Question Serial No.

2882

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:

Regarding the development of a Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak, please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the details and progress of the work involved;
- (b) of the development cost of the MPSC and the detailed breakdown of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) We aim to finalise arrangements for the procurement and financing of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak later this year, following an analysis of non-binding expressions of interest (EOI) in the development of the MPSC and a further study to advise on detailed financial models for the procurement and financing of the MPSC.
- (b) We will assess the likely construction cost based on the outcome of the detailed financial study of the selected procurement and financing options for the MPSC.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB037

Question Serial No.

2883

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:

The Administration is going to strengthen the training of arts administrators with different levels of experience, including providing internships. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the work programme for 2013-14;
- (b) of the detailed breakdown of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Government plans to provide an additional funding of \$150 million to strengthen the training of arts administrators at various level of seniority over the next five years. The Home Affairs Bureau is formulating an overall plan in consultation with the relevant advisory bodies and organizations, taking into account the experience gained in the implementation of current local and overseas internship/ training schemes for arts administrators by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in collaboration with other relevant institutions/ organizations. The detailed breakdown of expenditure will be worked out on the basis of the actual measures being formulated.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB038

Question Serial No.

2884

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:

The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) is expected to offer an undergraduate degree programme in Cantonese Opera in the 2013-14 academic year. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the details of the work involved and the career prospect of future graduates;
- (b) of the detailed breakdown of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) will submit its Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours) in Chinese Traditional Theatre, majoring in Cantonese opera (the BFA programme) to the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) for programme validation. Graduates of the BFA programme will be prepared for a career in a wide variety of roles including actor, musician, composer, ensemble leader, stage designer, costume and make-up artist, playwright and script adaptor, critics and researcher, art administrator, educator, etc.

The additional expenditure to be involved in launching the above programme includes about \$2.9 million annually for creation of additional teaching posts and administration staff, and \$350,000 in total annually to cover expenditure required for production cost, engagement of visiting artists and projects, as well as library resources.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB039

Question Serial No.

2901

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 promotion of civic education outside schools by working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, please advise:

- (1) What is the future work plan?
- (2) What are the details of the programme's expenditure? Please provide a specific breakdown.
- (3) What are the intended effects for this programme?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

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 organizations / non-government organizations / 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. To support CPCE in its continuing effort to further enhance civic awareness of the community, an estimated provision of about \$20.3 million in 2013-14 has been reserved for this purpose.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

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

HAB040

Question Serial No.

2902

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 the additional injection into and the provision of secretariat support to the Community Care Fund (CCF), would the Administration please advise on:

- 1) Given the additional injection, will there be corresponding increases in manpower to cope with working needs? If yes, what are the details?
- 2) What are the details of the Government's new assistance programmes and pioneer projects?
- 3) What are the specific expenditure for such projects? Are there any detailed breakdowns?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The proposed additional injection will mainly serve 3 purposes:

- (i) provide assistance to those who could not benefit from the relief measures set out in the Budget, i.e. those colloquially known as the "N have-nots";
- (ii) plug the gaps in the existing system and launch more targeted assistance programmes and pilot projects to assist the needy; and
- (iii) continue to implement those programmes that are proven effective but are yet to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance, pending study of related policies.

Apart from continuing its existing programmes, the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will, among other things, expedite the evaluation of its "Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing" and "Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed" programmes with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013. The CCF Task Force will also, taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, roll out more programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families. The manpower needs and related expenditure for new programmes and pilot projects will be worked out in due course.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB041

Question Serial No.

1499

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:

Regarding the Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams launched in 2011 to provide additional resources to district football teams, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What was the total expenditure on supporting district football teams in 2012-13?
- (b) The 18 district football teams are competing at different divisions. What is the amount of funding for each team? What are the criteria for determining the level of funding for each team?
- (c) Will the Administration continue to support district football teams in 2013-14?

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

Reply:

We have earmarked direct funding of about \$5.93 million for the 18 district-based football teams for the 2012-13 football season.

The maximum amount of funding earmarked for district-based football teams in the respective Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) Leagues in the 2012-13 football season is -

HKFA League	Funding ceiling (\$)
1st Division	550,000
2nd Division	350,000
3rd Division	280,000
4th Division	250,000

When deciding on the funding ceiling, we have taken into account the relative needs of the district-based football teams in areas such as coaching, administration, transportation and equipment, as well as the overall availability of funding.

We plan to continue to provide direct funding support to the 18 district-based teams in the 2013-14 season.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB042

Question Serial No.

1504

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 Government decided to proceed with the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) last year. In this regard, would the Government please inform this Committee on:

- (1) Are there any specific proposals from the Administration to support non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to develop youth hostels on sites granted by the Government?
- (2) The Government has earmarked \$1.17 million under the Capital Works Reserve Fund for TWGHs to carry out pre-construction studies for its youth hostel plan. What is the actual breakdown of the amount?

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

Reply:

- (1) The Government provides capital funding to the non-Governmental organizations (NGOs) through the Capital Works Reserve Fund for developing youth hostels and directly associated facilities as and when individual projects are ready, subject to the endorsement of the Public Works Subcommittee and approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. Lease modifications for the application sites to permit the proposed hostel use will also be made at nil premium and nil administrative fee, subject to policy support from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to the applications.

To implement the YHS, HAB plans to start with two relatively more mature projects on a pilot basis. They are the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' (TWGHs) project at Hollywood Road and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' project at Tai Po. HAB will review the scheme, based on the progress made in the two pilot projects, and continue discussions with other NGOs which have expressed interest to participate.

- (2) The earmarked funding is for TWGHs to carry out the pre-construction study for the project at Hollywood Road. The study will cover technical feasibility studies and technical impact assessments for preparation of the application to the Town Planning Board.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB043

Question Serial No.

2622

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The original estimate of financial provision for the Legal Aid Services Council (LASC) has been steadily decreasing from \$11.3 million for 2011-12 to \$7.2 million for 2012-13 and \$5.2 million for 2013-14, representing a 54.0% decrease over the past few years. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the reasons for such a dramatic cut in financial provision for the LASC?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK, Dennis

Reply:

Since 2010-11, the recurrent subvention provided for LASC has remained steady as illustrated in the following table –

Year	2010-11 (Original) (\$m)	2011-12 (Original) (\$m)	2012-13 (Original) (\$m)	2013-14 (Estimate) (\$m)
Recurrent subvention	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2
Provision for consultancy study	-	6.0	2.0	-
Total subvention	5.2	11.3	7.2	5.2

In 2011-12, a provision of \$6 million was originally earmarked for LASC to commission a consultancy study on the feasibility and desirability of the establishment of an independent legal aid authority, and the consultancy study was commissioned in October 2011. However, owing to the change of LASC's payment schedule, the earmarked provision of \$6 million in 2011-12 was not used. In 2012-13, \$2 million was earmarked in the original estimates for commissioning the consultancy study, and the provision has increased to about \$3 million in the revised estimates. As LASC expected that the payment would be completed in 2012-13, no additional provision for the consultancy study is required for 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

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

HAB044

Question Serial No.

0744

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 the poverty alleviation effort, the Government proposed injecting an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF). This, together with the original \$5 billion Government injection, is expected to generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. Would the Administration please, in the form of a table, provide the details of all the programmes funded by CCF in the past, such as the amount of individual funding, the types and numbers of beneficiaries, the programme implementation period and the justification for funding approval?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Community Care Fund (CCF) aims to provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered. Since its establishment, the CCF has rolled out 18 assistance programmes. In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011.

Details of the assistance programmes (as at 28 February 2013) are set out below –

Programme title and types of beneficiaries	Programme implementation date and period	Estimated amount of funding (\$ million)	Estimated number of beneficiaries	Major justification for funding approval
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/competitions	June 2011 (a three-year programme)	194.66 ¹	80 000 (persons)	To subsidise eligible students to participate in cross-boundary learning activities and competitions, so as to widen their horizon and learning experience.

¹ Including the additional administration costs which are pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

Programme title and types of beneficiaries	Programme implementation date and period	Estimated amount of funding (\$ million)	Estimated number of beneficiaries	Major justification for funding approval
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	August 2011 (a two-year programme)	121.21 ^{2 3}	1,461 (person-times)	To provide subsidies for needy patients to use specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the SF safety net.
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	September 2011 (a three-year programme)	529.21 ⁴	118 387 ⁵ (person-times)	To provide primary schools with lunch subsidy for students from needy families.
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	September 2011 (a two-year programme)	1.05	1 000 (persons)	To provide financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to take the relevant examinations for continuing education or employment and enhancing their competitiveness.
(5) Subsidy for the severely disabled persons aged below 60 from families with financial difficulties who are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), and requiring constant attendance and living in the community	September 2011 (application period for the extended programme ended on 28 February 2013)	133.83	5 336 (person-times)	To provide the beneficiaries with a special care subsidy so as to render necessary support to them.

² Including the administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

³ Including the increase in estimated expenditure for implementing this programme for a second year, which is pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁴ Including the estimated expenditure for implementing this programme in 2013-14, which is pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁵ Including 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title and types of beneficiaries	Programme implementation date and period	Estimated amount of funding (\$ million)	Estimated number of beneficiaries	Major justification for funding approval
(6) Subsidy for CSSA recipients who are owners of Tenant Purchase Scheme flats for five years or above and not eligible for rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme	September 2011 (a one-off subsidy programme which has been completed)	1.73 (final expenditure)	825 (households) (actual number of beneficiaries)	To provide a one-off subsidy to the eligible households so as to relieve their financial burden.
(7) Subsidy for elders aged 65 or above from low-income families who are on the waiting list for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning services and escorting services for medical consultations	October 2011 (application period for the extended programme ended on 31 March 2013)	15.26	1 450 (persons)	To enable the beneficiaries to maintain household hygiene and attend medical consultations as scheduled.
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in private housing paying rents that exceed the maximum rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme	October 2011 (a one-off subsidy programme which has been completed)	33.67 (final expenditure)	22 605 (households) (actual number of beneficiaries)	To provide a one-off subsidy to the eligible households so as to relieve their financial burden as a result of the periodic increase of rent.
(9) Training Subsidy for children with special needs from low-income families who are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	December 2011 (application period for the extended programme ended on 28 February 2013)	68.15	1 660 (persons)	To provide subsidised training services for the eligible children so as to enable them to receive necessary services as soon as possible to facilitate their learning and development.
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	December 2011	4.43	900 (households)	To facilitate the affected residents to be re-located timely from the concerned sub-divided units.

Programme title and types of beneficiaries	Programme implementation date and period	Estimated amount of funding (\$ million)	Estimated number of beneficiaries	Major justification for funding approval
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	January 2012 ⁶	4.29 ⁷	281 (person-times)	To provide further subsidy to patients by reducing their contribution to drug costs.
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	March 2012	0.5	800 (persons)	To encourage ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland from different backgrounds to engage in life-long learning and to enhance personal abilities.
(13) Subsidy for low-income elderly tenants in private housing	July 2012 (a one-off subsidy programme and the application period ended on 31 January 2013)	11.89	2 728 (persons)	To provide a subsidy for elderly tenants in private housing to relieve their pressure in view of rising inflation and cyclical rental increase.
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	August 2012 (a two-year programme)	68.75 ⁸	not applicable ⁹	To co-ordinate and integrate after-school learning and supplementary activities for needy students, so that they can make a better use of their time and consolidate their classroom learning, and to help alleviate the pressure of working parents.

⁶ This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

⁷ Excluding the administration costs incurred for this programme which are covered under those of programme (2) above.

⁸ Including the additional administration costs for 2012-13 and the estimated expenditure for implementing the programme in 2013-14, which are pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁹ There is no estimated number of beneficiaries for this programme.

Programme title and types of beneficiaries	Programme implementation date and period	Estimated amount of funding (\$ million)	Estimated number of beneficiaries	Major justification for funding approval
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	September 2012 (expected to be a two-year programme)	100	10 300 (persons)	To subsidise needy elderly people with low income for dentures and other necessary dental services.
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	October 2012 (a three-year programme)	67.2	3 010 (owners' corporations)	To enhance the support for owners' corporations (OCs) of old buildings with a view to encouraging formation of more OCs and promoting better building management.
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	October 2012 (a one-off subsidy programme and the application period will end on 8 April 2013)	174.43	55 436 (persons)	To relieve the financial pressure of those low-income persons who are inadequately housed.
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	January 2013 (the application period will end on 30 June 2013)	12.60	400 (persons)	To provide extra subsidy for the renting of respiratory support medical equipment for the needy persons with severe physical disabilities.
One-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families	October 2011 (a one-off allowance programme and the application period ended on 30 June 2012)	1,500	233 900 (persons)	To provide new arrivals from low-income families who have entered Hong Kong for settlement with additional resources to facilitate their adaptation and integration into the community, and better prepare themselves for permanent settlement in Hong Kong.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB045

Question Serial No.

0759

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:

Among the Home Affairs Bureau's (HAB) "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14", it is mentioned that the HAB 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 the youth. What is the estimated expenditure on this aspect? Are there any detail plans? Will the HAB review the effectiveness of past efforts on promoting national education?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The provision earmarked for the collaboration with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth on national education promotion in 2013-14 is about \$26.3 million. The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organizations to organize youth study tours to the Mainland, and local promotional activities on civic education (including national education), promotion on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications enhancing understanding of various aspects of our country (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops. The CPCE continues to monitor the effectiveness of past and on-going efforts on promoting national education, and will review matters such as the scope of activities, the means, as well as the engagement of stakeholders and partnering organisations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB046

Question Serial No.

0760

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:

One of the major responsibilities of the Home Affairs Bureau is to support and facilitate the implementation of initiatives to help make Hong Kong a regular destination for major international sports events. Please set out the major international sports events held in Hong Kong in the past five years (2008 to 2012). What were the expenditure involved and the number of attendance for each event? What major international sports events are scheduled for the coming year? What is the expenditure involved? What measures will help attract more such events to Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) of the Sports Commission awards the “M” Mark to major international sports events hosted by “national sports associations” (NSAs). From 2008 to 2012, we have allocated \$35.43 million to support “M” Mark events. The events, the levels of “M” Mark funding support and the attendance for each event are set out below:

Event Name	Year	Total Approved Funding Support	Approximate attendance in 2012 or the latest year in which the event was held
Hong Kong Marathon	2008 - 2012	Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only	75 000
Hong Kong BMX Golden League	2012	\$2.4 million	3 100
Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2008 - 2012	Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only	120 240
HKFC International Soccer Sevens	2012	\$1 million	8 800

Event Name	Year	Total Approved Funding Support	Approximate attendance in 2012 or the latest year in which the event was held
Club Crew World Championships cum Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races	2012	\$3 million	581 900
Hong Kong DanceSport Festival	2008 - 2010 and 2012	\$7 million	9 400
Harbour Race (Swimming)	2012	Organiser applied for "M" Mark status only	4 300
Hong Kong Cricket Sixes	2008 - 2012	\$7 million	15 100
Hong Kong Squash Open	2008 - 2012	\$5 million	4 100
Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2008 - 2012	Organiser applied for "M" Mark status only	36 140
Hong Kong Open Badminton Superseries	2008 - 2012	\$3 million	25 300
FIVB World Grand Prix — Hong Kong (Volleyball)	2008 - 2011	\$1.5 million	32 260
World Tenpin Bowling Championships for Women	2011	\$3.53 million	735
Tour of Hong Kong / Shanghai (Cycling)	2008	\$2 million	8 100
Total		\$35.43 million	

In 2013, we plan to support the hosting of "M" Mark events in the sports of athletics, rugby, dancesport, swimming, badminton, squash, golf, cricket, volleyball, and equestrianism. We have budgeted \$14 million for supporting these events. Two "M" Mark events have already been held in 2013, namely, the Hong Kong Marathon and the Hong Kong Masters (Equestrian), neither of which required "M" Mark funding support. Another "M" Mark event, the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens, will be held in late March 2013.

We are encouraging NSAs to host more major events in Hong Kong, by extending the duration of funding support for "M" Mark events; increasing the amount of funding available for events; providing a direct grant to organisers of new events for the purpose of marketing their events; and strengthening support for major national and international "one-off" championships held in Hong Kong.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

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

HAB047

Question Serial No.

0856

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:

It is mentioned under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will continue to plan for the development of sports facilities that will meet the needs of Hong Kong's sports development, including the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak. Has the consultancy study on procurement and financing options for the MPSC been completed? When will the procurement and financing options of the MPSC be finalised? How many submissions has the Administration received so far? Has the Administration assessed the construction costs for the next five years or the need for additional funding?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The consultancy study on the construction and financing options for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) been substantially completed.

We aim to finalise the procurement and financing options later this year, following an analysis of non-binding expressions of interest (EOI) in the development of the MPSC and a further study to advise on detailed financial models for the procurement and financing of the MPSC.

We will assess the likely construction cost based on the outcome of the detailed financial study of the selected procurement and financing options for the MPSC.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

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

HAB048

Question Serial No.

3010

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 provision for the Home Affairs Bureau in 2013-14 shows an increase of \$39.6 million (15.7%) compared with the revised estimate in 2012-13, mainly due to the increase of operating expenditure of the Youth Square, and the increased provision for promoting youth development, organising activities for the Family Council and developing social enterprises. Will the Administration please advise what the operating expenditure of the Youth Square over the past three years were? What is the estimated expenditure in the coming year? What measures will be taken to address the low utilisation rate of the Youth Square?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The operating expenditure of Youth Square since its operation in 2010 are as follows:

2010-11 Actual expenditure	2011-12 Actual expenditure	2012-13 Revised estimate	2013-14 Estimate
\$66.176 million	\$65.187 million	\$71.5 million	\$77.1 million

The utilization rate of the facilities at Youth Square is in general not considered to be low, and it has been increasing since its opening. The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to explore various means to further improve the usage of facilities at the Youth Square. We, with the support of the Management Contractor, collaborate with the stakeholders to organise attractive youth programmes at the Youth Square and to foster co-operation with youth organisations to attract target users, etc. We also offer concessionary rates for hostel to youth/youth groups thereby raising the youth patronage and occupancy rate.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB049

Question Serial No.

3262

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:

The Financial Secretary pointed out in his 2013-14 Budget Speech that successful world-class art fairs will facilitate art and cultural development in Hong Kong, and highlight our potential as an international art metropolis. Would the Administration please advise the number of art fairs held, the average expenditure per fair, and the total number of attendance last year (i.e. 2012). How many art fairs is the Administration planning to organize in the year ahead?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

On culture and the arts, our vision is to develop Hong Kong as an international cultural metropolis. We promote the development of the arts and culture through supporting the development of cultural software and providing an environment that is conducive to artistic creation and expression as well as vibrant growth of the arts sector. Due to the favourable environment in Hong Kong (including its low-tax and free trade system, good infrastructure as well as proximity to the Mainland), the number and scales of international art fairs organized by the private sector in Hong Kong have been growing rapidly in recent years. The Art Basel is one of the prominent examples. As these art fairs are organized by the private sector, we do not have information about the expenditure incurred and the total number of attendance.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB050

Question Serial No.

0724

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 civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme (CPS), would the Administration please:

- (a) List the nature, organising group(s), sponsorship amount and number of participants of each project sponsored by the CPS in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.
- (b) Provide the estimated expenditure under this item in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

- (a) Through the Community Participation Scheme (CPS), the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) grants sponsorship to community organizations for organising activities to promote civic education. The details for 2011-12 and 2012-13 are as follows:

Year	No. of projects	Approved Sponsorship	Nature of projects
2011-12	54	\$8.09 million	Projects include a variety of activities, such as carnivals, exhibitions, workshops, seminars, visits, performances, etc.
2012-13	48	\$8.44 million	

- (b) We estimate that the sponsorship to be approved under this item in 2013-14 will be \$8.44 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB051

Question Serial No.

0725

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 study tours to the Mainland organised under the Community Participation Scheme (CPS), would the Administration please:

- (a) List the name and sponsorship amount of each sponsored group, as well as the number of participants and destination(s) of each tour in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.
- (b) Provide the estimated expenditure under this item in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

- (a) The Commission on Youth (CoY) grants sponsorship to community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland through the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (CP Scheme). The details for 2011-12 and 2012-13 are as follows:

CP Scheme	Approved Sponsorship	No. of beneficiaries	Destinations
2011-12	\$22 million	10,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 tours in Guangdong Province• 115 tours outside Guangdong Province
2012-13	\$26 million	9,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 tours in Guangdong Province• 122 tours outside Guangdong Province

- (b) We estimate that the total sponsorship to be granted for 2013-14 will be about \$26 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB052

Question Serial No.

0726

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 promotion of civic education and youth development outside schools, would the Administration please provide the details of the respective actual expenditure on the item in 2011-12 and 2012-13, as well as the details of the item's estimated expenditure for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

The 2011-12 actual expenditure and 2012-13 revised estimate of the promotion of civic education outside schools are \$18.5 million and \$20.9 million respectively. The 2013-14 estimated provision for the item is \$20.3 million.

The 2011-12 actual expenditure and 2012-13 revised estimate of the youth development activities are \$32.1 million and \$32.0 million respectively. The 2013-14 estimated provision for the item is \$36.0 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB053

Question Serial No.

0727

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 subvention for youth uniformed groups and other youth organisations, would the Administration please:

- (a) List the name of each subvented group or organization and the respective subvention amounts for 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.
- (b) Provide the names of each prospective subvented group or organisation in 2013-14 and the respective subvention amount.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

- (a) The recurrent subvention amount of uniformed groups and other organisations in 2011-12 and 2012-13 for youth development are listed below:

Uniformed groups and other organisations	Amount of recurrent subvention in 2011-12 (\$) ^	Amount of recurrent subvention in 2012-2013 (\$) ^
1. Scout Association of Hong Kong	17,280,000	17,430,000
2. Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	9,830,000	11,000,000
3. Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps	900,000	1,200,000
4. Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps	1,060,000	1,370,000
5. Hong Kong Adventure Corps	820,000	1,160,000
6. Hong Kong Red Cross (Uniformed Groups Session)	7,130,000	8,160,000
7. Hong Kong St John Ambulance Brigade (Cadet Command)	1,170,000	1,490,000

Uniformed groups and other organisations	Amount of recurrent subvention in 2011-12 (\$) ^	Amount of recurrent subvention in 2012-2013 (\$) ^
8. The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong	1,820,000	2,320,000
9. The Girls' Brigade, Hong Kong	770,000	1,090,000
10. Hong Kong Road Safety Association	700,000	1,200,000
11. Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards*	-	650,000
12. Hong Kong Award for Young People	5,140,000	5,660,000
13. Agency for Volunteer Service	4,560,000	5,000,000
Total:	51,180,000	57,730,000

Key Note:

* Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards became one of the subvented uniformed groups in 2012-13.

^ The above does not include funding provided in other policy areas or funding schemes by application.

- (b) The estimated subvention amount of uniformed groups and other organisations in 2013-14 remain unchanged from the subvention amount of 2012-13.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB054

Question Serial No.

0732

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 the injection of an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF), would the Administration please advise this Committee on the CCF's annual expenditure in each of the past two years (up to 2012-13), as well as the CCF's estimated expenditure in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

The total payments (including disbursements and administrative expenses) made by the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to end February 2013) were around \$268 million and \$422 million respectively, excluding payments made under the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families.

Taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, the CCF will roll out appropriate programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families continuously, and consider the related expenditure.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB055

Question Serial No.

0107

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) It is mentioned in paragraph 116 of the Budget Speech that an additional \$15 billion will be injected into the Community Care Fund (CCF). Will the Government please inform the Committee if this injection is targeted at any specific beneficiaries or does the Government have any details in this respect?
- (b) Please provide the details of each CCF assistance programme in the table below:

Programme title and content	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Average assistance amount per application	Operating costs

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

- (a) The proposed injection will mainly serve 3 purposes:
- provide assistance to those who could not benefit from the relief measures set out in the Budget, i.e. those colloquially known as the “N have-nots”;
 - plug the gaps in the existing system and launch more targeted assistance programmes and pilot projects to assist the needy; and
 - continue to implement those programmes that are proven effective but are yet to be incorporated into the Government’s regular assistance, pending study of related policies.

Apart from continuing its existing programmes, the Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will, among other things, expedite the evaluation of its “Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing” and “Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed” programmes with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013.

- (b) Since its establishment, the CCF has rolled out 18 assistance programmes. In addition, the CCF also rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011. Details of the assistance programmes (as at 28 February 2013) are set out below -

Programme title and content	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Average assistance amount per application (\$)	Operating costs (i.e. Administration costs) (\$)
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/ competitions	1 606 ¹ (schools)	1 606 (schools)	2,357 ²	2,780,000
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	960 (person-times)	959 (person-times)	90,191	4,924,000 ³
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	118 387 (person-times)	118 387 ⁴ (person-times)	2,586	530,000
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	479 (persons)	128 (persons)	987	50,000
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	3 279 (person-times)	1 974 (person-times)	17,747	2,748,000
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	858 (households)	825 (households)	2,000	80,000

¹ This refers to 812 schools in 2011-12 and 794 schools in 2012-13.

² In 2011-12, there are 22 093 beneficiaries and the average amount of assistance per beneficiary is \$2,357.

³ Including the administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

⁴ This refers to 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title and content	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Average assistance amount per application (\$)	Operating costs (i.e. Administration costs) (\$)
(7) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning and escorting services for medical consultations	1 339 (persons)	1 144 (persons)	1,766	181,000
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	not applicable ⁵	22 605 (households)	1,419	1,586,000
(9) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	1 869 (persons)	1 435 (persons)	10,161	2,054,000
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	157 (households)	140 (households)	2,762	140,000
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidized drugs ⁶	281 (person-times)	281 (person-times)	15,279	not applicable ⁷
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	173 (persons)	83 (persons)	363	66,000
(13) Subsidy for elderly tenants in private housing	2 130 (households)	2 068 (households)	4,954	790,000

⁵ The persons concerned are not required to submit applications. The Social Welfare Department will identify eligible CSSA households (i.e. 22 605) according to the rental information reported by the CSSA recipients, and deposit the subsidy into their bank accounts directly.

⁶ This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

⁷ The administration costs incurred for this programme are covered under those of programme (2) above.

Programme title and content	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Average assistance amount per application (\$)	Operating costs (i.e. Administration costs) (\$)
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	135 (schools/ organisations)	73 (schools/ organisations)	2,533 ⁸	461,200
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	422 (persons)	84 ⁹ (persons)	6,126	1,137,000
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	87 (owners' corporations)	41 (owners' corporations)	3,495	476,000
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	19 616 (households)	14 172 (households)	5,950	3,149,000
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	5 (persons)	0 ¹⁰ (persons)	0	0
One-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families	212 262 (persons)	198 920 (persons)	6,000	22,315,000

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Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

⁸ 73 applications were approved with a total of 5 473 beneficiaries. The average amount of assistance per beneficiary is \$2,533.

⁹ 422 elders have been referred to participating dentists/dental clinics for dental services under this programme.

¹⁰ This programme was recently rolled out in end January 2013. The vetting of the 5 applications received is in progress.

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

HAB056

Question Serial No.

1713

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:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the number of district football teams (and their names) directly funded by the Bureau and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13)?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure on supporting the long-term development of football in 2013-14?
- (c) Will the Administration continue to allocate resources to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong? If so, what are the specific plans and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

- (a) The Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams began in 2011-12, for an initial period of three years. In 2011-12, we released about \$4.38 million to 17 district-based football teams (one district had not yet formed a team). For 2012-13, we have earmarked about \$5.93 million for the 18 district-based football teams. A list of the teams and the amounts of grant awarded and approved is at the Annex.
- (b) In 2013-14, we will earmark \$20 million for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA)'s "Project Phoenix" for the long-term development of football.
- (c) We have initially earmarked a total of \$60 million in time-limited funding to help the HKFA implement "Project Phoenix". The Football Task Force will monitor the progress of the project and decide on how to recommend the allocation of funding support.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams

2011-12 Season

HKFA League	District	Name of Football Team / Sports Association	Actual Amount of Grant (\$) *
1st Division (maximum annual grant : \$500,000)	Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po Sports Association	499,939.90
	Tai Po	Tai Po Football Club	500,000.00
	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun District Sports Association Limited	500,000.00
2nd Division (maximum annual grant : \$350,000)	Southern	Southern District Recreation and Sports Association	270,435.40
	Wan Chai	Wan Chai Sports Federation	256,142.40
	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Sports Promotion Association Limited	129,782.20
	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Tsing District Football Association Limited	210,629.65
	Sha Tin	Sha Tin District Sports Association	253,820.70
	Yuen Long	Yuen Long District Sports Association Limited	183,085.50
3rd Division (District) (maximum annual grant : \$250,000)	Central & Western	Central and Western District Recreation and Sports Association	163,364.80
	Eastern	Eastern District Sports Association	250,000.00
	Kowloon City	Kowloon City District Sports Association	148,185.30
	Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin District Recreation and Sports Council	250,000.00
	Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association Limited	160,125.14
	North	Northern District Football Club	189,523.20
	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Cultural, Recreation & Sports Association	167,607.50
	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Football Association	246,392.00
Total			4,379,033.69

* The amount is based on the actual expenditure reported by the teams, subject to ceiling of eligible items.

2012-13 Season

HKFA League	District	Name of Football Team / Sports Association	Approved Amount (\$)
1st Division (maximum annual grant : \$550,000)	Southern	Southern District Recreation and Sports Association	550,000
	Tai Po	Tai Po Football Club	550,000
	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun District Sports Association Limited	550,000
2nd Division (maximum annual grant : \$350,000)	Wan Chai	Wan Chai Sports Federation	350,000
	Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po Sports Association	350,000
	Sha Tin	Sha Tin District Sports Association	349,807 [†]
	Yuen Long	Yuen Long District Sports Association Limited	350,000
3rd Division (maximum annual grant : \$280,000)	Eastern	Eastern District Sports Association	280,000
	Kowloon City	Kowloon City District Sports Association	280,000
	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Sports Promotion Association Limited	225,766 [†]
	Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin District Recreation and Sports Council	280,000
	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Tsing District Football Association Limited	280,000
	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Football Association	280,000
4th Division (maximum annual grant : \$250,000)	Central & Western	Central and Western District Recreation and Sports Association	250,000
	Islands	Islands District Sports Association	250,000
	Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association Limited	250,000
	North	Northern District Football Club	250,000
	Sai Kung	Sai Kung District Sports Association	250,000
Total			5,925,573

[†] Funding is approved on the basis of applications, subject to ceiling of eligible items.

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

HAB057

Question Serial No.

2444

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 Government has proposed to inject an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF) next year, and it is expected to generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. Please advise that on basis of what objective has this injection amount been calculated? For example, what will be the beneficiary groups? What will be the number of persons/households benefited? What is the amount of subsidy for each person/household? How will the Government ensure that the CCF can help those most in need?
- (b) Regarding “the programmes that have proved to be effective but have yet to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service programmes”, did the Government have any plan to incorporate these programmes into the Government's recurrent expenditure items? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) The proposed injection will mainly serve 3 purposes –
- (i) provide assistance to those who could not benefit from the relief measures set out in the Budget, i.e. those colloquially known as the “n have-nots”;
 - (ii) plug the gaps in the existing system and launch more targeted assistance programmes and pilot projects to assist the needy; and
 - (iii) continue to implement those programmes that are proven effective but are yet to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance, pending study of related policies.

Apart from continuing its existing programmes, the Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will, among other things, expedite the evaluation of its “Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing” and “Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed” programmes with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013. The CCF Task Force will also, taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, roll out more programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families. The estimated number of beneficiaries and related expenditure will be worked out in due course.

- (b) The CCF takes forward measures on a pilot basis to help the Government identify those that can be considered for incorporation into the Government's regular assistance programme. Efforts will be made to incorporate programmes that are proved to be effective into the Government's regular assistance programme.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB058

Question Serial No.

2489

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:

- (1) Will the Administration please advise this Committee how many applications have been received for the Community Participation Scheme (CP Scheme) in the recent five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively?
- (2) With the use of the following table, please advise this Committee of the name of the subsidised organisations /programmes and the cost involved under the CP Scheme over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13):

Name of organisations	Name of programmes	Nature of programmes	Amount of Subsidy (\$)

- (3) What are the criteria taken into account by the Administration when approving the subsidy for relevant organisations? What are the criteria adopted to assess the performance of the programmes?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG, Kenneth

Reply:

- (1) The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) has received the following number of valid applications under the Community Participation Scheme (CPS) in the 5 years concerned:

Year	Number of valid applications received
2008-09	182
2009-10	230
2010-11	199
2011-12	163
2012-13	148

- (2) The CPCE grants sponsorship to community organizations to organize activities to promote civic education through the CPS. The details for 2008-09 to 2012-13 are as follows:

Year	No. of projects	Approved Sponsorship	Nature of projects
2008-09	150	\$4.69 million	Projects include of a variety of activities such as carnivals, exhibitions, workshops, seminars, visits, performances, etc.
2009-10	152	\$4.92 million	
2010-11	117	\$4.62 million	
2011-12	54	\$8.09 million	
2012-13	48	\$8.44 million	

- (3) In assessing the funding applications under the Community Participation Scheme, the CPCE will consider various factors, including creativity, scale, means of publicity, etc of the proposed projects. Upon completion of the projects, the sponsored organizations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects, with information on participant feedback, financial reports, etc. to facilitate assessment by the CPCE.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB059

Question Serial No.

2490

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:

During 2013-14, youth development activities will be supported through the district network of the Commission on Youth. Please advise this Committee of the specific work plan concerned, objectives, and the cost involved in this regard.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kenneth

Reply:

Since 1 January 2011, the 18 Districts Summer Youth Programme Committees have been re-organised into 18 Districts Youth Programme Committees (DYPCs). They collaborate with the Commission on Youth (CoY) in organising year-round youth development activities that are in line with the theme and direction set by the CoY with a view to helping youths cultivate a positive approach to life and fulfill civic duties. The Home Affairs Bureau earmarks about \$8 million in 2013-14 for organising youth activities in collaboration with DYPCs.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB060

Question Serial No.

2491

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 Audit Commission has pointed out that during the first year of Youth Square's operation, an operating deficit of \$33.2 million was incurred, which was more than five times of the estimated deficit of \$5 million. The utilisation rate of some facilities, such as video recording studio, exhibition area, band room, etc., was 10% or less. The utilisation rate of the retail area was even 0%. The occupancy rate of youth hostel by target users (youth organisations) was only 18%.

Will the Administration please provide the following information:

- (1) Has the Home Affairs Bureau developed any specific plan to improve the operation of the Youth Square for this year (2013-14)?
- (2) What are the criteria adopted by the Administration for monitoring the operation of the Youth Square?
- (3) Since its commencement of operation, how many applications have been received from organizations for renting offices in the Youth Square? On what basis did the Administration decide to approve or reject an application? and
- (4) With the use of the following table, please provide information on the hiring of offices in the Youth Square since its commencement of operation, including the name of tenants, areas, rental amount and the term of tenancy.

Name of organisations	Areas	Rent (\$)	Term of tenancy

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG, Kenneth

Reply:

- (1) The utilisation rate of Youth Square is generally satisfactory and has been increasing since its opening. The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to explore various means to further improve the usage of facilities at the Youth Square. We, with the support of the Management Contractor, collaborate with the stakeholders to organise attractive youth programmes at the Youth Square and to foster co-operation with youth organisations to attract target users, etc. We also offer concessionary rates for hostel to youth/youth groups thereby raising the youth patronage and occupancy rate.

- (2) To monitor the operation of the Youth Square, the Management and Operation Services Contract of Youth Square has set out a number of minimum performance targets which the Management Contractor is required to achieve. The performance targets include, among others, not less than 70% occupancy rate for the hostel, not less than 70% usage rate for the retail shops, offices and youth activity areas, and not less than 65% usage rate for the Y-Theatre, Y-Platform, Y-Studio, and organise at least 12 venue promotional programmes a year. These targets have been met.
- (3) Since the Youth Square came into full operation in March 2010, a total of 87 applications for leasing office units have been received.

All applications are vetted by the Rental Vetting Committee under the Youth Square Management Advisory Committee which is set up to advise the Government on the operation of the Youth Square. Considering that the Youth Square primarily aims to serve as a focal point for territory-wide youth activities in Hong Kong, priority would be given to youth organisations and non-profit-making organisations when allocating the space. The order of priority, which is published in the Leasing Guide, is listed below:

- (i) Local registered non-profit-making youth organisations which do not own an office space
- (ii) Local registered non-profit-making youth organisations which own an office space
- (iii) Local registered non-profit-making organisations with youth as primary service group
- (iv) Non-local registered non-profit-making youth organisations
- (v) Other local registered non-profit-making organisations
- (vi) Other organisations, business ventures and individuals

- (4) Information on existing tenants of offices in the Youth Square is shown below:

Name of Organisation (in alphabetical order of its name)	Area (sf) IFA	Rental per sf (HK\$)	Term of tenancy
Committee on Youth Smoking Prevention	1,030	Average approx \$8.2	Normally 2 years
District Rotaract Committee	500		
Hong Kong - Shanghai Youth Exchange Promotion Association	362		
Hong Kong Association of Youth Development	1,946		
Hong Kong Dance Federation	865		
Hong Kong United Youth Association	2,525		
Hong Kong Volunteers Association	384		
Hong Kong Youth Cultural and Arts Association	347		
Hong Kong Youth Exchange Promotion United Association	572		
Hua Jing Society	484		
Lok Kwan Social Service	344		
Roads	347		
Scout Association of Hong Kong	2,113		
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	2,565		
The Y. Elites Association	498		

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB061

Question Serial No.

0452

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:

Among this year's "Matters Requiring Special Attention" is "(to) enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland". I am skeptical of the said objective as such activities are intended to be one-way instead of bringing mutual cultural exchanges and impact. Understanding Chinese history, culture and heritage does not necessarily imply respect; instead there could be a variety of perspectives ranging from identification, sympathy and understanding, to being critical or even skeptical. Such activities and the promotion of national education have witnessed a substantial increase in provision since 2007-08 as advocated by the Policy Address.

Would the Administration please advise on:

1. What is the amount of provision for the "Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland"? What is the change in percentage over the previous year? What is the item's percentage in Programme (2)?
2. How will the Bureau define the criteria on "respect for Chinese culture and heritage"? Are there any indicative criteria and requirements to assess the effectiveness of the activities, so as to enhance participants' respect for Chinese culture?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The vetting of applications under the Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland (CP Scheme) for 2013-14 is underway. We anticipate that the total sponsorship granted for 2013-14 will be about \$26 million, which is similar to the level of sponsorship granted for 2012-13. It will constitute about 8.9% of estimated expenditure for Programme (2) under Home Affairs Bureau in 2013-14. The CP Scheme sponsors a wide range of projects which promote understanding of China's history, politics, economy, culture, arts, science, sports, people's lives, social system, etc. For programmes organised by community organisations which seek to enhance participants' understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage, such programmes may include visit to museums, historical or cultural spots of the Mainland as well as exchanges between youths of Hong Kong and the Mainland. The sponsorship can cover suitable complementary activities, including pre-tour workshop and post-tour activities. The sponsored organisations are required to submit activity reports, which include the evaluation of the projects by the organisers. Besides, feedback from the youth participants will also be collected to assess the effectiveness of the projects.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB062

Question Serial No.

0641

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:

The Financial Secretary announced injecting an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF). This, together with the original \$5 billion Government injection made in 2011, is expected to generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion for the CCF. In the previous year, the CCF's total expenditure, including administrative expenses, amounted to \$1.19 billion (including the \$6,000 one-off special allowance for new arrivals). Dr. LAW Chi-kwong, the CCF's Chairperson, told the media that the CCF's expenditure this year might increase to \$600 million to \$800 million, and might increase further to \$1.1 billion in the future, so as to regularise more programmes.

The original aim of the CCF was for the business sector to work with the Government and demonstrate the business sector's care for the community; but now the CCF requires substantial Government injection. CCF programmes should be launched on a pilot basis instead of running as a regular measure. If such programmes meet social needs, they should be implemented by the relevant Government departments and that the Legislative Council (LegCo) could supervise their finances and operation. Instead, the CCF has deviated from its original aim and receives substantial injection from the Government, with the LegCo unable to effectively supervise it.

In this regard, would the Administration please advise on:

1. What were the CCF's total expenditure on assistance programmes last year (2012-13), excluding that for the \$6,000 one-off special allowance for new arrivals?
2. The total expenditure, amounts directly disbursed to beneficiaries, administrative expenses of each programme and breakdowns for such items as a percentage of the total figures.
3. The total administrative expenses and its percentage in total expenditure, breakdown of major administrative expenses items in terms of amount and as a percentage of the total figures, as well as the manpower establishment.
4. The assistance programmes involves various Government departments; when help is required from different departments, what were the expenditure and manpower establishment of each relevant department for the particular programme(s)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

1. The total payments made by the Community Care Fund (CCF) on assistance programmes in 2012-13 (up to end February 2013) were around \$410 million, excluding those in relation to the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families.
2. The total expenditure, amounts directly disbursed to beneficiaries, administrative expenses of each programme and breakdowns for such items as a percentage of the total figures are set out below (up to end February 2013) –

Assistance Programme	Administrative expenses (\$ million) [% of total expenditure]	Disbursement (\$ million) [% of total expenditure]	Total expenditure (\$ million)
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/ competitions	2.78 [5.1%]	52.07 [94.9%]	54.85
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	4.92 ¹ [5.4%]	86.49 [94.6%]	91.42
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	0.53 [0.2%]	306.20 [99.8%]	306.73
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	0.05 [28.4%]	0.13 [71.6%]	0.18
(5) Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled	2.75 [7.3%]	35.03 [92.7%]	37.78
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme	0.08 [4.6%]	1.65 [95.4%]	1.73

¹ Including the administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

Assistance Programme	Administrative expenses (\$ million) [% of total expenditure]	Disbursement (\$ million) [% of total expenditure]	Total expenditure (\$ million)
(7) Subsidy for Elders who are on the Waiting List of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for Household Cleaning and Escorting Services for Medical Consultation	0.18 [8.2%]	2.02 [91.8%]	2.20
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	1.59 [4.7%]	32.09 [95.3%]	33.67
(9) Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	2.05 [12.3%]	14.58 [87.7%]	16.63
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	0.14 [26.4%]	0.39 [73.6%]	0.53
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	not applicable ²	4.29 [100%]	4.29
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	0.07 [70%]	0.03 [30%]	0.10
(13) Subsidy for elderly tenants in private housing	0.79 (7.2%)	10.24 [92.8%]	11.03
(14) After-school care pilot Scheme	0.46 [3.2%]	13.77 [96.8%]	14.23
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	1.14 [69.1%]	0.51 [30.9%]	1.65

² The administration costs incurred for this programme are covered under those of programme (2) above.

Assistance Programme	Administrative expenses (\$ million) [% of total expenditure]	Disbursement (\$ million) [% of total expenditure]	Total expenditure (\$ million)
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	0.48 [77.4%]	0.14 [22.6%]	0.62
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	3.15 [3.6%]	84.32 [96.4%]	87.47
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	0	0	0 ³

3. The total administrative expenses of the 18 assistance programmes are around \$21.15 million, covering \$17.33 million (82%) for manpower, \$0.47 million (2%) for publicity, \$2.28 million (11%) for administration fees of non-governmental organisations which assist to implement the programmes, and \$1.07 million (5%) for other operating expenses.
4. All expenditure for implementing CCF assistance programmes by Government bureaux/departments are paid by the CCF. Details of staff costs of civil servants and manpower establishment involved in the implementation of assistance programmes (up to end February 2013) are as follows -

Government bureau/ department	Staff costs (\$ million)	Manpower establishment
<u>Education Bureau</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/ competitions 	2.53	Senior Inspector Assistant Clerical Officer
<u>Social Welfare Department</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled Subsidy for Elders who are on the Waiting List of Integrated Home Care Service (Ordinary Cases) for Household Cleaning and Escorting Services for Medical Consultation 	4.71	Part of a team comprising Senior Social Work Officer, Social Work Officer, Social Security Officer I, Senior Social Security Assistant and Executive Officer I

³ The programme was rolled out recently in end January 2013. There are no statistics for the amount of disbursements and administrative expenses at the moment.

Government bureau/ department	Staff costs (\$ million)	Manpower establishment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing • Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services 		

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Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB063

Question Serial No.

3192

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:

According to a certain newspaper report, “Dr. LAW Chi-kwong, Chairperson of the Commission on Poverty’s (CoP) Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force, told the media that the Budget’s proposal to inject an additional \$15 billion into the CCF will expand the CCF’s balance from the original \$5 billion to \$20 billion. As such an annual investment return of \$1 billion will become available for the CCF, but after the CoP setting up more and more task forces the CCF is likely to see its annual expenditure rising to \$600 million to \$800 million, and will likely rise further to \$1 billion gradually. There are concerns that the \$1 billion investment return brought by the injection may be insufficient to meet all expenses.”

Would the Financial Secretary please inform the Committee on the following:

1. The CCF’s operating expenditure and revenue as at present;
2. The Government’s substantial injection into the CCF aims at generating about \$1 billion of annual investment return for use as the CCF’s regular revenue. From what data did the Government arrive at this revenue projection? Will the investment suffer any losses? If so, who will be held responsible?
3. Should requirements of poverty alleviation arise, is it possible for the CCF to spend the entire \$20 billion in three years? Will the Government make further injections in that case?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

1. Up to end February 2013, the total operating expenditure paid¹ and the total revenue received² by the Community Care Fund (CCF) were around \$690 million and \$6.7 billion respectively, excluding those in relation to the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families.

¹ This refers to the total disbursements under the assistance programmes, and administration costs for operating the CCF and its programmes.

² This refers to the amount of Government injection, donations, investment returns and bank interest received.

2. With the additional injection of \$15 billion, there will be additional investment returns generated to finance various assistance programmes. For example, if the annual rate of return is 5%, this additional \$15 billion, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, should generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. This annual rate of return 5% is not meant to be a target. The Commission on Poverty and its CCF Task Force will continue to review the financial position of the CCF in the light of practical experience, and consider appropriate investment plans for the funds.

3. Taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, the CCF will roll out appropriate programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families continuously. Apart from investment returns, the seed capital of the CCF could also be deployed in response to special needs that may arise, taking into account the cash flow requirements of the assistance programmes and future operation of the CCF in a financially prudent manner.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB064

Question Serial No.

2736

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:

In the 2013-14 Estimates, under Head 53 – Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau, it is pointed out in paragraph 4 that “the aims of Programme (2): Social Harmony and Civic Education are to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs), civic education, national education, social harmony, and youth development”, and in paragraph 5 that one of the responsibilities of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) under this programme is to “to promote civic education including national education outside schools by working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, and to co-ordinate youth development measures by working closely with the Commission on Youth, youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others”.

Please provide the revised estimate in 2012-13 for the following items respectively: (i) overall expenditure of HAB in “promoting national education outside schools”, (ii) the funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotion activities, and (iii) the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” under the Commission on Youth.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

- (i) The revised estimate in 2012-13 for the overall expenditure of HAB in “promoting national education outside schools” is \$24.1 million.
- (ii) The funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotional activities is \$6.4 million.
- (iii) The Commission on Youth granted sponsorship of \$26 million to community organisations for organising study tours to the Mainland under the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB065

Question Serial No.

2768

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:

In the 2013-14 Estimates, under Head 53 – Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau, it is pointed out in paragraph 4 that “the aims of Programme (2): Social Harmony and Civic Education are to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs), civic education, national education, social harmony, and youth development”, and in paragraph 5 that one of the responsibilities of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) under this programme is to “to promote civic education including national education outside schools by working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, and to co-ordinate youth development measures by working closely with the Commission on Youth, youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others”.

Please provide the actual expenditure in 2011-12 of the following items respectively: (i) overall expenditure of HAB in “promoting national education outside schools”, (ii) the funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotion activities, and (iii) the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” under the Commission on Youth.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

- (i) The actual expenditure in 2011-12 for HAB in “promoting national education outside schools” is \$32.3 million.
- (ii) The funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotional activities is \$9.4 million.
- (iii) The Commission on Youth granted sponsorship of \$22 million to community organisations for organising study tours to the Mainland under the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” in 2011-12.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB066

Question Serial No.

2946

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:

In the 2013-14 Estimates, under Head 53 – Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau, it is pointed out in paragraph 4 that “the aims of Programme (2): Social Harmony and Civic Education are to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs), civic education, national education, social harmony, and youth development”, and in paragraph 5 that one of the responsibilities of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) under this programme is to “to promote civic education including national education outside schools by working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, and to co-ordinate youth development measures by working closely with the Commission on Youth, youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others”.

In respect of (i) “promotion of national education outside schools” generally carried out by the HAB, (ii) the funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotion activities, and (iii) the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland”, please provide the list of “youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others” mentioned in the Estimates.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) works closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (CoY) in promoting national education. For CPCE, promotional activities will be sponsored through its Community Participation Scheme and Co-operation Scheme with District Councils or collaboration with government departments.

HAB works closely with youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others to co-ordinate youth development measures. While we consolidated a list of youth uniformed groups and other organisations subvented by Home Affairs Bureau at Annex, we do not maintain a list of youth organisations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

List of uniformed groups and other organisations subvented by Home Affairs Bureau

1. Scout Association of Hong Kong
2. Hong Kong Girl Guides Association
3. Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps
4. Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps
5. Hong Kong Adventure Corps
6. Hong Kong Red Cross (Uniformed Groups Session)
7. Hong Kong St John Ambulance Brigade (Cadet Command)
8. The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong
9. The Girls' Brigade, Hong Kong
10. Hong Kong Road Safety Association
11. Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards
12. Hong Kong Award for Young People
13. Agency for Volunteer Service

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

HAB067

Question Serial No.

2947

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:

In the 2013-14 Estimates, under Head 53 – Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau, it is pointed out in paragraph 4 that “the aims of Programme (2): Social Harmony and Civic Education are to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs), civic education, national education, social harmony, and youth development”, and in paragraph 5 that one of the responsibilities of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) under this programme is to “to promote civic education including national education outside schools by working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, and to co-ordinate youth development measures by working closely with the Commission on Youth, youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others”.

In respect of (i) “promotion of national education outside schools” generally carried out by the HAB, (ii) the funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotion activities, and (iii) the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland”, please furnish information about the provision of subsidies by HAB, and the approaches adopted for vetting, assessment and review.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau works closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) and the Commission on Youth (CoY) in promoting national education. The estimated provision in 2013-14 is \$26.3 million.

For CPCE, promotional activities will be sponsored through its Community Participation Scheme and Co-operation Scheme with District Councils or collaboration with government departments.

The CoY will invite applications for sponsorship under the "Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland" from community organisations.

Applications will be assessed against a set of prescribed and published criteria, e.g. programme content, creativity, cost-effectiveness, scale, etc. Upon completion of the projects, the sponsored organizations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects, with information on participant feedback, financial reports, etc. to facilitate assessment by the committees.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB068

Question Serial No.

3131

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:

In the 2013-14 Estimates, under Head 53 – Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau, it is pointed out in paragraph 4 that “the aims of Programme (2): Social Harmony and Civic Education are to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs), civic education, national education, social harmony, and youth development”, and in paragraph 5 that one of the responsibilities of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) under this programme is to “to promote civic education including national education outside schools by working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, and to co-ordinate youth development measures by working closely with the Commission on Youth, youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others”.

In respect of (i) “promotion of national education outside schools” generally carried out by the HAB, (ii) the funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotion activities, and (iii) the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland”, please advise that how much funding will be granted to each organisation included in the “youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others” mentioned in the Estimates in the coming year (i.e. 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

- (i) The estimated provision in 2013-14 for the overall expenditure of HAB in “promoting national education outside schools” is \$26.3 million.
- (ii) The funding from the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for use on national education promotion activities is \$8.6 million.
- (iii) The vetting of applications under the “Community Participation Scheme Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” for 2013-14 is underway. We estimate that the total sponsorship to be granted for 2013-14 will be about \$26 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB069

Question Serial No.

2454

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will “strengthen the training of arts administrators with different levels of experience”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What programmes have been introduced in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) for the training of arts administrators with different levels of experience? What was the expenditure involved?
- (b) What are the plans for training arts administrators in 2013-14? What is the expenditure involved? How many arts administrators at junior, middle and senior levels are expected to be trained?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been implementing the Arts Administrator and Museum Trainee Programme since 2010. By offering placements in various performing art venues, programme offices and museums, LCSD has been providing two-year internship opportunities to nurture arts administrators and museum curators. Besides, LCSD also provides allowance to its Venues Partners from 2010-11 for engagement of 1 to 2 trainees to nurture arts administrators in managing performing arts companies. The expenses involved in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was \$5.7 million and \$6.4 million respectively.

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) also conducted Internship Schemes which provide local internship opportunities for arts administrators, as well as the Cultural Internship Scheme which sponsors local arts managers with leadership potential to participate in structured internship and training programmes in arts administration outside Hong Kong. Since 2011-12, the HKADC has worked with the Hong Kong Arts Administrators Association to offer additional support and professional training to arts administration interns. In 2012-13, the HKADC introduced the Arts Administrator Scholarship that sponsors local arts administrators with relevant working experience to take Master's degree or professional programmes in arts administration at higher education institutions in Hong Kong. In the same year, the HKADC collaborated with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority to provide arts administrators with short-term overseas training. HKADC's expenditure on the training of arts administrators in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was \$2.7 million and \$3.6 million respectively.

Under the Arts Capacity Development Fund Scheme launched by the Home Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong Arts Administrators Association has been awarded a project grant of up to \$2 million to implement a two-year “Fellowship for Arts Management Experience” programme from 2012 to 2014. The programme offers a total of 10 mid-level arts managers 12 weeks’ full-time attachment to internationally renowned arts organizations in major international cities.

- (b) In the year 2013-14, LCSD and HKADC will continue to implement various internship, scholarship and training schemes for arts administrators which have already been planned / launched. The total amount of funds estimated for implementing these schemes in 2013-14 is \$12.3 million. In addition, the Government plans to provide an additional funding of \$150 million to strengthen the training of arts administrators at various level of seniority over the next five years. HAB is formulating an overall plan in consultation with the relevant advisory bodies and organizations, taking into account the experience gained in the implementation of current local and overseas internship/ training schemes for arts administrators by HKADC and LCSD in collaboration with other relevant institutions/ organizations. Detailed breakdown of expenditure and the number of training opportunities to be provided will be worked out on the basis of the actual measures being formulated.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG
Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs
Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB070

Question Serial No.

2455

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will continue to enhance the software in the arts and culture through arts programme development, audience building, arts education and manpower training. With regard to arts programme development, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How many arts and cultural TV programmes has the Administration developed in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13)? These programmes were running on which channels? What was the expenditure involved? What was the size of the audience?
- (b) Are there specific plans to develop arts and cultural TV programmes in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Has the Administration earmarked provision for launching a TV channel specifically for arts and cultural programmes in 2013-14? What are the details of the work, as well as the expenditure and manpower involved? When is expected launch date for such a channel?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

In 2011-12 and 2012-13, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) co-presented with Cable TV and the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) respectively two arts and cultural TV programmes, namely the *ArTour* in *Close to Culture* and *Artspiration*. The total expenditure of presenting *ArTour* in *Close to Culture* in 2011-12 and 2012-13 is \$940,000. For *Artspiration*, the average number of viewers of each episode is 768 840 and total expenditure of the programme in 2012-13 is \$4,955,000.

For the year 2013-14, the HKADC plans to continue its collaboration with its media partners on the production of arts and cultural programmes. The total estimated expenditure will be worked out after the arrangements for these programmes have been formulated with media partners.

The Home Affairs Bureau or the HKADC does not have any plan of launching a TV channel on arts and culture in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB071

Question Serial No.

2457

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:

The 2013-14 estimate for this Programme is higher than the 2012-13 revised estimate by 32.9%. Please provide details of the work and projects to be funded by the additional resources, as well as the specific cost estimate for such work and projects.

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

The increase is mainly due to increased operating expenses and increased provision for arts and culture initiatives, which includes additional provision for training of arts administrators, organising the Asia Cultural Cooperation Forum and supporting the recurrent expenditure of Hong Kong Maritime Museum in the first five years after its relocation.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB072

Question Serial No.

2458

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

- (a) Please set out the funding schemes which have adopted the matching grant model that matches community sponsorship with Government funding. Please indicate the effectiveness of each scheme, including the number of applications and projects approved, the number of applicant organisations, the number of participating business or private organisations, the amount of sponsorship obtained from business or private organisations, and the amount of matching grant provided by the Government in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13).
- (b) Will the Administration increase the number or expand the scope of funding schemes that feature a matching grant element in 2013-14? What is the expenditure involved? What measures will the Administration take to attract more business or private organisations to participate in the development of local culture and the arts?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The Springboard Grants under the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS), which was introduced in 2011, offers matching grants that support promising arts groups in their overall development, elevating them to a higher level of professional operation as well as encourage the community and private sector to sponsor the arts. The first round funding exercise of ACDFS was met with encouraging response from the arts sector with a total of 98 applications received, including 31 applications for Springboard Grants. Nine successful applicants were selected for Springboard Grants, which provide grantees with 200% matching grants up to \$3 million for cash income of not less than \$1 million, \$250,000 of which has to come from non-government sponsorship and/or donation. Up to March 2013, the nine Springboard Grantees, who are approved grant amounts totaling \$23.2 million for implementation of quality proposals of various art forms from 2012 to 2014, have successfully secured around \$8.25 million non-government sponsorship and/or donation, 79% of which are sponsorships contributed by 11 business and private organizations while the remaining 21% are donations from individual donors/patrons. The actual grant instalments disbursed to these Springboard Grantees up to March 2013 totalled \$10.83 million (including \$6.08 million and \$4.75 million disbursed in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively).
- (b) The second round funding exercise of ACDFS has been launched in November 2012 at existing level of provision with application closed on 2 January 2013. Furthermore, first round Springboard grantees may apply for a consecutive Springboard Grants which provide 200% matching grants up to \$4.5 million for cash income of not less than \$1.5 million, \$375,000 of which has to come from non-government sponsorship and/or donation. The selection process is expected to be completed in around May 2013. The Administration will continue to encourage and facilitate the Grantees of the ACDFS to seek sponsors and partners for enhancing community support to their projects.

The other measures that the Administration has taken to encourage more support and sponsorship for the arts from the community include:

- 1) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) solicits sponsorship and support from the commercial and private sectors for selected performing arts programmes as well as museum exhibitions and educational programmes organized by the Department. Over the years, blockbuster and large-scale programmes are organized to enhance attraction of sponsorship which helps defray the programme cost, popularize the arts and build image and partnership for both the sponsors and the Department. A package of benefits such as acknowledgement in publicity, joining in officiating ceremonies, support for receptions, complimentary tickets and priority booking for sponsored performances are offered in return for the sponsorship. In addition, by supporting the Venue Partners (VPs) which are major and small/medium sized performing companies with secured venue bookings and funding in advance under the Venue Partnership Scheme of LCSD performing arts venues, the VPs can plan ahead to develop their programme plans and sponsorship drive.
- 2) An initiative to involve private sector in the development of local culture is the publicity and fund-raising programme co-organised by the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust (LWHT) and the Government in 2012 to promote heritage preservation in Hong Kong. As a result of the active involvement of the private sector, donations of \$1.8 million and various in-kind sponsorships had been received to further promote the objectives of the Trust. LWHT will continue its cooperation with the business sector to solicit support for its work.
- 3) While the Government has been providing recurrent subvention to the Major Performing Arts Groups, we have also strongly encouraged these groups to raise funds through other sources such as donations and sponsorships from the community. The total amount of private donations/ sponsorships raised by these groups in 2011-12 is \$52 million. We will continue to encourage these groups to proactively enlist support from the community including private corporations and individuals.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB073

Question Serial No.

2461

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:

It is mentioned in paragraph 64 of the Budget Speech that with “the huge domestic demand in the Mainland as a result of sustained economic growth, our cultural and creative industries have great development potential. We shall continue to provide strong support for the industries with a view to opening up more business opportunities and markets.” In this connection, please provide the following information in table form:

- (a) Specific supportive measures for every sector of the cultural and creative industries (including but not limited to advertising, architecture, art, antiques & crafts, design, film & video, digital entertainment, music, performing arts, publishing, software & computing, television & radio, etc.) provided by the Administration and the expenditure involved in the past year (i.e. 2012-13);
- (b) Specific supportive measures for every sector of the cultural and creative industries (including but not limited to advertising, architecture, art, antiques & crafts, design, film & video, digital entertainment, music, performing arts, publishing, software & computing, television & radio, etc.) to be provided by the Administration and the estimated expenditure involved in the year ahead (i.e. 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

The expenditure for promotion of the arts and culture exceeds \$3 billion every year (not including expenditure on capital works), which accounts for about 1% of Government's total expenditure. We adopt a multi-pronged approach to support the development of Hong Kong's arts and culture, which includes supporting local arts groups, nurturing arts administrators, encouraging students to participate in arts and cultural activities, promoting public art and enriching artistic programmes, etc. Apart from providing about \$300 million recurrent subvention to the major performing arts groups, we also provide direct and indirect subsidy, through the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, to the small and medium arts groups for their performances or other artistic activities, the funding involved is over \$200 million a year. In addition, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has implemented the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme to disburse a provision of around \$30 million on an annual basis to promising arts groups and arts practitioners as well as larger scale and cross-year arts and cultural initiatives/activities so as to enhance their capacity development.

It should be noted that except visual art, music and performing arts, the creative industries mentioned in the question do not fall within the ambit of HAB.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB074

Question Serial No.

2473

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 Administration has earlier revealed the facilities planned for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak and will soon embark on the next stage of the project. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the estimated cost for the provision of a 50 000-seat stadium, a 5 000-seat secondary stadium, and a 4 000-seat indoor sports arena at the MPSC? What are the expected commencement and completion dates of the works for each of them?
- (b) Has the Bureau finalized the financing option of the MPSC? If so, what are the details and the sum allowed? If not, when will it be decided?
- (c) Will the financing option be subject to consultation? What is the actual work involved?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) We do not yet have a firm estimate for the likely cost of the MPSC pending further a study of the procurement and financing options for the project. We will assess the likely construction cost based on the outcome of the study. The MPSC is expected to come into operation in 2019-20.
- (b) We aim to finalise the procurement and financing options for the MPSC later this year, following an analysis of non-binding expressions of interest (EOI) in the development of the MPSC and a further study to advise on detailed financial models for the procurement and financing of the MPSC.
- (c) We have regularly consulted the Sports Commission on the progress of the project, and in January we gave a detailed briefing on progress with the project to the sports sector and other interested stakeholders. We will continue to consult the sports sector, District Councils and the general public on the procurement, detailed planning and design, and management of the MPSC.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB075

Question Serial No.

2474

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the projects supported by the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) and the funding involved, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the respective amount of funding granted by the two portions of the ASDF in support of arts and sports projects in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13); the current balance of the arts and sports portions of the ASDF; and whether the Bureau has laid down any rules concerning the amounts of funding for arts and sports projects that can be granted as a percentage of total funding;
- (b) of any differences in the thresholds for applying funding support from the arts and sports portions of the ASDF that can account for the fact that the number of sports projects supported by the sports portion is fewer than that of the arts projects supported by the arts portion with a detailed explanation; and if there is no difference, of the reasons why is there a large discrepancy between the numbers of projects supported by the two portions of the ASDF?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved an injection of \$3 billion into the ASDF in July 2010 as seed money to provide sustainable support for the long-term development of the arts, culture and sport. The investment proceeds are shared equally between the arts and sports portions of the ASDF. The amounts of grant approved from the arts and sports portion of the ASDF in the past three years are –

	Arts Portion (\$ million)	Sports Portion (\$ million)
2010-11	18.1	27.93
2011-12	26.1	83.30
2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)	63.4	104.10
Total	107.6	215.33

As at 28 February 2013, the arts and sports portions of the ASDF have estimated balances of \$1,601 million and \$1,549 million respectively. Funding applications for the sports portion are considered on their own merits in accordance with their funding requirements and the established categories for projects as reported to the Finance Committee in July 2010.

For the arts portion of the fund, it is used to fund projects undertaken or recommended by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (around \$30 million per year) to support the development of budding artists and small and medium-sized arts groups, and enhance arts education and arts promotion. Around \$30 million is used to provide grants under the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme to enhance capacity development of promising arts groups and arts practitioners, and encourage the community and private sector to sponsor the arts. The first round of application for this scheme was conducted in 2011.

- (b) As mentioned in (a) above, funding applications for the sports portion are considered on their own merits in accordance with their funding requirements and the established categories for projects as reported to the Finance Committee in July 2010. The 25 approved grants from the sports portion in 2012 include projects supporting multiple “national sports associations” to prepare for and participate in major sports games and Leisure and Cultural Services Department’s Local International Events (LIEs) projects which covered 71 sports events in 2012-13. For the arts portion, funding applications are considered on their own merits according to the prescribed criteria of the funding schemes concerned.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB076

Question Serial No.

2475

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:

Regarding the current operation of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF), will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How has the EADF been used to support the development of elite sports in the past year (i.e. 2012-13)? Please describe the current operation of the EADF. How much revenue has it generated and of which, how much has been allocated to the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited?
- (b) The Administration is currently using the resources from the EADF to fund a number of programmes aimed at supporting serving and retired athletes. What are details of these programmes and the funding involved in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The total seed capital of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) is \$7 billion, of which \$6 billion is deposited with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. The remaining \$1 billion is maintained as “liquidity portion” in the form of time deposits to provide a cash reserve. The total investment return generated in financial year 2012-13 is estimated to be about \$284 million. For 2012-13, we have earmarked about \$280 million in allocations from the EADF to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) to support the development of elite sport.
- (b) In 2013-14, the HKSI will provide assistance to elite athletes in education and career development including academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, career planning and vocational training through the “Athletes Integrated Educational and Vocational Development Programme”. The estimated budget for the Programme for 2013-14 is about \$3.3 million, as compared to actual expenditure of \$2 million in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

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

HAB077

Question Serial No.

2478

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 Administration has launched the “M” Mark Scheme to nurture sustainable major sports events with a view to encouraging greater public interest in sport and promoting Hong Kong as an events capital. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee:

(a) of the number and details of “M” Mark events held in 2011-12 and 2012-13 using the table below:

Event Name	Year	Organiser	Number of participating athletes	Number of local audience	Number of overseas audience	Approved funding support

(b) of the “M” Mark events expected to be held in 2013-14, the dates of such events, and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

(a) The number and details of “M” Mark events held in 2011-12 and 2012-13 are set in the table below :

Event Name	Year	Organiser	Number of participating athletes	Number of audience*		Approved Funding Support
				local	overseas	
Hong Kong Marathon	2011	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	65 000	5 000		Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only
Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2011	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	200	60 000	60 000	Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only

Event Name	Year	Organiser	Number of participating athletes	Number of audience*		Approved Funding Support
				local	overseas	
FIVB World Grand Prix – Hong Kong (Volleyball)	2011	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	260	24 000	8 000	\$1.50 million
World Tenpin Bowling Championships for Women	2011	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress	250	350	135	\$3.53 million
Hong Kong Cricket Sixes	2011	Hong Kong Cricket Association	120	14 800	3 700	Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only
Hong Kong Squash Open	2011	Hong Kong Squash	100	3 800	200	\$1.00 million
Hong Kong Open Badminton Superseries	2011	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	250	23 000		Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only
Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2011	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	100	38 000	4 200	Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only
Hong Kong Marathon	2012	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	70 000	5 000		Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only
Hong Kong BMX Golden League	2012	Hong Kong Cycling Association	100	3 000		\$2.40 million
Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2012	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	240	60 000	60 000	Organiser applied for “M” Mark status only
HKFC International Soccer Sevens	2012	Hong Kong Football Association	300	7 500	1 000	\$1.00 million
Club Crew World Championships cum Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races	2012	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	8 700	426 600	146 600	\$3.00 million
Hong Kong DanceSport Festival	2012	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	1 400	8 000		\$1.00 million

Event Name	Year	Organiser	Number of participating athletes	Number of audience*		Approved Funding Support
				local	overseas	
Harbour Race (Swimming)	2012	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	1 800	2 500		Organiser applied for "M" Mark status only
Hong Kong Cricket Sixes	2012	Hong Kong Cricket Association	100	15 000		\$1.00 million
Hong Kong Squash Open	2012	Hong Kong Squash	100	3 850	150	\$1.00 million
Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2012	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	140	36 000		Organiser applied for "M" Mark status only
Hong Kong Open Badminton Superseries	2012	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	300	25 000		Organiser applied for "M" Mark status only

* some organisers are not able to provide breakdown between local and overseas audience

- (b) In 2013, we plan to support the hosting of "M" Mark events in the sports of athletics, rugby, dancesport, swimming, badminton, squash, golf, cricket, volleyball and equestrianism. We have budgeted \$14 million for supporting these events. Two "M" Mark events have already been held in 2013, namely, the Hong Kong Marathon and the Hong Kong Masters (Equestrian), neither of which required "M" Mark funding support. Another "M" Mark event, the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens, will be held in late March 2013.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB078

Question Serial No.

2480

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:

Since publishing the review report on long-term sports policy entitled “Towards a More Sporting Future” in 2002, the Administration has yet to carry out another overall review and appraisal of Hong Kong’s sports policy. Considering that sports industry around the world has become increasingly sophisticated in recent years, it is therefore of great importance to the development of sport in Hong Kong that we delve into the various possibilities of sports development, especially the development of sports industry. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) whether it has carried out any studies on sports-related topics in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13), and the details of such studies, including objectives, progress, the responsible organisations, and the expenditure involved;
- (b) whether it plans to review and study sports development in Hong Kong as a whole, including related policies and the development of sports industry; and if so, of the dates of such reviews and the expenditure involved; and
- (c) whether it will review the administrative structure for sport in Hong Kong with a view to improving its interface with different sports organisations in terms of event management, resource allocation and co-ordination mechanism; and if so, of the estimated expenditure involved and the completion date of such a review.

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) We have initiated or completed the following studies since 2011-12 –

	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (HK\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies	Name of consultants
1.	Provision of Advisory Services on Project Design, Monitoring and Coordinating Services for Project Implementation; Statistical Services on	0.97 million	February 2011	Completed	The Chinese University of Hong Kong

	Name, description and objectives of projects	Consultancy fees (HK\$)	Commencement date	Progress of studies	Name of consultants
	Conducting Data Analysis and Compiling Study Report for the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT)				
2.	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	Completed	The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China
3.	Provision of Services for Household Survey on the PFT	1.88 million	March 2011	Completed	MVA Hong Kong Limited
4.	Provision of Services on Conducting the Physical Fitness Test; Collecting and Inputting Data for the PFT	0.69 million	March 2011	Completed	The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China
5.	Procurement and Financing Options for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak	1.38 million	September 2011	Substantially Completed	Pricewaterhouse-Coopers Advisory Services Ltd

(b) and (c)

The Government's strategic policy for developing sport in Hong Kong is threefold: to promote sport in the community, to support elite sport, and to make Hong Kong a centre for major international sports events. These three broad directions will guide future sports policy and help us to realise the vision of "promoting sport for the whole community, cultivating elite athletes and making Hong Kong the place for major sports events". In implementing the current policy, the Government works closely with stakeholders such as the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), and National Sports Associations (NSAs).

Secretary for Home Affairs is the senior official responsible for sports policy. He takes advice on sports policy issues from the Sports Commission, which is made up largely of members of the sports community. The implementation of issues related to sport in the community is the responsibility of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), whilst the HKSI is the delivery agent for support services to elite athletes. Most public funding for sports-related initiatives is allocated by the Home Affairs Bureau and LCSD. We consider the current administrative arrangements conducive to providing appropriate support to the sports sector.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB079

Question Serial No.

2481

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will “continue to allocate resources to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong”. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) Through what channels or schemes did the Administration provide funding support to the district football teams in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?
- (b) Please list the amount of funding granted to each district football team in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) using the table below.

District football team	Financial year		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13

- (c) What criteria are used for determining the level of funding for each district football team?
- (d) How much funding will be granted to each district football team in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) We have been providing direct funding to district-based football teams through the Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams (the Scheme) since 2011-12, for an initial period of three years.
- (b) The Scheme began in 2011-12, and the amounts of grant awarded and approved in 2011-12 and 2012-13 are at the Annex.
- (c) When deciding on the funding ceiling, we have taken into account the relative needs of the district-based football teams in areas such as coaching, administration, transportation and equipment, as well as the overall availability of funding.

- (d) Based on the current league positions of the respective teams, we have earmarked around \$6 million for the 18 district-based football teams in the 2013-14. The actual figure available to each team will depend upon which division the team will play in the 2013-14 season and the proposed budget put forward by the teams.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams

District Football Team	Financial Year	
	Actual Amount of Grant in 2011-2012*	Approved Amount in 2012-2013†
Central & Western	163,364.80	250,000
Eastern	250,000.00	280,000
Southern	270,435.40	550,000
Wan Chai	256,142.40	350,000
Kowloon City	148,185.30	280,000
Kwun Tong	129,782.20	225,766
Sham Shui Po	499,939.90	350,000
Wong Tai Sin	250,000.00	280,000
Yau Tsim Mong	160,125.14	250,000
Islands	-‡	250,000
Kwai Tsing	210,629.65	280,000
North	189,523.20	250,000
Sai Kung	167,607.50	250,000
Sha Tin	253,820.70	349,807
Tai Po	500,000.00	550,000
Tsuen Wan	246,392.00	280,000
Tuen Mun	500,000.00	550,000
Yuen Long	183,085.50	350,000
Total	4,379,033.69	5,925,573

* Actual expenditure reported by the teams, subject to ceiling of eligible items.

† Funding is approved on the basis of applications, subject to ceiling of eligible items. Teams are required to return any unspent allocation to the Home Affairs Bureau at the end of the season.

‡ Islands had not yet formed a team in 2011-12.

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

HAB080

Question Serial No.

1741

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:

As at 31 January this year, the number of applicants of two Community Care Fund (CCF) programmes (i.e. Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations and Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses) has only met 16% and 6% of the target respectively. Although the programmes have not yet completed, the extremely low application rate shows that those who have genuine needs cannot benefit from the programmes. Has the Administration reviewed or assessed the reasons for such extremely low application rate? If yes, what are the reasons and how will the programmes be improved? If no, will the Administration undertake to review the programmes as soon as possible, such that those who have genuine needs will benefit?

Asked by: Hon. MO, Claudia

Reply:

The two Community Care Fund programmes are pilot schemes implemented by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) to provide financial assistance for non-school-attending ethnic minorities (EMs) and new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) from low-income families to take language examinations and language courses.

HAD has consulted relevant stakeholders before the introduction of the programmes. They are in general supportive of the programmes which would help the EMs and NAs enhance their language capabilities and obtain the necessary certification.

The actual number of applications under the programmes is however lower than expected. According to the opinion surveys conducted through HAD's ambassador scheme¹, EMs and NAs generally consider that school education is most important in enhancing their language capabilities. After leaving schools, some of them would need to work and their motivation to take language examinations or language courses is limited. That said, feedback from the participants of the programmes has been positive. HAD is conducting an evaluation exercise of the two programmes and would decide on the appropriate way forward.

¹ HAD has implemented an ambassador scheme since 2012 to help EMs and NAs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to Government departments where necessary.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB081

Question Serial No.

1742

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 the Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed, please provide the breakdown of the households benefited (with the use of the following table). The Chief Secretary indicated earlier that the eligibility criteria for the above CCF subsidy will be relaxed, what are the specific details? Will tenants of “subdivided flats” be included? With the new injection, what will be the estimated resources being allocated for this programme and what will be the number of beneficiaries?

No. of persons in the household	No. of households benefited	The average household income	The average rent of the household
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6 or above			

Asked by: Hon. MO, Claudia

Reply:

The Community Care Fund (CCF) rolled out the “Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed” programme (this programme) in October 2012 and the application period will end on 8 April 2013. Details of the households benefited under this programme are set out below (as at 8 March 2013) –

No. of persons ¹ in the household	No. of households benefited	The average household income (\$)	The average rent of the household ² (\$)
1	5 175	4,985	2,319
2	4 186	8,090	2,797
3	3 955	10,903	3,099

¹ This refers to the number of persons who received subsidy in the household.

² As the specified rental limit of the programme is only applicable to those households renting room/cubicles, cocklofts or bedspaces in private permanent housing, this only refers to the average monthly rent paid by those households.

No. of persons¹ in the household	No. of households benefited	The average household income (\$)	The average rent of the household² (\$)
4	2 689	13,404	3,204
5	424	14,870	3,424
6 or above	69	16,480	3,612

With the proposed injection of \$15 billion into the CCF in the 2013-14 Budget, the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will, among other things, expedite the evaluation of this programme and the “Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing” programme with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013.

The CCF Task Force notes that quite a number of low-income families living in sub-divided units with individual entrance doors cannot benefit under this current programme due to the programme’s definition of “inadequately housed”. It will take into account the views from the community and the community service units assisting in the implementation of the programme, and consider how the eligibility criteria may be refined to assist more families living in sub-divided units under the integrated programme. The estimated expenditure and number of beneficiaries will be worked out in due course.

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Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB082

Question Serial No.

1757

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:

The amount of subvention granted to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) in 2012-13 was \$94 million, which is 8% higher than the original estimate. The amount of subvention for 2013-14 is likely to be higher than the original estimate for 2012-13 by an even larger margin of 10.1%. What are the reasons for this? Please set out the details of artists and art groups supported by the HKADC using the table below. Are there mechanisms in place to avoid conflict of interests between jurors and applicants during the assessment process?

Name of artist/art group receiving grant	Amount of grant	Reasons for approval	List of judging panel or the name(s) of jurors(s) involved

Asked by: Hon. MO, Claudia

Reply:

The revised estimate of subvention to the HKADC in 2012-13 is higher than the original estimate because of additional funding for HKADC to implement an arts space project and to meet staff pay adjustment. The subvention to the HKADC in 2013-14 is expected to be higher than the original estimate of 2012-13 mainly because of additional subvention for upgrading IT infrastructure, implementation of an arts space project, enhancement of support to the One-year/Two-year Grant scheme, and meeting increase in rental expenses of the HKADC.

The HKADC regularly invites and recruits professionals from the relevant art fields to be HKADC examiners through voluntary nominations and open invitations in newspapers. These examiners are recruited to assist with the assessment of HKADC's grant applications under various grant schemes. The list of examiners of the HKADC in 2011-12 is at **Annex A**.

Examiners are required to declare all interests and abide by the "Prevention of Bribery Ordinance" and 'the Code of Conduct - Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest' set out by the HKADC to ensure that the process of grant assessment is independent and free of potential conflicts.

The HKADC adopts a two-tier declaration system: 1) Examiners shall declare and register their professional and pecuniary interests such as ranks, positions and affiliated arts organisations at the time of appointment; and 2) Examiners shall again declare that they have no conflict of interests on the scoring sheet of every assigned grant application before they start performing the assessment. Examiners with potential conflict of interests with particular applications will not be appointed for the relevant assessment work.

The list of grantees/approved projects in 2011-12 is at **Annex B**. The number of approved grants under various grant schemes in 2012-13 and the amount involved are set out below:

2012-13 (as at 12 March 2013)	Number of approved applications	Grant amount
Project Grant	207	\$15,568,500
One-Year/Two-Year Grant	39	\$25,501,250
Multi-project Grant	34	\$8,251,500

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陳天成先生	Mr Chan Tin-shing
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 黃仲鳴先生 Mr Wong Chung-ming
 王晉光教授 Prof Wong Juen-kon
 王良和先生* Mr Wong Leung-wo*
 黃勁輝先生* Mr Wong King-fai*
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 胡志偉先生 Mr Woo Chih-wai
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 陳國慧女士 Ms Chan Kwok-wai
 陳旻晶女士 Ms Chan Mun-ching, Anthea
 陳炳釗先生 Mr Chan Ping-chiu
 陳天麟先生 Mr Chan Tin-lun
 陳惠英博士 Dr Chan Wai-ying
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 方競生先生 Mr Fong King-sang, Quentin
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獲資助之團體及人士

截至2012年3月31日

For the year ended 31 March 2012

Recipients of ADC Grants

一年資助 One-Year Grant (7/2011 - 6/2012)

影話戲有限公司	Cinematic Theatre Ltd	\$380,000
動藝有限公司	DanceArt Hong Kong Ltd	\$740,000
劇場工作室有限公司	Drama Gallery Ltd	\$500,000
好戲量有限公司	FM Theatre Power Ltd	\$300,000
香港藝穗節	Hong Kong Festival Fringe Ltd	\$400,000
明日藝術教育機構有限公司	Ming Ri Institute For Arts Education Ltd	\$380,000
不加鎖舞蹈館有限公司	Unlock Dancing Plaza Ltd	\$840,000
同流有限公司	We Draman Group Ltd	\$350,000
竹韻小集有限公司	Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble Ltd	\$295,000
多空間(香港)有限公司	Y-Space (HK) Ltd	\$620,000
總數	Total	\$4,805,000

兩年資助 Two-Year Grant (7/2011 - 6/2013)

1A藝團	1A Group Ltd	\$730,000
演戲家族有限公司	Actors' Family Ltd	\$800,000
愛麗絲劇場實驗室有限公司	Alice Theatre Laboratory Ltd	\$600,000
藝術在醫院有限公司	Art in Hospital Ltd	\$270,000
亞洲藝術文獻庫有限公司	Asia Art Archive Ltd	\$1,100,000
香港城市室樂團有限公司	City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong Ltd	\$750,000
7A班戲劇組	Class 7A Drama Group Ltd	\$540,000
非常林奕華有限公司	Edward Lam Dance Theatre Ltd	\$1,100,000

香港藝術行政人員協會有限公司	Hong Kong Arts Administrators Association Ltd	\$650,000
香港作曲家聯會有限公司	Hong Kong Composers' Guild Ltd	\$600,000
香港舞蹈聯盟有限公司	Hong Kong Dance Alliance Ltd	\$500,000
香港教育劇場論壇有限公司	Hong Kong Drama / Theatre and Education Forum Ltd	\$600,000
香港電影評論學會有限公司	Hong Kong Film Critics Society Ltd	\$694,570
香港美術教育協會有限公司	Hong Kong Society For Education In Art Ltd	\$750,000
國際演藝評論家協會(香港分會)有限公司	International Association of Theatre Critics (Hong Kong) Ltd	\$800,000
京崑劇場有限公司(香港京崑藝術協會有限公司)	Jingkun Theatre Ltd (Hong Kong Jing Kun Arts Association Ltd)	\$998,000
大細路劇團有限公司	Jumbo Kids Theatre Co Ltd	\$800,000
光影作坊有限公司	Lumenvisum Co Ltd	\$500,000
非凡美樂有限公司	Musica Viva Ltd	\$555,000
前進進戲劇工作坊有限公司	On & On Theatre Workshop Co Ltd	\$1,000,000
香港歌劇協會有限公司*	Opera Hong Kong Ltd*	\$250,000
藝術空間有限公司*	Para/Site Art Space Ltd*	\$625,000
聲音掏腰包	Soundpocket Ltd	\$350,000
八和粵劇學院有限公司	The Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong Ltd	\$903,250
新域劇團有限公司	The Prospects Theatre Co Ltd	\$680,000
進劇場有限公司	Theatre du Pif Ltd	\$850,000
劇場空間基金有限公司	Theatre Space Foundation Ltd	\$600,000
影行者有限公司	v-artist Company Ltd	\$874,817
錄影太奇有限公司	Videotage Ltd	\$970,613
總數	Total	\$20,441,250

上列獲資助團體的資助額，均為其第一年 (7/2011 - 6/2012) 之撥款
 *「香港歌劇協會有限公司」及「藝術空間有限公司」於2012年5月獲民政事務局長支持為躍進資助的團體，因此該兩個團體的資助年期更改為共10個月 (即由7/2011-4/2012)。

The above shows the grant amount of the first year (7/2011 - 6/2012) only
 * Opera Hong Kong Ltd and Para/Site Art Space Ltd received the Springboard Grants of the Home Affairs Bureau in May 2012. Their grant period was adjusted to 10 months (7/2011-4/2012) accordingly.

多項計劃資助 Multi-project Grant (2012 - 2014)

香港展能藝術會	Arts With The Disabled Association Hong Kong	\$200,000
亞洲民眾戲劇節協會	Asian People's Theatre Festival Society	\$345,000
香港舞蹈聯會	Association of Hong Kong Dance Organisations	\$382,000
社區文化發展中心有限公司	Centre for Community Cultural Development Ltd	\$74,400
嶺南大學人文學科研究中心	Centre for Humanities Research, Lingnan University	\$181,200
香港兒童文學文化協會	Children's Literature and Culture Association of Hong Kong	\$155,900
香港城市室樂團有限公司	City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong Ltd	\$348,500
7A班戲劇組	Class 7A Drama Group Ltd	\$100,000
CULTAZINE Ltd	CULTAZINE Ltd	\$116,900
Die Konzertisten Charity Institute Ltd	Die Konzertisten Charity Institute Ltd	\$172,800
劇場工作室有限公司	Drama Gallery Ltd	\$157,300
金毅戲曲協會	Golden Will Chinese Opera Association	\$212,500
黑犬劇團	Heiquan Theatre	\$55,000
香港藝術網絡	Hong Kong Art Network	\$63,800
香港作曲家聯會有限公司	Hong Kong Composers' Guild Ltd	\$320,400
香港舞蹈總會有限公司	Hong Kong Dance Federation Ltd	\$392,700
香港電影評論學會有限公司	Hong Kong Film Critics Society Ltd	\$114,000
香港創樂團有限公司	Hong Kong New Music Ensemble Ltd	\$71,600
匯智出版有限公司	Infolink Publishing Ltd	\$18,000
國際演藝評論家協會(香港分會)有限公司	International Association of Theatre Critics (Hong Kong) Ltd	\$142,800
前進進戲劇工作坊有限公司	On & On Theatre Workshop Co Ltd	\$136,000
香港歌劇協會有限公司	Opera Hong Kong Ltd	\$187,500

一條褲製作	Pants Production	\$234,800
詩人黑盒劇場	Princess' Blackbox	\$336,784
R&T (Rhythm & Tempo)	R&T (Rhythm & Tempo)	\$248,200
飛鵬木偶團	Sky Bird Puppet Group	\$179,200
聲音掏腰包	Soundpocket Ltd	\$426,400
春暉粵藝工作坊	Spring Glory Cantonese Opera Workshop	\$355,088
鄧樹榮戲劇工作室有限公司	Tang Shu-Wing Theatre Studio Ltd	\$443,000
香港中華文化促進中心有限公司	The HK Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture Ltd	\$134,800
香港中華文化促進中心有限公司	The HK Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture Ltd	\$50,400
香港巴赫合唱團	The Hong Kong Bach Choir	\$500,000
香港文學出版社有限公司	The Hong Kong Literary Press Co Ltd	\$96,800
糊塗戲班有限公司	The Nonsensemakers Ltd	\$354,000
香港視藝誌	VAM Co	\$128,000
采風電影有限公司	Visible Record Ltd	\$150,700
同流有限公司	We Draman Group Ltd	\$118,100
活化廳	Woofers Ten	\$255,200
影意志有限公司	Ying E Chi Ltd	\$337,400
多空間 (香港) 有限公司	Y-Space (HK) Ltd	\$116,000
總數	Total	\$8,413,172

計劃資助 Project Grant (1/4/2011 - 31/3/2012)

卓越藝術及創作 Artistic Creation and Excellence

展覽 Exhibition

香港展能藝術會 舞跡	Arts With The Disabled Association Hong Kong Dance Path	\$65,000
鍾大富 「色層」鍾大富的岩彩繪畫	Chung Tai-fu "Layer of Color" Painting by Chung Tai-fu	\$46,000
馮德君 「偽科學·偽神話」—嚴惠蕙陶瓷及混合媒介 作品展	Fung Tak-kwan, Winnie "Pseudo-science - Pseudo-myth" Ceramic & mixed media works by Yim Wai Wai	\$108,000
何藹恩 想像·畫像	Ho Oi-yan Imaging Images	\$53,300
何詩敏 兒神疑鬼	Ho Sze-man Unnecessary Suspicions	\$111,500
香港書法家協會 亞洲七地書法巡迴展暨香港書法家協會會員 作品展	Hong Kong Calligraphers' Association Visual Arts Exhibition Project	\$130,000
香港書法篆刻學會 香港書法篆刻學會會展2011	Hong Kong Calligraphy & Seal-carving Society The Hong Kong Calligraphy and Seal-Carving Society Exhibition 2011	\$46,000
香港雕塑學會 香港雕塑雙年展2012	Hong Kong Sculpture Society HK Sculpture Biennial 2012	\$93,800
梁祺昌 活在灰色地帶	Leung Ki-cheong, Henry "Living in the Gray Area" Circulated Exhibition	\$88,900
廖少珍 水中舞—廖少珍的意象藝術	Liu Siu Jane Art Work by LIU SIU JANE 2005-2010	\$51,000
文晶瑩 讓作品為自己說話—洗純·文晶瑩裝置作品展	Man Ching-ying Let the art work speaks for itself - Sin Yuen and Phoebe Man	\$49,000
新生精神康復會/社區文化發展中心 心靈畫者：譚敏玲	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association / Centre for Community Cultural Development Ltd The Mind Painter - Tam Man Ling	\$64,000

伍中仁 從古至今	Ng Chung-yun Visual Arts Exhibition Project	\$6,500
二二六工程 行為十習	Project 226 Visual Arts Exhibition Project	\$69,000
黃頌恩 不在人間	Wong Chung-yun, Magdalen No Longer Human	\$60,000
電影/錄像/媒體藝術創作 Film / Video / Media Arts Production		
郭偉倫 億萬寶貝	Kwok Wai-lun Million RMB Baby	\$490,000
馬維茵 夏兒	Ma Wei-yin Pop-up Home	\$68,600
曾翠珊 河上變村	Tsang Tsui-shan Flowing Stories	\$269,000
黃勁輝/黃淑嫻 劉以鬯紀錄片	Wong King-fai, Ben/Wong Suk-han, Mary Liu Yicheng: A Documentary	\$142,100
黃麗明 意馬心猿	Wong Lai-ming Horseman	\$139,400
黃瑞麟 《在北京看褪色的繁體字》北京香港交流舞蹈錄像計劃	Wong Sui-lun, Alan Hong Kong Beijing Cultural Exchange Dance Video "Less Similar"	\$55,900
文學創作 Literary Work		
韓文甫 寫作計劃:《他鄉》(長篇小說)	Hon Man-po Literature Creative Writing Project: Novel	\$79,000
黃進之 文學翻譯計劃	Wong Chun-chi Literature Translation Project: Until The River Runs Dry	\$46,600
演出 Performance		
香港展能藝術會 視覺劇場《西遊記》	Arts With The Disabled Association Hong Kong Visual Theatre: Journey to the West	\$152,700
香港舞蹈聯會 舞苑奇葩聚香江	Association of Hong Kong Dance Organisations Dance Performance	\$100,000

華人女作曲家協會 華人女作曲家協會10週年音樂會系列 - 我們的夢2012	Chinese Woman Composers' Association 10 th Anniversary Concert Series of Chinese Woman Composers' Association - Our Dream 2012	\$100,000
都會歌劇院有限公司 風流寡婦	City Opera Ltd La Veuve Joyeuse (The Merry Widow)	\$40,000
DG House 多媒體劇場《叁拾慌者》	DG House Multi Media Theatre "30+"	\$100,000
Die Konzertisten Management Company Ltd B小調彌撒曲	Die Konzertisten Management Company Ltd Mass in B Minor	\$120,000
馮樂恒 再多, 還未夠	Fung Lok-hang, Victor Not Enough (Beyond Reason)	\$100,500
惹動派創作間 越空体示 — 靈甦	Greensco The journey of oneness - Awakening	\$100,000
香港聖樂團 巴赫: 聖約翰受難曲	Hong Kong Oratorio Society JS Bach's St. John Passion	\$90,000
香港愛樂管樂團 香港愛樂管樂團十週年音樂會	Hong Kong Wind Philharmonia Hong Kong Wind Philharmonia 10 th Anniversary Concert	\$70,000
劍心粵劇團 劍心粵藝新苗戲曲匯演2012	Kim Sum Cantonese Opera Association Cantonese Opera Performance	\$57,200
林俊浩 失	Lam Chun-ho Sucks	\$111,900
劉森坪 愛與愁之歌—四世紀巡禮	Lau Sum-ping Songs of Love & Lament - A Four-Centuries Evolution	\$8,500
李俊亮 男人事, 男人是.....	Lee Chun-leung A Better Man	\$68,200
羅家恩 好熱! 當代音樂節2011	Loo Jia-en, Aenon Hell HOT! New Music Festival 2011	\$120,000
聶曉晴 著地	Nip Hiu-ching Fallen	\$71,200
俳優劇場 人聚人傘	Pai Yeo Theatre Umbrella	\$105,400

黃龍斌劇場 平行宇宙	Performer Studio Possible/Impossible	\$172,800
香港巴赫合唱團 音樂演出	The Hong Kong Bach Choir The Genz Brothers with the Bach Choir	\$100,000
香港科技大學 創意間的親暱2012：盛宗亮與國際作曲家/ 演奏家聚會香港	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology The Intimacy of Creativity 2012 - The Bright Sheng Partnership: Composers Meet Performers in HK	\$100,000
天馬合唱團 重聚一成明天馬三十五載音樂會	Tien Ma Chorus Music Performance	\$47,500
天馬音樂藝術團有限公司 原創神話粵劇《獅子山下紅梅豔》	Tin Ma Music and Opera Association Ltd Cantonese Opera	\$177,200
同流 山羊	We Draman Group The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?	\$114,600
William Lane 音樂演出	William Lane After Gesualdo: Early Music New Music	\$55,500
黃碧琪 在時間癱軟時	Wong Pik-kei When Time Limp	\$100,000
王廷琳 伊甸禁章	Wong Ting-lam The Gnostic Eden	\$120,000
無極彈撥樂團 無極旋風	Wu Ji Tornado ad infinitum	\$75,000
樂樂國樂團 星夜心潮音樂會	Yao Yueh Chinese Music Association Music Performance	\$33,800
葉彩鳳 氣·象	Yip Choi Fung Current of Air	\$100,100
出版 Publication		
白潔蓮 文學出版：英文詩集	Bickley Gillian Barbara Literature Publication: Perceptions	\$18,000
陳仲輝 中國男裝	Chan Chung-fai, Silvio Visual Arts Publication Project	\$50,000

陳岸峰 文學出版：《神話的叩問：現當代中國小說研究》	Chan Ngon-fung Literature Publication: Research	\$18,000
鄭政恆 文學出版：《五〇年代香港詩選》	Cheng Ching-hang Literature Publication: Research	\$26,000
張漢輝 文學出版：《白雲蒼狗》	Cheung Hon-fai Literature Publication: Novel	\$16,400
程中山 文學出版：《江山萬里樓詩詞鈔·續編》	Ching Chung-shan Literature Publication: Poetry	\$50,000
莊梅岩 《法吻》	Chong Mui-ngam The French Kiss	\$34,700
左章 文學出版：《長翅膀的夜》	Chor Wai Literature Publication: Literature for children	\$23,000
周婉群 「寫生·活的印象」出版計劃	Chow Yuen-kwan Visual Arts Publication Project	\$35,600
朱德華 藝術家肖像	Chu Tak-wah, Almond Artist Portrait	\$115,900
點出版有限公司 (文化工房) 文學出版：《我要的香港》	Click Press Ltd (Culture Plus) Literature Publication: Prose	\$29,000
天地圖書有限公司 文學出版：《鑪峰文集2011》	Cosmos Books Ltd Literature Publication: Prose	\$36,000
天地圖書有限公司 文學出版：《舊書刊摭拾》	Cosmos Books Ltd Literature Publication: Prose	\$18,000
黃國鉅 文學出版：《經典新篇—從希臘悲劇到布萊希特的本土重寫》	Wong Kwok-kui Literature Publication: Script	\$14,600
Eric Henry Schuldenfrei 視覺藝術出版計劃	Eric Henry Schuldenfrei INSTANT BIENNALE: Architecture and Urbanism as Cultural Process	\$120,000
瀚文書屋有限公司 文學出版：英文詩集	Haven Books Ltd Literature Publication: City of Stairs	\$18,000
葉曉文 文學出版：《殺寇》	Ip Hiu-man Literature Publication: Novel	\$23,000

關偉昌 《邊畫邊寫》生活素描圖文集	Kwan Wai-cheong Visual Arts Publication	\$43,000
鄺龔子 文學出版：《東山零雨》	Kwong Yim-tze, Charles Literature Publication: Poetry	\$18,000
黎錫 嚴珊珊、林楚楚、黎鏗、黎灼灼	Lai Shek, Sidney Film Publication	\$56,600
劉澤光 非常道：老子印象	Lau Chak-kwong, Daniel Not the Constant Way: The Impressions of Laozi	\$100,000
李百強 陳笑風唱腔研究《粵韻風腔薈萃》	Lee Park-keong Xiqu Publication	\$65,000
梁嘉齡 文學出版：英文詩讀物	Leung Ka-ling, Catherine Literature Publication: A Cup Of Chinese Wisdom	\$23,000
林幸謙 文學出版：《五四詩刻》	Lim Chin-chown Literature Publication: Poetry	\$23,000
泰研畫會 泰研畫冊2011	Mega Vision Contemporary Artist Guild Visual Arts Publication	\$51,000
街坊工友服務處教育中心有限公司 文學出版：《第五屆工人文學獎得獎文集》	Neighbourhood & Worker's Education Centre Ltd Literature Publication: Prose	\$36,000
伍嘉文 《墨想》書法季刊	Ng Ka-man Visual Arts Publication	\$52,000
吳世傑 後設風景	NG Sai-kit Meta-landscape	\$104,000
Orchid Press 文學出版：英文小說	Orchid Press Literature Publication: Letters from a Burmese Grandfather	\$20,500
布詠濤 文學出版：《七日之城》	Po Wing-to Literature Publication: Poetry	\$29,000
譚以諾 文學出版：《黑目的快樂年代》	Tam Yee-lok Literature Publication: Novel	\$18,000
曹誠淵 《舞者不憂—曹誠淵與香港舞蹈前行》	Tsao Sing-yuen, Willy Dance Publication	\$69,300

黃志華 呂文成與粵曲、粵語流行曲	Wong Chi-wah Xiqu Publication	\$60,800
黃勁輝 文學出版：《變形的俄羅斯娃娃》	Wong King-fai Literature Publication: Novel	\$23,000
黃國彬 文學出版：《第二頻道》	Wong Kwok-pun, Laurence Literature Publication: Prose	\$24,000
黃淑嫻 文學出版：《中環人》	Wong Shuk-han, Mary Literature Publication: Novel	\$23,000
黃永亮 文學出版：《獅人鳳》	Wong Wing-leung Literature Publication: Prose	\$29,000
葉德輝 文學出版：《Metaxy:中間詩學的誕生》	Yip Tak-fai Literature Publication: Literary Criticism	\$29,000
詹杭倫 文學出版：《天佑詩賦集》	Zhan Hang-lun Literature Publication: Poetry	\$29,000
趙尋 文學出版：《思者與詩者：林幸謙作品評論集》	Zhao Xun Literature Publication: Criticism	\$24,000
小計	Subtotal	\$5,351,100

藝術教育及推廣 Arts Education and Promotion

藝術教育 Arts Education

英翹創意有限公司 2011/12學校動感聲藝展	InTuition Creative Learning Ltd Schools Speech Choir Showcase 2011/12	\$80,000
金水工作室 錄像X通識=藝術無限教育計劃	Mo's Workshop UnLtd Art Educational Plan	\$90,000
飛鵬木偶團 「親親皮影戲(二)」中國皮影戲演出暨示範講座	Sky Bird Puppet Group "Be Friends with Shadow 2" Shadow Puppet Show Tour	\$93,300
飛鵬木偶團 「土地公收妖」中國傳統木偶演出暨示範講座	Sky Bird Puppet Group "Land God Fights the Ghost" Puppet Show School Tour	\$100,000
香港青年協會 香港旋律—合唱全方位透視計劃	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Hong Kong Melody Makers: Choral Music in All Dimensions Project	\$80,000

蒲窩青少年中心 街舞樂翻天	The Warehouse Teenage Club Ltd Hip Hop Into Musical	\$100,100
黃暉木偶皮影 童偶·偶藝	Wong Fai Puppet and Shadow Puppet Show	\$96,000
藝術推廣 Arts Promotion		
亞洲民眾戲劇節協會/香港聾人協進會 第二屆香港國際聾人電影節	Asian People's Theatre Festival Society / Hong Kong Association of the Deaf The 2 nd Hong Kong International DEAF Film Festival	\$109,000
香港藝術中心 「影像無國界2011」媒體創作計劃	Hong Kong Arts Centre "All About Us 2011" Creative Media Production Project	\$500,000
香港藝術中心 媒體藝術社區推廣計劃	Hong Kong Arts Centre Cinema 2.0 (2012 Edition) - Altered States	\$193,900
香港戲劇協會 《第21屆香港舞台劇獎頒獎典禮》	Hong Kong Federation of Drama Societies The 21 st Hong Kong Drama Awards Presentation Ceremony	\$132,000
微波有限公司 微波國際新媒體藝術節2011	Microwave Company Ltd Microwave International New Media Arts Festival 2011	\$500,000
香港蕭邦社有限公司 第三屆香港國際鋼琴大賽	The Chopin Society of Hong Kong Ltd The Third Hong Kong International Piano Competition and the Joy of Music Festival 2011	\$100,000
采風電影有限公司 華語紀錄片節2012	Visible Record Ltd Chinese Documentary Festival 2012	\$153,900
影意志 香港獨立電影節2011「獨立焦點：小川紳介」、 海外導演來港交流活動、映後座談及公開講座	Ying E Chi Ltd Hong Kong Independent Film Festival 2011 "Indie Focus: Shinsuke Ogawa": screenings and seminars	\$193,000
社區藝術發展 Community Arts Development		
伙炭 伙炭藝術工作室開放計劃2012	Fotanian Fotanian OpenStudio 2012	\$150,000
伙炭 伙炭工作坊、座談會及邀請活動2012	Fotanian Fotanian Workshop, Seminar & Invited Event 2012	\$90,200
飛躍演奏香港有限公司 香港國際室內樂音樂節2012 (社區外展部份)	Premiere Performances of Hong Kong Ltd The 3 rd Hong Kong International Chamber Music Festival 2012 (Community and Youth Outreach)	\$100,000

竹韻小集有限公司 「美樂滌心靈」互動音樂會	Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble Ltd Music for Heart - Interactive Concert	\$38,000
培育 Training		
亞洲青年管弦樂團 2011年亞洲青年管弦樂團排練營及巡迴演出	Asian Youth Orchestra Ltd 2011 Asian Youth Orchestra Summer Music Festival & Tour	\$140,000
劍心粵劇團 「新苗粵藝」兒童及青少年粵劇培訓	Kim Sum Cantonese Opera Association Cantonese Opera Training Course	\$100,000
香港兒童/少年粵劇團有限公司 兒童及少年粵劇訓練計劃 (2011年7-12月)	Hong Kong Children and Juvenile Chinese Opera Troupe Ltd Children and Juvenile Cantonese Opera Training Programme (Jul to Dec 2011)	\$100,000
香港兒童/少年粵劇團有限公司 兒童及少年粵劇訓練計劃 (2012年1-6月)	Hong Kong Children and Juvenile Chinese Opera Troupe Ltd Children and Juvenile Cantonese Opera Training Programme (Jan to Jun 2012)	\$89,200
小計	Subtotal	\$3,328,600
文化交流 Cultural Exchange		
旺角區文娛康樂體育會有限公司 書法系列	Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association Ltd Chinese Calligraphy Series	\$58,700
C & G 藝術單位 視覺藝術：文化交流計劃	C & G Artpartment "Art Hotpot" An Arts and Cultural Exchange Program between Hong Kong and Poland	\$109,500
麥翠影 亞洲的全球化本土文化薈萃	Mak Chui-ying, Winnie Glocalization of Asian Culture	\$110,000
梁偉傑 舞蹈~舞蹈	Leung Wai-kit, Grad Butoh Butoh	\$51,400
香港中文大學音樂系 研討會	Music Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong The 3 rd Symposium of the International Council for Traditional Music Study Group for Musics of East Asia	\$100,000
陳敏兒 Multi-media Cultural Exchange Project with The University of Colorado	Abby Chan Multi-media Cultural Exchange Project with The University of Colorado	\$74,200

陳廣源 Megafauna攝影展覽	Chan Kwong-yuen Visual Arts Cultural Exchange Project	\$46,000
周樂嫻/周樂婷 薩爾斯堡莫扎特國際音樂大師班2011	Chau Lok-ping, Melodic / Chau Lok-ting, Harmonic International Summer Academy Mozarteum 2011	\$28,300
鄭淑宜 視覺藝術文化交流計劃	Cheng Shuk-ye Asia Triennial Manchester 2011 - Working with women's group in Cheetham Hill	\$12,300
張緯晴 荷蘭文化交流計劃	Cheung Wai-ching, Rachel The International Holland Music Sessions - Summer Academy 2011	\$25,000
趙伯承 美國文化交流計劃	Chiu Pak-shing Attending Oregon Bach Festival	\$20,900
劉銘鏗 《一眼思淚》新加坡交流演出	Lau Ming-hang "Am I Crying" in Singapore	\$141,000
羅雅詠 參與瑞典哥特堡及意大利威尼斯舉行之行為藝術節	Law Nga-wing Participation in Live Action Goteborg (Sweden) & Infr' Action Venezia (Italy)	\$29,800
羅雅詠 參與緬甸第四屆BEYOND PRESSURE行為藝術節	Law Nga-wing Participation in the 4 th BEYOND PRESSURE Festival of Performance Art (Myanmar)	\$15,000
盧樂謙 加拿大溫哥華LIVE國際行為藝術雙年展	Lo Lok-him LIVE International Performance Art Biennale in Vancouver Canada	\$17,000
麥惠儀 當代國際攝影節—不同面向	Mak Wai-ye Different Dimension - the International Festival of Contemporary Photography	\$150,000
莫昭如 SDEA劇場藝術研討會2011	Mok Chiu-yu SDEA Theatre Arts Conference 2011	\$5,084
梅卓燕 日記VI·梅卓燕五十年不變舞照跳(英倫之旅)	Mui Cheuk-yin Diary VI · So I Think I can dance, Mui Cheuk-yin (UK Tour)	\$111,400
妙思舞動 Art and Faith: Muse Motion in Singapore Fringe Festival for Arts Exchange	Muse Motion Art and Faith: Muse Motion in Singapore Fringe Festival for Arts Exchange	\$71,700
鄧凝姿 泰國清邁大學駐校藝術家	Tang Ying-chi Artist in Residence in Chiang Mai University in Thailand	\$23,200

飛色蕃茄 飛色蕃茄 (2012年度) 展覽	Tomato Grey Tomato Grey Artist Collective - Hong Kong Art Exhibition 2012	\$100,000
曾建華 視覺藝術文化交流計劃	Tsang Kin-wah "MAM Project 015: Tsang Kin-Wah" at Mori Art Museum, Tokyo	\$109,000
曾葉發 以色列文化交流計劃	Tsang Yip-fat, Richard Concert by Israel Contemporary Players	\$24,100
不加鎖舞廳館有限公司 新加坡文化交流—CONTACT 2011	Unlock Dancing Plaza Ltd Cultural Exchange in Singapore - CONTACT 2011	\$9,300
王震傑 媒體藝術文化交流計劃	Wong Chun-kit Triportal in 404 Festival 2011, Argentina	\$71,300
姚桑琳 國際雙簧協會年會—上海雙簧管三重奏之「古典三重奏」	Yiu Song-lam Cultural Exchange in the US	\$20,500
余嘉露 台灣文化交流計劃	Carol Yu An Insight into Performance Preparation	\$8,000
小計	Subtotal	\$1,542,684

香港與國內、台灣及澳門文化交流計劃 Grant for Cultural Exchange between Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and Macao

文化地圖 銳角：珠三角新晉藝術家巡迴展與藝術交流計劃	CULTaMAP 2011 Delta Edges: Travelling Exh. and Art Exchange of Emerging Artists from the Pearl River Delta	\$200,000
奧沙藝術基金有限公司 2012年兩岸四地藝術交流計劃	Osage Art Foundation A Cross-Strait-Four-Region Artistic Exchange Project	\$204,600
香港美術家聯合會 水墨雙城—第三屆港深水墨畫家作品展	The United Association of Artists of Hong Kong Visual Arts Exhibition	\$194,750
演戲家族有限公司 《車你好冇》澳門演出2011	Actors' Family Ltd Bloody Hell (Macau Tour) 2011	\$138,300
卓有瑞 亞洲的時間留言—卓有瑞21世紀自然寫實畫作展	Cho Yeou-jui Time Left in Asia - The Processing of Y.J. Cho's Natural Realism	\$28,900
梁美萍 澳門牛房倉庫駐留文化交流計劃	Leung Mee-ping Macau Warehouse Armazem de Boi Residency Cultural Exchange Project	\$45,600

前進進戲劇工作坊有限公司 《十七個可能與不可能發生在2012年的戲劇 場景》(第一階段)	On & On Theatre Workshop Co Ltd 17 Scenarios Likely and Unlikely to Happen in 2012 (Phase 1)	\$140,000
香港愛樂合唱團 兩岸三地《樂與情》合唱交流音樂會	The Honour Chorus Hong Kong Taiwan Cultural Exchange	\$80,000
香港中文大學藝術行政主任辦公室 中大劇坊北京交流演出—2011金刺猬大學生 戲劇節	The Office of the Arts Administrator, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Beijing Cultural Exchange	\$57,200
Theatre Noir Ltd 《莎翁的情書》赴京滬演出—文化交流計劃	Theatre Noir Ltd With love, William Shakespeare Tour in Beijing & Shanghai - a Cultural Exchange	\$128,300
不加鎖舞廳有限公司 香港與國內文化交流演出《蕭邦 VS 卡爾》	Unlock Dancing Plaza Ltd Cultural Exchange Between HK & China "Chopin VS Ca"	\$75,400
王松基 港水港墨—香港當代水墨名家展	Wucius Wong Visual Arts Exhibition	\$400,000
多空間(香港)有限公司 i-Dance (Taipei) 2011	Y-Space (HK) Ltd i-Dance (Taipei) 2011	\$57,600
演戲家族有限公司 《戀愛輕飄飄》珠三角巡演	Actors' Family Ltd The Love Story of Sam and Sally (Pearl River Delta Tour)	\$300,000
動藝有限公司 2011關渡藝術節(台北)	DanceArt Hong Kong Ltd 2011 Kuanda Arts Festival (Taipei)	\$52,800
非常林奕華有限公司 《賈寶玉》內地九城市交流計劃	Edward Lam Dance Theatre Ltd Mainland China Cultural Exchange Touring Performance Project	\$375,000
香港舞台設計有限公司 六翻自己—廣州行	Hong Kong Theatre Design Company Ltd Positioning - Guangzhou Tour	\$119,600
黎草田紀念音樂協進會 香港音樂家合唱作品音樂會—京港合唱交流 演出	Lai Cho Tin Memorial Music Development Association Outbound cultural exchange (Beijing)	\$81,600
天馬菁莪粵劇團 桂港文化交流計劃—戲曲交流演出	Sensational Sprouts Cantonese Opera Association Guangxi-Hong Kong Xiqu Cultural Exchange Programme	\$54,200
竹韻小集有限公司 湖南—張家界之旅	Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble Ltd A music cultural exchange in Zhangjiajie	\$43,200

黃安源 「黃安源黃晨達的胡琴世界」天津演出計劃	Wong On-yuen Cultural Exchange Project in Tianjin	\$38,000
小計	Subtotal	\$2,815,050
獎助 Fellowship / Awards		
青年文學獎協會 第39屆青年文學獎	The Youth Literary Awards Association The 39 th Youth Literary Awards	\$144,500
小計	Subtotal	\$144,500
新苗資助計劃 Grant for Emerging Artists		
展覽 Exhibition		
陳軒蒨 200000kb Ticky Tacky	Chan Hin-sin, Cindy 200000kb Ticky Tacky	\$20,000
Joao Vasco Paiva Figueirinhas 視覺藝術展覽	Joao Vasco Paiva Figueirinhas Palimpseptic	\$15,000
黎朗生 視覺藝術展覽	Lai Long-sang Lai Long Sang Solo Exhibition	\$20,000
林佑森 電子風景—林佑森·作品展	Lam Yau-sum Electron Landscape - Lam Yau Sum Solo Exhibition	\$15,000
劉家成 夜光與幻影—劉家成個人畫展	Lau Ka-shing, Simon Light and Illusion - A Solo Exhibition of Painting and Printmaking by Simon Lau	\$15,000
Marco De Mutiis 《潛混沌》	Marco De Mutiis Neglected Chaos	\$15,000
李靜嫻 空城	Nogueira Li, Laura Solo Exhibition	\$20,000
潘泳霖 The Clown—who pursues	Poon Wing-iam, Jasmine The Clown – who pursues	\$15,000
謝諾麟 ...日夜...—謝諾麟作品展覽	Tse Lok-lun Visual Arts Exhibition	\$20,000

葉啟俊 南山未了	Yip Kai-chun Incomplete Finale	\$25,000
演出 Performance		
胡俊謙 情場摩西	Wu Chun-him Drama Performance	\$35,000
陳裕君 陳裕君獨步劇壇—色·香·味·林美香	Chan Yu-kwan, Yukko Drama Performance	\$35,000
梁玉玲 《我的港式音樂劇場》	Leung Yuk-ling, Belle My Little Hong Kong Musical	\$30,000
李漢忠 《突然獨身》舞台版—聯合創作計劃	Li Hon-chung Drama Performance	\$40,000
黃綺雯 婚後事	Wong Yee-man Ever After	\$35,000
蔚藍天(文化)有限公司 舞台新人類系列	Creative Horizon Neo-Human On Stage Series	\$40,000
陳煒雄 鉛筆星雲	Chan Wai-hung Pencil Nebula	\$35,000
音樂劇作 《Edges》音樂劇—邊緣戀曲	Musical Trio Edges	\$40,000
陳小茵 沒有名字的人	Chan Siu-yan, Angel Drama Performance	\$35,000
楊振業 多媒體劇場：安東尼奧尼猜想	Yeung Chun-yip Multimedia theatre: Antonioni Conjecture	\$35,000
方俊杰 《變身藥水》	Fong Chun-kit Drama Performance	\$35,000
馮世權 男人三十宜立	Fung Sai-kuen Our Happy Wedding	\$35,000
張翰謙 First Touch of Electricity	Cheung Hon-him First Touch of Electricity	\$35,000
陳雅思 行雲流水	Chan Nga-sze Floating Clouds Flowing Water	\$40,000

出版 Publication

Suvi Tuuli Ellen Lampila 文學出版：英文小說	Suvi Tuuli Ellen Lampila Literature Publication: 7 Days and Counting	\$15,000
曾繁裕 文學出版：《低水平愛情》	Tsang Fan-yu Literature Publication: Novel	\$15,000
策馬文創有限公司 文學出版：《屈記簿》	Riding Cultural and Creative Ltd Literature Publication: Prose	\$15,000
鄭若行 文學出版：《非線性生活》	Zheng Ruoxing Literature Publication: Prose	\$15,000
賴凱詠 文學出版：《輕舟·重山》——一個龐貝氏症患者的心路歷程	Lai Hoi-wing Literature Publication: Prose	\$15,000
小計	Subtotal	\$760,000

研究/保存/評論 Research / Archive / Criticism**學術研究 Academic Research**

莫蔓茹 舞樂談—舞人樂人訪談錄	Mok Man-yue, Julia Music and Choreography - Interviews	\$80,600
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存檔 Archive

黃珠華 文學研究/保存：六十年代青年小說作者群像	Wong Chu-wah Literature Research/Archive Project: Novel	\$100,000
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關木銜 文學研究/保存：香港新詩：香港七個早逝的優秀詩人	Kwan Muk-hang Literature Research/Archive Project: Poetry	\$100,000
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評論 Criticism

涂小蝶 《戲劇大師—鍾景輝的戲劇藝術》之 《電影電視篇》	Tao Siu-tip Drama Publication	\$37,400
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盧偉力 當代香港戲劇藝術	Lo Wai-luk Drama Publication	\$37,500
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小計	Subtotal	\$355,500
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總數	Total	\$14,297,434
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB083

Question Serial No.

2656

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:

What is the assessment method of the ADC Critic's Prize? During the selection of jury members, has the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) put in place a mechanism for declaration of interests to prevent the prize money or project grants from being unfairly awarded? If so, what are the details? Are all jury members of the Prize required to watch or read the works (e.g. films, literature, stage performances, etc.) that are being critiqued by the participants?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) has provided the following information about the ADC Critic's Prize–

- (a) The ADC Critic's Prize is organised by HKADC with the aim to raising the status of local arts critics. The competition was open to all art forms (e.g. drama, dance, music, xiqu, visual arts, film and media arts, literary arts, and so on). For this year's event, entries must target at arts and cultural event that took place or a publication that was published in Hong Kong in 2012.
- (b) HKADC advised that blind assessment method was adopted under which all entries given to the jury panel were not identified by name and were in printed version. In the entire process, the jury panelists had no means of identifying the contestants and the works were judged solely by their quality and standard. HKADC set up a panel of six individuals composed of a diverse group of professionals from the fields of arts criticism, journalism, publishing, and academic. Points given by each panelist had the same weighting vis-à-vis the total points to ensure that the judgment would not be dominated by any one of the panelists. Two rounds of assessments were held (individual assessment followed by group discussion) to select winners of the Gold, Silver and Bronze Prizes and the judging panel unanimously agreed on the results. As the jury panelists did not know the identities of the contestants under the blind assessment method, they were not required to make a declaration of conflict of interest. It was not a requirement for panelists to watch or read the works that are critiqued by the participants.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB084

Question Serial No.

3089

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:

Since its establishment, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has launched 18 programmes. Would the Administration please provide in detail the name, implementation period, number of beneficiaries and amount of subsidies of each of those 18 programmes launched since the CCF's establishment?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

Details of the 18 assistance programmes (as at end February 2013) are set out below -

Programme title	Programme implementation date and period	Amount of subsidies granted (\$ million)	Actual number of beneficiaries
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/competitions	June 2011 (a three-year programme)	52.07	22 093 (persons)
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	August 2011 (a two-year programme)	86.49	959 (person-times)
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	September 2011 (a three-year programme)	306.20	118 387 ¹ (person-times)

¹ Including 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title	Programme implementation date and period	Amount of subsidies granted (\$ million)	Actual number of beneficiaries
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	September 2011 (a two-year programme)	0.13	128 (persons)
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	September 2011 (application period for the extended programme ended on 28 February 2013)	35.03	1 974 (person-times)
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	September 2011 (a one-off subsidy programme which has been completed)	1.65	825 (households)
(7) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning services and escorting services for medical consultations	October 2011 (application period for the extended programme ended on 31 March 2013)	2.02	1 144 (persons)
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	October 2011 (a one-off subsidy programme which has been completed)	32.09	22 605 (households)
(9) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	December 2011 (application period for the extended programme ended on 28 February 2013)	14.58	1 435 (persons)
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	December 2011	0.39	140 (households)

Programme title	Programme implementation date and period	Amount of subsidies granted (\$ million)	Actual number of beneficiaries
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	January 2012 ²	4.29	281 (person-times)
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	March 2012	0.03	83 (persons)
(13) Subsidy for low-income elderly tenants in private housing	July 2012 (a one-off subsidy programme and the application period ended on 31 January 2013)	10.24	2 561 (persons)
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	August 2012 (a two-year programme)	13.77	5 473 (persons)
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	September 2012 (expected to be a two-year programme)	0.51	84 (persons)
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	October 2012 (a three-year programme)	0.14	41 (owners' corporations)
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	October 2012 (a one-off subsidy programme and the application period will end on 8 April 2013)	84.32	33 426 (persons)
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	January 2013 (the application period will end on 30 June 2013)	0 ³	0 (persons)

² This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

³ This programme was rolled out recently in end January 2013. There are no statistics for the amount of subsidy granted at the moment.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB085

Question Serial No.

2102

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:

The 2012-13 revised estimate for the Home Affairs Bureau's (HAB) "District, Community, and Public Relations" Programme (Programme) was \$39.7 million, which was 9.8% less than the original estimate of \$44 million. However, HAB's 2013-14 estimate for the Programme is \$44.8 million, representing a significant increase of \$5.1 million (12.8%) over the 2012-13 revised estimate. In this regard, would the Administration please -

- (a) Explain, in detail, why the 2012-13 revised estimate was 9.8% less than the original estimate, as well as listing every item involved and the allocation of manpower and breakdown of actual expenditure. If this is impossible, why?
- (b) While HAB has explained the reasons for increase in provision for 2013-14, would HAB please list every item involved and the manpower and financial arrangements? If this is impossible, why?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

- (a) Under Programme (3), the revised estimate for 2012-13 is \$39.7 million, which is \$4.3 million (9.8%) less than the original estimate of \$44 million. This is mainly due to the reduced requirement in staff costs (\$0.4 million) and reduction in operating expenses (\$3.9 million).
- (b) Under Programme (3), provision for 2013-14 is \$44.8 million, which is \$5.1 million (12.8%) higher than the 2012-13 revised estimate of \$39.7 million. This is mainly due to the increase in staff costs (\$1.2 million) to cater for the creation of one post in 2013-14, and increase in operating expenses (\$3.9 million).

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB086

Question Serial No.

1563

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

- (i) the Home Affairs Bureau's (HAB) provisions for "Promoting national education outside schools";
- (ii) The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education's (CPCE) funding of activities promoting national education; and
- (iii) The Commission on Youth's (CoY) Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland;

Would the Administration please inform us on

- (a) The estimates for 2013-14;
- (b) The revised estimates for 2012-13;
- (c) The actual expenditure for 2011-12;
- (d) The list of "youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others" mentioned in the Estimate; and
- (e) The HAB's specific ways of allocating such sponsorship, as well as the vetting, assessment and review approaches.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

- (a) – (c)
- (i) HAB's estimate, revised estimate and actual expenditure for promoting national education outside schools:

Year	Amount (\$)
2013-14	26.3 million
2012-13	24.1 million
2011-12	32.3 million

- (ii) CPCE's estimate, revised estimate and actual expenditure for funding of activities to promote national education:

Year	Amount (\$)
2013-14	8.6 million
2012-13	6.4 million
2011-12	9.4 million

- (iii) CoY's sponsorship granted to Community Participation Scheme for organising study tours to the Mainland

Year	Amount (\$)
2013-14	26 million
2012-13	26 million
2011-12	22 million

- (d) HAB works closely with youth organisations, youth uniformed groups and others to co-ordinate youth development measures. While we consolidated a list of youth uniformed groups and other organisations subvented by HAB at Annex, we do not maintain a list of youth organisations.
- (e) Applications will be assessed against a set of prescribed and published criteria, e.g. programme content, creativity, cost-effectiveness, scale, etc. Upon completion of the projects, the sponsored organizations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects, with information on participant feedback, financial reports, etc. to facilitate assessment by the committees.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

List of uniformed groups and other organisations subvented by Home Affairs Bureau

1. Scout Association of Hong Kong
2. Hong Kong Girl Guides Association
3. Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps
4. Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps
5. Hong Kong Adventure Corps
6. Hong Kong Red Cross (Uniformed Groups Session)
7. Hong Kong St John Ambulance Brigade (Cadet Command)
8. The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong
9. The Girls' Brigade, Hong Kong
10. Hong Kong Road Safety Association
11. Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards
12. Hong Kong Award for Young People
13. Agency for Volunteer Service

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

HAB087

Question Serial No.

3290

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:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in his Budget Speech that “over the past couple of years, the Government has promoted six industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages”. In 2013-14, how will resources be allocated to promote the development of the six industries? What are the number of officers involved and their ranks? What items are included in the actual work plan? What will be the expected progress or timetable for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

Regarding the cultural industry, in 2013-14, the Government's expenditure on arts and culture will exceed \$3 billion. We will continue to strengthen our support for the development of cultural software through developing quality arts programmes, stepping up audience building, enhancing arts education and supporting the grooming of arts talents. This is to be achieved through various performances, public arts programmes, museum services and library services implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as well as funding provided to various arts groups and organizations, including arts groups of different sizes and art forms, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Arts Festival, etc.

Workload arising from the above tasks will be absorbed by the existing staff of Home Affairs Bureau and its departments.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB088

Question Serial No.

2920

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:

Among the Programme's "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14" is public education on gambling-related issues. Would the Government please advise:

- a. How many gamblers have sought assistance over the last five years? Please provide the relevant data in the table below.

Age Group	Number of Cases Seeking Assistance
≤15	
16-20	
21-25	
26-30	
31-35	
36-40	
41-45	
46-50	
51-55	
56-60	
>60	

- b. To prevent young people from becoming problem or pathological gamblers, besides reminding them of the negative impact of excessive gambling through education, will the Government raise the legal gambling age from the current 18 to 21 as well to reduce the risk of young people becoming gambling addicts? In case of a law amendment regarding the age limit, what will be the costs involved?
- c. Regarding the provision of counseling and treatment for problem and pathological gamblers, will the Government increase its subventions for the relevant organisations to improve the quality of such counseling and treatment services or expand their coverage to more needy individuals? If the Government considers subventing such services, what will be the amount of subvention involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- a. According to the statistics provided by the four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers (the centres) supported by the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund), the number of gamblers seeking treatment from the four centres in the past five years is categorised with the age grouping as below –

Age Grouping	Number of gamblers				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
18 or below	1	6	7	6	9
19 to 25	89	69	87	71	84
26 to 29	122	113	125	87	95
30 to 39	385	324	312	295	305
40 to 49	417	365	343	355	348
50 to 59	217	245	229	231	254
60 or above	48	51	65	82	69
No information	4	1	36	26	4

- b. There is no imminent need to raise the legal gambling age of Hong Kong. In arriving at this conclusion, the Betting and Lotteries Commission and the Administration have taken into account relevant considerations, including the prevalence rates of possible problem and pathological gamblers in Hong Kong, and the fact that regulatory regimes of other jurisdictions may not be entirely applicable in Hong Kong due to the difference in background and circumstances.
- c. We have increased the amount of annual funding support for each of the two small-scale centres from \$1.3 million in 2010-2012, to \$1.5 million, \$1.6 million, and \$1.7 million in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. The current service agreement for the two large-scale centres will expire by the end of 2013. We will review the funding level for supporting their operation in the second half of 2013.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 20.3.2013

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

HAB089

Question Serial No.

3248

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 the Budget Speech that the Government proposed to inject an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF). This, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, will expand the CCF's size into \$20 billion in the future. The Financial Secretary noted earlier that the CCF is expected to generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion, which represents a 5% return on investment (ROI). In this regard, will the Government please advise the Committee:

- (a) How will the Government achieve this ROI? Please also provide the CCF's current and future investment portfolios and proposals;
- (b) If the CCF is unable to meet the expected target, will it affect the expected poverty alleviation effort?
- (c) If the CCF manages to meet the target, it will outperform the average annualized return of the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF). As such, will the Administration establish a CCF-linked MPF for employees at large so that they can enjoy a stable, reasonable investment return as the disadvantaged groups do?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

The Community Care Fund (CCF) has placed a deposit of \$5 billion with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) to earn an investment return that is linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund (HKEF). The rate of return on the investments for the placement with the HKMA is calculated on the basis of the average annual investment return of the HKEF's investment portfolio for the past six years, which is 5.6% for 2012 and 5% for 2013. The remaining amount of the CCF has been deposited with banks to earn interest income.

With the additional injection of \$15 billion, there will be additional investment returns generated to finance various assistance programmes. For example, if the annual rate of return is 5%, this additional \$15 billion, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, should generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. This annual rate of return 5% is not meant to be a target. The new seed capital of the CCF could also be deployed in response to special needs that may arise, taking into account the cash flow requirements of the assistance programmes and future operation of the CCF in a financially prudent manner.

The Commission on Poverty and its CCF Task Force will continue to review the financial position of the CCF in the light of practical experience, and consider appropriate investment plans for the funds.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB090

Question Serial No.

1906

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 the Government's plan to inject an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF), has the Administration assessed whether such a move would deviate from the original aims of the CCF? Has the Administration considered other approaches to support the poverty alleviation effort, such as incorporating certain CCF programmes into the Government's regular assistance and service programmes? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

The objective of the Community Care Fund (CCF) is to provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net, or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered. The CCF can also take forward measures on a pilot basis to help the Government identify those that can be considered for incorporation into the regular assistance and service programmes. For example, the CCF programme providing subsidy to needy Hospital Authority patients who marginally fall outside the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs has been incorporated into the regular assistance programme since 1 September 2012. The Government is also studying the incorporation of three other programmes into the regular assistance programme.

The work of the CCF has been integrated into the Commission on Poverty since 2013. With the additional injection of \$15 billion into the CCF, the CCF will continue to roll out assistance programmes to help the needy with a view to achieving the above objective. Notably, the Commission on Poverty will renew its efforts to alleviate poverty by plugging the gaps in the existing system, continue to implement and enhance those CCF programmes that have proven to be effective but have yet to be incorporated into regular assistance and service programmes, and introduce new assistance programmes and pioneer projects.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB091

Question Serial No.

1813

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 paragraph 116 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposes to inject an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF). When the CCF was established, it was agreed between the Government and the business sector that each would contribute \$5 billion to the fund. However, by now the business sector has pledged only some \$1.8 billion of donations, some of which will be paid by instalments. As such the amount of donations received is way below expectation. Would the Administration please advise the Committee the amount of donations actually received from the business sector? Is the \$5 billion target no more existent? If so, why? If not, will there be a deadline for payment?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

Since the establishment of the Community Care Fund (CCF), the amount of donations pledged is about \$1.8 billion, some of which are made by yearly instalments over three years. The actual amount of donations received so far is around \$1.19 billion.

The CCF aims to roll out more assistance programmes to help the underprivileged as soon as possible regardless of the amount of donations received from the community. The Government has no plan to appeal for donations from the business sector now but always welcomes the support of the community for the CCF through donations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 14.3.2013

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

HAB092

Question Serial No.

1818

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 paragraph 116 of the Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary proposes to inject an additional \$15 billion into Community Care Fund (CCF). As at present, the CCF has launched 18 programmes and spent \$700 million. The Financial Secretary expects the additional \$15 billion, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, will generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. As the Financial Secretary believes that this injection would enable CCF to renew its efforts to alleviate poverty by plugging the gaps in the existing system, the CCF may introduce new programmes. Would the Administration please inform the Committee on the following:

- (a) How many programmes will the CCF introduce in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure for each programme?
- (b) Will the Administration continue such assistance programmes or incorporate them into regular assistance programmes? If so, what are the details? If not, why?
- (c) Will the CCF only use investment return and interest to implement assistance programmes in 2013-14, without drawing on the principal money? If so, why? Will the investment return and interest be insufficient to support the CCF's current and future programmes?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

- (a) Taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, the Community Care Fund (CCF) will roll out more assistance programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families continuously, and consider the related expenditure.
- (b) Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement CCF programmes will submit periodic progress reports to the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty for review of the programmes on a continual basis. The Government will, taking into account the effectiveness of the programmes and the advice of the CCF Task Force, consider whether to continue the implementation of a programme, and whether and how a programme should be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme.
- (c) With the additional injection of \$15 billion, there will be additional investment returns generated to finance various assistance programmes. For example, if the annual rate of return is 5%, this additional \$15 billion, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, should generate an annual

investment return of over \$1 billion. In addition, the new seed capital of the CCF could be deployed in response to special needs that may arise, taking into account the cash flow requirements of the assistance programmes and future operation of the CCF in a financially prudent manner.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB093

Question Serial No.

1822

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 programmes under the Community Care Fund (CCF) is to provide subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed. In this regard, will the Administration please advise this Committee

- (a) What were the estimated and actual numbers of beneficiaries for last year?
- (b) Will the Administration give consideration to extending this programme?
- (c) Some consider that the definition of “inadequately housed” falls short of addressing all those in need, and tenants of subdivided flats with individual entrance doors are therefore not able to benefit. Will the Administration please advise what are the numbers of households living in cage homes, cubicle apartments and subdivided flats respectively? Among those subdivided flat households, how many of them have an individual entrance door?
- (d) If this programme will be extended, will the Administration consider relaxing the definition such that more people will benefit?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

- (a) The Community Care Fund (CCF) rolled out the “Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed” programme (this programme) in October 2012 and the application period will end on 8 April 2013. The estimated number of beneficiaries is 55 436 persons. As at 28 February 2013, subsidies have been disbursed to 14 172 households (33 426 persons).
- (b) With the proposed injection of \$15 billion into the CCF in the 2013-14 Budget, the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty will, among other things, expedite the evaluation of this programme and the “Subsidy for Elderly Tenants in Private Housing” programme with a view to launching an integrated programme in the latter half of 2013.
- (c) We do not have information about the number of households living in cage homes, cubicle apartments and subdivided flats, or the number of households living in subdivided flats with individual entrance doors.

- (d) The CCF Task Force notes that quite a number of low-income families living in sub-divided units with individual entrance doors cannot benefit under this current programme due to the programme's definition of "inadequately housed". It will take into account the views from the community and the community service units assisting in the implementation of the programme, and consider how the eligibility criteria may be refined to assist more families living in sub-divided units under the integrated programme.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB094

Question Serial No.

1825

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 programmes under the Community Care Fund (CCF) is to provide subsidy to meet lunch expenses at schools for students from low-income families. In this regard, will the Administration please advise this Committee:

- (a) What is the total cost of this programme?
- (b) What is the average amount of subsidy for the students?
- (c) What were the estimated and actual numbers of beneficiaries for last year?
- (d) Will the Administration incorporate this programme into the regular programmes which will be funded by government departments? If no, will this CCF programme be extended next year with an increased amount of subsidy?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

- (a) The total cost of this programme (up to end February 2013) is around \$307 million.
- (b) The average amount of subsidy per student is \$2,586.
- (c) The estimated and actual numbers of beneficiaries for the school year 2011-12 are 54 000 and 56 387 respectively.
- (d) The Community Care Fund (CCF) supports the incorporation of this programme into the Government's regular assistance programme. Pending the Government's conclusion of the study on such incorporation, the CCF agrees that this programme should continue for 2012-13 and 2013-14. The extension of the programme in 2013-14 will be subject to the approval by the Commission on Poverty.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB095

Question Serial No.

2316

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:

In 2013-14, the Bureau will actively support non-governmental organisations to use part of the land granted to them by the Government to build hostels for youths, what are the specific initiatives involved? What are the details, the cost and manpower required, and the implementation schedule of these initiatives respectively? What are the differences in the roles taken up by the Bureau before and after the construction of youth hostels?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chuen, Tony

Reply:

Under the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS), the Government will provide capital funding to the non-Governmental organisations (NGOs) through the Capital Works Reserve Fund for developing the hostels and directly associated facilities as and when individual projects are ready, subject to the endorsement of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) and approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo). Lease modifications for the application sites to permit the proposed hostel use will also be made at nil premium and nil administrative fee, subject to policy support from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to the applications. The hostels shall be operated on a self-financing basis.

To implement the YHS, HAB plans to start with two relatively more mature projects on a pilot basis. They are the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' project at Hollywood Road and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' project at Tai Po. The total construction cost of individual projects will vary, having regard to site-specific factors. We will set out the estimated cost of the relevant YHS project when we seek funding approval from PWSC and FC of the LegCo. The NGOs will need to carry out pre-construction studies and go through the statutory town planning process before they may seek funding.

In order to achieve the policy objectives, we will set parameters for participating NGOs to operate and maintain the hostels. The parameters will include rental and tenancy period, age and permanent residency of target tenants, income and asset limits of target tenants etc. To ensure that the youth hostels are developed in accordance with Government's policy objectives and to avoid possible abuse, the rights and obligations of the NGOs and the Government will be governed by the land lease, a legal document plus a Deed of Undertaking in favour of Government.

HAB and other bureaux/departments involved in the implementation of the initiative will absorb the additional workload and/or additional operating expenditure from within existing resources. If additional resources are required, they will be sought through the established resource allocation mechanism.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB096

Question Serial No.

0117

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 stated in paragraph 116 of the Budget Speech that the Administration will inject an additional \$15 billion into Community Care Fund (CCF) to alleviate poverty by plugging the gaps in the existing system. Would the Administration please inform the Committee on the following:

- (a) Please specify all programmes already completed/launched by the CCF since its establishment, as well as the time of launching, actual number of beneficiaries and the final expenses of each programme;
- (b) Please specify the CCF's programmes that are being launched, as well as the estimated number of beneficiaries, estimated expenses, amount of allowance granted and number of approved beneficiaries so far for each programme; and
- (c) What is the Administration's estimate of the extra amount available for the CCF's various poverty alleviation programmes/initiatives each year after the \$15 billion injection?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

- (a) Since its establishment, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has rolled out 18 assistance programmes. In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011.

3 programmes have been completed as follows -

Programme title	Rolled out in	Actual number of beneficiaries	Final Expenses (\$ million)
(1) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	September 2011	825 (households)	1.73
(2) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	October 2011	22 605 (households)	33.67

Programme title	Rolled out in	Actual number of beneficiaries	Final Expenses (\$ million)
(3) Subsidy for needy Hospital Authority (HA) patients who marginally fall outside the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net for the use of SF subsidized drugs ¹	January 2012	281 (person-times)	4.29 ²

(b) Details of the other 15 assistance programmes and the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families (as at 28 February 2013) are set out below –

Programme title	Estimated expenses (\$ million)	Amount of allowance granted (\$ million)	Number of Beneficiaries	
			Estimated	Approved
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/ competitions	194.66 ³	52.07	80 000 (persons)	22 093 (persons)
(2) Subsidy for patients of HA for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the SF safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	121.21 ^{4 5}	86.49	1 461 (person-times)	959 (person-times)
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	529.21 ⁶	306.20	118 387 ⁷ (person-times)	118 387 ⁷ (person-times)

¹ This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

² Excluding the administration costs incurred for this programme which are covered under those of programme (2) at part (b) below.

³ Including the additional administration costs which are pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁴ Including the administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (3) at part (a) above.

⁵ Including the increase in estimated expenditure for implementing this programme for a second year, which is pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁶ Including the estimated expenditure for implementing this programme in 2013-14, which is pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁷ Including 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title	Estimated expenses (\$ million)	Amount of allowance granted (\$ million)	Number of Beneficiaries	
			Estimated	Approved
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	1.05	0.13	1 000 (persons)	128 (persons)
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	133.83	35.03	5 336 (person-times)	1 974 (person-times)
(6) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning and escorting services for medical consultations	15.26	2.02	1 450 (persons)	1 144 (persons)
(7) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	68.15	14.58	1 660 (persons)	1 435 (persons)
(8) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	4.43	0.39	900 (households)	140 (households)
(9) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	0.5	0.03	800 (persons)	83 (persons)
(10) Subsidy for elderly tenants in private housing	11.89	10.24	2 728 (persons)	2 561 (persons)
(11) After-school care pilot scheme	68.75 ⁸	13.77	not applicable ⁹	5 473 (persons)
(12) Elderly dental assistance programme	100	0.51	10 300 (persons)	84 ¹⁰ (persons)

⁸ Including the additional administration costs for 2012-13 and the estimated expenditure for implementing the programme in 2013-14, which are pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁹ There is no estimated number of beneficiaries for this programme.

¹⁰ 422 elders have been referred to participating dentists / dental clinics for dental services under this programme.

Programme title	Estimated expenses (\$ million)	Amount of allowance granted (\$ million)	Number of Beneficiaries	
			Estimated	Approved
(13) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	67.2	0.14	3 010 (owners' corporation)	41 (owners' corporation)
(14) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	174.43	84.32	55 436 (persons)	33 426 (persons)
(15) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	12.60	0 ¹¹	400 (persons)	0 (persons)
One-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families (application period closed on 30 June 2012)	1,500.00	1,193.52	233 900 (persons)	198 920 (persons)

- (c) With the additional injection of \$15 billion, there will be additional investment returns generated to finance various assistance programmes. For example, if the annual rate of return is 5%, this additional \$15 billion, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, should generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. In addition, the new seed capital of the CCF could be deployed in response to special needs that may arise, taking into account the cash flow requirements of the assistance programmes and future operation of the CCF in a financially prudent manner.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

¹¹ The programme was rolled out recently in end January 2013. There are no statistics for the amount of allowance granted at the moment.

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

HAB097

Question Serial No.

0952

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

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 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

For budgetary purposes, the provisions for the salary in respect of the positions of Director of Bureau, Deputy Director of Bureau and Political Assistant to Director of Bureau in the Home Affairs Bureau for 2013-14 are \$3.38 million, \$2.54 million and \$1.18 million respectively.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB098

Question Serial No.

0968

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:

It is mentioned under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will strengthen its efforts in developing a cultural network with the Mainland and other places. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the estimate for 2013-14;
- (b) the revised estimate for 2012-13;
- (c) the actual expenditure involved in 2011-12; and
- (d) the details of the work on strengthening the development of cultural networks, names of cultural networks in the Mainland and other places, and the approach by which the effectiveness of such efforts is assessed.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

(a)-(c)

The actual expenditure for 2011-12, revised estimates for 2012-13 and estimates for 2013-14 involving cultural exchange activities / initiatives are \$92.8 million, \$142.5 million and \$120.8 million respectively.

(d)

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other places.

We will continue to enhance cultural cooperation of the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) through the cultural cooperation platform established jointly by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to discuss, implement and follow up on collaboration initiatives involving the three places. The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Macao in May 2013. We will also continue to promote collaboration with other places in the Mainland and various authorities or organisations relating to the arts and culture such as the Ministry of Culture, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the National Museum of China, the Palace Museum and the National Library of China to enhance cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland.

We will continue to strengthen the promotion of cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Taiwan through the “Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee” (HKTCCC), established under the “Hong Kong – Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council”. The HKTCCC will organise the second “Hong Kong Week” in Taipei in 2013 to showcase Hong Kong's arts and culture to the Taiwan audience, and introduce to them the cultural characteristics of Hong Kong and the latest developments of our creative industries. In addition, the third Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Co-operation Forum will be organised in Hong Kong this year for the representatives of various cultural sectors of the two places to exchange views.

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 13 countries. We will continue to organize the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum this year. Moreover, we will continue to collaborate with cultural organisations and institutions around the world in organising various cultural exchange activities such as inviting troupes from different countries to participate in annual international arts carnival and thematic arts festival to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts.

HAB also promotes cultural exchange through the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). HKADC will continue to provide funding support for cultural exchange projects of local artists and arts groups.

The Arts Development Fund administered by HAB provided funding for supporting local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities to the Mainland and other countries.

HAB, LCSD and HKADC will continue to keep in view the effectiveness of various cultural exchanges activities/programmes and make further enhancement as appropriate.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB099

Question Serial No.

0969

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:

It is mentioned under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Hong Kong Arts Development Council will actively “explore alternative, non-government funding and venue support for the arts”. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the estimate for 2013-14;
- (b) the revised estimate for 2012-13;
- (c) the actual expenditure involved in 2011-12; and
- (d) the details of the supportive measures to be introduced by the Bureau.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) will continue to provide funding support for arts groups using venues not managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) under its Performing Arts Venue Subsidy Scheme. From 2009-10 to 2012-13, the Government provided \$1.5 million to the HKADC each year for supporting small and medium performing arts groups to use six non-LCSD venues for performances. The total amount of subsidy disbursed under the Scheme during 2011-12 was about \$1.8 million. The amount earmarked for the Scheme in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is \$1.5 million per year.

To provide young artists and budding arts groups with more room to pursue their artistic creation, the Government has earmarked a capital funding of \$8.72 million for HKADC to renovate and make available arts space (about 10 000 square feet) for artists in an industrial building in Wong Chuk Hang. In 2013-14, the HKADC will undertake renovation works and operate a scheme to enable new and budding artists to lease the units for arts creation at a concessionary rate. HKADC is working on the details of the scheme.

With a sponsorship of \$7.5 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, HKADC implemented the Jockey Club Performing Arts Venue Subsidy Scheme from 2008-09 to 2012-13 to support small-to-medium sized local arts groups, individual artists and emerging arts practitioners to perform at the Black Box Theatre of the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre (JCCAC) for free. About 195 projects have been supported by this Scheme with over 600 performances staged at the Black Box Theatre of JCCAC so far.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB100

Question Serial No.

2207

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

The Bureau has allocated funding to district football teams to help them improve coaching and administration standards, and to the Hong Kong Football Association to help it implement reforms aimed at promoting the long-term development of local football. In respect of these two initiatives, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the estimates for 2013-14;
- (b) the revised estimates for 2012-13;
- (c) the actual expenditure in 2011-12; and
- (d) the specific approaches under which such funding is allocated, as well as the vetting, assessment and review processes undertaken by the Bureau.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

- (a) We have earmarked around \$6 million for allocation to the 18 district-based football teams in 2013-14. The actual figure will depend upon the confirmation of the teams' division status at the end of the 2012-13 season and the proposed budget put forward by the teams.

We have earmarked \$20 million for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA)'s "Project Phoenix" for the long-term development of football in 2013-14.

- (b) For 2012-13, we have earmarked about \$5.93 million for the district-based football teams, and \$20 million has been earmarked for allocation to the HKFA to support the implementation of "Project Phoenix".
- (c) For 2011-12, we allocated about \$4.38 million to 17 district-based football teams (one district had not yet formed a team) and released \$7.50 million to the HKFA to support the implementation of "Project Phoenix".

- (d) Under the Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams, we invite each of the teams to submit applications. Upon receiving the applications, we check whether the proposed expenditure items are eligible for funding. We then release an appropriate level of funding to the teams, depending on the relevant funding limit. The teams are required to submit regular reports on the use of funds and on their performance. After the completion of the 2012-13 season, we will begin a review of the effectiveness of the Scheme and assess how best to support district-based football teams in the longer term.

The Football Task Force under the chairmanship of the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs monitors the progress of "Project Phoenix" and makes recommendations to the Secretary for Home Affairs on the allocation of funding support based on applications from the HKFA.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB101

Question Serial No.

2237

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will continue to plan for the development of sports facilities that will meet the needs of Hong Kong's sports development, including the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak. What is the current position with regard to the planning of the MPSC? When will the construction works commence? Earlier on, some opined that the functions served by existing venues, such as Hong Kong Stadium and Hong Kong Coliseum, should be reviewed and readjusted after the completion of the MPSC. In view of this, will the Bureau study the needs for sports venues in the long run and coordinate the use of existing venues to complement the operation of the MPSC in order to promote sports development in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The current position with regard to the planning of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak is that we are studying the procurement and financing options for the project, taking account of non-binding expressions of interest (EOI) in the development of the MPSC. We will also shortly start a study to advise on detailed financial models for the procurement and financing of the MPSC in order to finalise the way forward for the project. Our aim is for the MPSC to come into operation in 2019-20.

Hong Kong has a shortage of sports facilities and venues for staging local and international sports events. We will review the existing major sports venues in the light of the new facilities that will be available at the MPSC, and adjust their operation and scope of facilities in accordance with the needs of the sports sector and the public.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB102

Question Serial No.

2177

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:

Since 2012, the Community Care Fund (CCF) has been providing a subsidy of \$3,000 for each student from low-income families to participate in learning activities outside Hong Kong. To date, how many students have been subsidised under this programme? What is the amount of subsidy involved? What is the estimated provision of subsidy required in the coming two years?

Asked by: Hon. YIU Si-wing

Reply:

In June 2011, the CCF rolled out the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) programme which will run for three years. In 2011-12, 22 093 students received subsidy under the programme and the total amount of subsidy granted was \$52 million. It is estimated that the amount of subsidy granted will be a total of \$136 million for 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB103

Question Serial No.

2179

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:

According to paragraph 7, page 441 of the 2013-14 Budget, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will participate in the work of the Commission on Poverty (CoP) in 2013-14 to consider poverty alleviation policies and initiatives within the scope of social welfare. Regarding the Government's injection of an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF) under the CoP, has the Government evaluated the actual effectiveness of involving the business sector to fund CCF programmes? Are there any plans to seek further donations from the business sector to increase the amount of subsidies available under the CCF, so as to benefit more needy citizens?

Asked by: Hon. YIU Si-wing

Reply:

The Community Care Fund (CCF) aims to roll out more assistance programmes to help the underprivileged, regardless of the amount of donations received from the business sector and the community. The proposed additional injection of \$15 billion will provide more financial resources for the Commission on Poverty to renew its efforts to alleviate poverty.

The Government has no plan to appeal for donations from the business sector now, but always welcomes the support of the community for the CCF through donations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB104

Question Serial No.

0422

Head: 33 – Civil Engineering and Development Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government committed to translocate the marine species found at Lung Mei to Ting Kok East prior to carrying out the construction works for developing a bathing beach at Lung Mei. Which department will be responsible for the translocation? When will the translocation start? What is the estimated cost for the translocation?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

A contractor to be engaged by the Civil Engineering and Development Department for the Lung Mei beach construction contract will carry out the translocation of the three fish species of conservation importance as required under the Environmental Permit. The translocation work will be carried out under the supervision of a qualified fish specialist and monitored by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

The Director of Environmental Protection is considering a petition to cancel the Environmental Permit for the project. The programme for the translocation will depend on the start date of the construction contract.

The estimated cost of the translocation, including the ecological monitoring, is about \$1.5 million.

Name in block letters: C K HON

Post Title: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date: 26 March 2013

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

HAB105

Question Serial No.

0068

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349), the Administration is empowered to issue a certificate of exemption in respect of a hotel or a guesthouse. In the past three years (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013), how many certificates of exemption have been issued? What are the names of the hotels and guesthouses concerned and the reasons for exemption? Please reply in tabular form.
- (b) Will the Administration step up inspections of hotels and guesthouses this year? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In the past three years, the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department did not issue any certificate of exemption under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO).
- (b) The operation of hotels and guesthouses in Hong Kong is regulated by the HAGAO, which requires that a hotel or a guesthouse has to be operated in accordance with a licence or a certificate of exemption unless it is excluded from the application of the HAGAO by the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation (Exclusion) Order (Cap. 349C). The HAGAO aims to ensure that the premises intended to be used as a hotel or guesthouse comply with the standard of structural and fire safety as provided in the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) and the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95), so as to ensure the safety of patrons and other users of the building.

Upon receipt of an application for a new or renewal of a licence, the OLA will inspect the premises concerned and shall issue or renew a licence only where the premises comply with the standard of structural and fire safety as stipulated in the relevant Ordinances. The OLA will also conduct routine inspections to licensed premises to ensure that they maintain compliance with the HAGAO and the licence conditions. In addition, the OLA spares no effort to combat unlicensed guesthouse activities through blitz inspections and inter-departmental joint inspections. In 2013-14, the OLA will continue to inspect the licensed premises according to the established arrangements and strengthen its enforcement action against unlicensed guesthouse activities with a view to protecting the safety of lodgers and members of the public.

Currently, the OLA has a team of 54 civil servants and 32 non-civil service contract staff with law enforcement experience for processing licence applications and enforcement related duties under HAGAO, Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), Bedspace Apartments Ordinance

(Cap. 447) and Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573). In 2013-14, seven civil service posts will be created and additional part-time staff is being planned to be employed to strengthen enforcement action.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB106

Question Serial No.

2862

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:

As regards the continued implementation of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) to reinforce the district-based approach in support of Government's overall objective of helping the disadvantaged groups to achieve self-reliance:

- (a) Please advise the number of approved social enterprise (SE) projects and job opportunities created since the implementation of the ESR Programme. Please set out the details by the types of business, job opportunities and amount of grant.
- (b) Please advise the average, the shortest and the longest operation period of the funded SE projects? Please set out the number of funded SEs by years of operation and the percentage.
- (c) Would the Administration consider extending the funding period for each SE to five years? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

- (a) Since its launch in 2006, the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) has approved a total grant of about \$150 million for the establishment of 136 social enterprise (SE) projects creating about 2 300 jobs. The business types, job opportunities and amount of grants of these SEs are detailed below –

Business Types

Type of Business	Number of SE Projects
Catering	26
Retail	26
Beauty treatment, hair dressing and massage	16
Household services (including renovation)	15
Recycling and thrift store	14
Art, performance and workshop	13
Business services	12
Horticulture and eco-tourism	9
Others (e.g. car-washing)	5
Total	136

Job Opportunities

Type of Business	Number of Jobs Created
Household services (including renovation)	417
Retail	377
Catering	359
Art, performance and workshop	255
Beauty treatment, hair dressing and massage	231
Horticulture and eco-tourism	209
Business services	199
Recycling and thrift store	145
Others (e.g. car-washing)	68
Total	2 260

Amount of Grants

Amount of Grants (HK\$)	Number of SE Projects
Less than \$500,000	6
\$500,000 – \$1,500,000	111
Over \$1,500,000	19
Total	136

- (b) None of the SEs under the ESR Programme has ceased operation during the funding period since the launch of the Programme in 2006. Thirteen, out of the 100 SEs where the funding periods have expired, closed their business within one year after the funding period. Another 11 SEs had continued to run for more than one year after the funding period before they ceased operation. All remaining SEs are still in operation.
- (c) Since 2011, the ESR Programme has extended the funding period of newly approved projects from a maximum of two years to three years. The new measure has just been put into operation. We do not have plans to further extend the funding period of the Programme at this moment.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB107

Question Serial No.

2373

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government will continue to provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs). What are the respective estimated provisions earmarked by the Home Affairs Department for expenditure in providing support for NAs and EMs? Please set out in detail the support services.

Asked by: Hon. CHIANG Lai-wan

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 2013-14, HAD will continue to implement a number of existing and enhanced support services for NAs and EMs to help them integrate into the community, comprising –

- (a) \$7.9 million for existing support services for NAs, including district-based integration programmes (such as adaptation courses, mutual help networks, employees' training, volunteer service, community visits, etc.), activities for prospective settlers from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, an ambassador scheme to introduce services to NAs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary, the publication of a service handbook for NAs, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs;
- (b) \$27.1 million for existing support services for EMs, including the provision of four support service centres for EMs (in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long), district-based integration programmes, an ambassador scheme, two community support teams, three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali and Urdu), language and cross-cultural learning programmes, mobile information service at the airport, publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarships Scheme; and
- (c) \$8.3 million for enhanced support services for EMs, including provision of an additional support service centre and two sub-centres in Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively, and provision of two additional radio programmes (i.e. Hindi and Thai).

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB108

Question Serial No.

2324

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the eligibility criteria of the subventions to New Territories organisations? Please provide the total number and the list of New Territories organisations receiving the subventions. What specific projects or work is the estimated expenditure for 2013-14 designated for?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

New Territories organisations which are now receiving subventions from the Home Affairs Department include Heung Yee Kuk, 27 Rural Committees and 207 Village Offices. The subventions aim to subsidise the general operating and administrative expenses of these organisations.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB109

Question Serial No.

3125

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work on departmental records management over the past three years till 2012:

- (a) please advise the number and rank of staff designated for records management. If there is no staff designated for such work, please provide information on the number of staff involved in records management work, the related hours of work and their other duties;
- (b) please tabulate in the form below information on programme records and administrative records which were closed and not yet transferred to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of Records	Years that the Records Covered	Number and Linear Metre of Records	Retention Period Approved by GRS	Classified Documents (Y/N)

- (c) please tabulate in the form below information on programme records and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of Records	Years that the Records Covered	Number and Linear Metre of Records	Year of Transfer of Records to GRS	Retention Period Approved by GRS	Classified Documents (Y/N)

- (d) please tabulate in the form below information on records which have been approved by GRS for destruction:

Category of Records	Years that the Records Covered	Number and Linear Metre of Records	Year of Transfer of Records to GRS	Retention Period Approved by GRS	Classified Documents (Y/N)

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department has designated a Departmental Records Manager (DRM) to be responsible for co-ordinating records management matters of the department. DRM is supported by a Deputy Departmental Records Manager and an Assistant Departmental Records Manager. Each Headquarters Division and District Office has its own Records Managers and supporting staff to deal with records management work. Officers of various ranks of the Executive, Secretarial, Confidential Assistant, Clerical and Clerical Assistant Grades are deployed to assist in daily records management work.
- (b) Programme records and administrative records which were closed and not yet transferred to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal for the past three years till 2012 are tabulated below –

Category of Records	Years that the Records Covered	Number and Linear Metre (lm) of Records	Retention Period Approved by GRS	Classified Documents (Y/N)
Administrative Records	1961 – 2012	2 100 (90 lm)	1 – 10 years	Some
Programme Records	1952 – 2012	12 700 (420 lm)	1 – 30 years	Some

- (c) Programme records and administrative records transferred to GRS for retention during the past three years till 2012 are tabulated below –

Category of Records	Years that the Records Covered	Number and Linear Metre (lm) of Records	Year of Transfer of the Records to GRS	Retention Period Approved by GRS	Classified Documents (Y/N)
Administrative Records	1945 – 2008	2 900 (30 lm)	2011	0 year (Note)	N
Programme Records	1969 – 2011	20 900 (80 lm)	2010 – 2012	5 – 17 years	Some

(Note: Records which are retained until obsolete and then referred to GRS for appraisal for destruction or retention by the Public Record Office.)

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

HAB110

Question Serial No.

2895

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As regards overseeing the full implementation of measures to enhance the roles of District Councils (DCs), please advise the following:

- (a) details of the work involved;
- (b) details of the expenditure and the specific breakdown; and
- (c) whether manpower resources of DC Secretariats will be strengthened for the work of the Signature Projects Scheme. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

(a) and (b)

From 2008 onwards, a series of measures have been implemented in the 18 districts to enhance the role and functions of the District Councils (DCs) as set out below –

- (i) increasing the annual provision to DCs in organising Community Involvement (CI) Projects to the current level of \$320 million;
- (ii) providing an annual provision, currently at \$320 million, under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme in districts;
- (iii) involving all DCs in the management of district community facilities, that is, community halls, public libraries, leisure grounds, sports venues, swimming pools and beaches;
- (iv) arranging Heads of Departments with direct interface with the public to attend DC meetings regularly to enhance communication between senior government officials and DCs; and
- (v) organising summits on district administration for exchange of views between the government and DCs.

In terms of additional manpower, three additional posts (namely one Liaison Officer I, one Executive Officer II and one Assistant Clerical Officer) have been provided in each District Office to support the enhanced role and functions of DCs. An additional Liaison Officer II post has also been provided in each of the six districts with the largest populations (namely Eastern, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun and

Yuen Long). These additions are on top of the original 215 posts in the DC Secretariats providing direct support to DCs in district administration.

- (c) To further enhance the District Administration Scheme, the Chief Executive announced in the 2013 Policy Address that a one-off grant of \$100 million would be earmarked for each district in 2013-14 to carry out signature projects that would create a visible and lasting impact to address local needs. The Administration has also earmarked \$200 million to finance preliminary studies and consultancies, and to employ non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff for preparatory and supporting work for SPS projects. To support the signature projects, we will create five civil service posts (including two engineers) which will be time-limited for three years, and plan to employ 58 NCSC staff (mainly project managers, executive assistants, architects and engineers) in 2013-14 to support the Home Affairs Department Headquarters, 18 District Offices and relevant works departments.

In addition to the signature projects, the annual funding for DMW will be increased to \$340 million with effect from 2013-14.

Furthermore, the Chief Executive has announced the plan to inject, with effect from April 2013, an additional \$20.8 million per annum to the CI programmes to strengthen the support for DCs to promote arts and culture in 18 districts. DCs may determine the exact use of the dedicated allocation for activities organised by them and their committees, district organisations or relevant government departments (such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department), having regard to the needs of their districts.

We will also organise a summit to explore ways to further enhance district administration.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN
Post Title: Director of Home Affairs
Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB111

Question Serial No.

2896

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:

As regards the promotion of public participation in community affairs and district activities, please advise the following:

- (a) specific plans in 2013-14;
- (b) details of expenditure on the plans; and
- (c) a detailed breakdown of the plans.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

To promote community building, the Home Affairs Department organises and encourages public participation in various community involvement activities organised by District Councils, District Offices and partner organisations. These activities include district festivals, building management related activities and services, carnivals and events to promote culture and sports, etc. In 2013-14, over 40 000 of such activities will be organised. The total provision allocated to “Programme (2): Community Building” amounts to \$942.4 million. There is no breakdown of expenditure on individual items.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB112

Question Serial No.

2903

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:

As regards enhancing the promotion of culture and arts at the district level, please advise the following:

- (a) specific plans for 2013-14; and
- (b) specific breakdown of the resources and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

(a) and (b)

The Chief Executive has announced in his 2013 Policy Address the plan to inject an additional \$20.8 million per annum to the Community Involvement (CI) programmes to strengthen the support for District Councils (DCs) to promote arts and culture in 18 districts. With such dedicated allocation, DCs will be able to play a more prominent and pro-active role in this area.

The additional funding will be provided to DCs with effect from April 2013. DCs may determine the exact use of the dedicated allocation to provide better support for arts and cultural activities organised by them and their committees, district organisations or relevant government departments (such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department), having regard to the needs of the districts.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB113

Question Serial No.

2916

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:

As regards the provision of support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs), please advise the following:

- (a) details and focus of the programmes;
- (b) resources required for the programmes and the specific breakdown; and
- (c) the expected effectiveness and how they enable NAs and EMs to better integrate into the community.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

(a) & (b)

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 2013-14, HAD will continue to implement a number of existing and enhanced support services for NAs and EMs, comprising –

- (i) \$7.9 million for existing support services for NAs, including district-based integration programmes (such as adaptation courses, mutual help networks, employees' training, volunteer service, community visits, etc.), activities for prospective settlers from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, an ambassador scheme to introduce services to NAs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary, the publication of a service handbook for NAs, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs;
- (ii) \$27.1 million for existing support services for EMs, including the provision of four support service centres for EMs (in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long), district-based integration programmes, an ambassador scheme, two community support teams, three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali and Urdu), language and cross-cultural learning programmes, mobile information service at the airport, publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarships Scheme; and

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

HAB114

Question Serial No.

0853

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will introduce new initiatives to enhance the District Administration Scheme, including implementation of the Signature Projects Scheme. Please advise the number of project proposals received so far and the descriptions of the proposals. What will be the expenditure involved? Is there any assessment on the need for ongoing expenses for project operation? Apart from discussions in the District Councils, were there public consultations on the proposals in the respective districts?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The 18 District Councils (DCs) are actively discussing their project ideas and consulting their stakeholders. So far, no DCs have submitted proposals to the Home Affairs Department. We therefore do not have the relevant project costs and operational expenditures at this stage.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB115

Question Serial No.

0184

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the manpower and expenditure involved in the review of the Building Management Ordinance in 2013-14? Does the expenditure include consultation expenses? If yes, what is the amount?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

In order to keep pace with changing circumstances and to address public concerns, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has established the Review Committee on the Building Management Ordinance (the Review Committee) to identify building management problems and deliberate how they may be resolved or alleviated through amending the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) (BMO). The Review Committee comprises members from relevant professions such as the legal, accounting and engineering fields with rich knowledge in building management. Some experienced management committee members have also been invited to attend meetings of the Review Committee on a need basis in the capacity of co-opted members.

In 2011-12, we created an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C post and a Senior Administrative Officer post on a supernumerary basis lasting for three years to handle work relating to introducing a licensing regime for the property management industry and reviewing the BMO. Any expenses involved in conducting relevant consultation will be absorbed by the HAD internally.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB116

Question Serial No.

0185

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:

During 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will continue to strengthen the support for property owners and residents of private buildings. What are the estimated expenditure and the details?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will continue to strengthen the support for property owners and residents of private buildings, including implementation of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme for buildings which do not have an owners' corporation (OC), nor any form of owners/residents organisations, nor engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called "three nil" buildings); organisation of structured training for members of management committees of OCs; recruitment of owners and residents as Resident Liaison Ambassadors in the "three-nil" buildings for promoting better building management in their buildings; and provision of free professional advice on building management disputes to owners and residents, etc. The total estimated expenditure is \$16.4 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB117

Question Serial No.

0186

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 total expenditure on Rural Public Works projects the Home Affairs Department completed in 2012 is \$85 million. What is the total number of projects completed? Please provide a breakdown of the projects by district.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

In 2012, we completed 85 projects under the Rural Public Works Programme. A breakdown of these projects by district is given below –

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of projects</u>
Islands	21
Kwai Tsing	5
North	8
Sai Kung	4
Sha Tin	4
Tuen Mun	8
Tai Po	7
Tsuen Wan	12
Yuen Long	16
Total	85

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB118

Question Serial No.

0187

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department has formed an additional inspection team to combat unlicensed premises since April 2012. Please advise the establishment of the inspection team, the total expenditure involved and the number of officers responsible for monitoring the work of the team.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

To ensure the safety of lodgers and public, the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) has adopted a multi-pronged approach to combat unlicensed guesthouse activities, including strengthening law enforcement action, enhancing deterrent effect and stepping up publicity. On the enforcement side, the OLA conducted in 2012 more than 6 700 inspections to suspected unlicensed guesthouses, doubling that of 2011. The OLA has also mounted decoy operations during and outside office hours, and set up a dedicated team to closely monitor websites, discussion boards, blogs etc. for collecting information on the Internet about suspicious unlicensed guesthouses on one hand and encouraging visitors to patronise licensed guesthouses on the other.

Currently, the OLA has a team of 42 officers, including both civil servants and non-civil service contract staff with law enforcement experience, for enforcing the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349), Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) and Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573). In 2013-14, three civil service posts will be created under the OLA to strengthen its Enforcement Team. The OLA also plans to employ additional part-time staff to strengthen enforcement action. As the additional staff will be deployed to enforce all four Ordinances, we are unable to provide a breakdown on the expenditure solely for inspections of hotels and guesthouses, and unlicensed premises.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB119

Question Serial No.

1714

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:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14, it is mentioned that the Home Affairs Department will “continue to provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities”.

- (a) Would the Administration inform this Committee of the initiative(s), resources to be allocated and respective work effectiveness?
- (b) What are the details of the services in Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai and Islands District?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

- (a) 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 2013-14, HAD will continue to implement a number of existing and enhanced support services for NAs and EMs, comprising –

- (i) \$7.9 million for existing support services for NAs, including district-based integration programmes (such as adaptation courses, mutual help networks, employees’ training, volunteer service, community visits, etc.), activities for prospective settlers from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, an ambassador scheme to help NAs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary, the publication of a service handbook for NAs, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs;
- (ii) \$27.1 million for existing support services for EMs, including the provision of four support service centres for EMs (in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long), district-based integration programmes, an ambassador scheme, two community support teams, three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali and Urdu), language and cross-cultural learning programmes, mobile information service at the airport, publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarships Scheme; and
- (iii) \$8.3 million for enhanced support services for EMs, including provision of an additional support service centre and two sub-centres in Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively, and provision of two additional radio programmes (i.e. Hindi and Thai).

HAD has been closely monitoring the operation of these support services. The non-governmental organisations concerned are required to submit regular progress reports and user surveys etc. for monitoring purposes. All support services are running smoothly and the feedback from service users are positive.

- (b) The following support services for NAs and EMs are provided in Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai and Islands District –
- (i) The Yuen Long Town Hall Support Service Centre and the associated Chomolongma Multicultural Community Team in Yuen Long as well as the TOUCH Sub-centre in Tung Chung provide support services for EMs to help them integrate into the community, including training classes, integration programmes, counseling, referral services and cultural activities;
 - (ii) The Pakistani Community Support Team in Tin Shui Wai provides dedicated support services for Pakistanis through members of their own community; and
 - (iii) The district-based integration programmes have been implemented in Yuen Long and Tung Chung to provide a range of activities for EMs and NAs, including computer and language classes, job skill training, adaptation courses, etc.

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Date: 28.3.2013

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB120

Question Serial No.

3063

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:

- (a) The number of Rural Public Works (RPW) projects and District Minor Works (DMW) projects completed in 2012 are only 85 and 456 respectively, which has significantly decreased as compared to the figures of 117 and 735 in the previous year. What are the reasons?
- (b) Please list by district the number of RPW projects and DMW projects expected to be carried out in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

- (a) The nature and scale of projects implemented under the District Minor Works (DMW) and Rural Public Works (RPW) Programmes vary year by year. As larger scale and more complex projects were undertaken in 2012, the number of completed projects in that year decreased. The expenditure of the two programmes in 2012-13 are expected to be similar to those in previous financial years.
- (b) The number of DMW and RPW projects expected to be carried out in 2013-14 (including both on-going and new projects) is given below –

District	Number of on-going and new projects expected to be carried out in 2013-14	
	DMW	RPW
Central & Western	4	NA
Eastern	11	NA
Southern	18	NA
Wan Chai	6	NA
Kowloon City	7	NA
Kwun Tong	47	NA
Yau Tsim Mong	18	NA

District	Number of on-going and new projects expected to be carried out in 2013-14	
	DMW	RPW
Sham Shui Po	12	NA
Wong Tai Sin	17	NA
Islands	10	27
Sai Kung	14	14
Tai Po	16	39
Tsuen Wan	7	10
Yuen Long	9	32
Sha Tin	47	6
Tuen Mun	23	8
North	17	18
Kwai Tsing	3	5
Headquarters ¹	3	9
Expected new projects to be endorsed and commence in 2013-14	500	65
Total number of projects	789	233

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¹ For projects grouped under 'Headquarters', they are some term contracts covering services for various districts such as conducting tree group inspections for various minor works construction sites with trees.

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HAB121

Question Serial No.

2425

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:

Would the Administration provide details of the District Minor Works projects and Rural Public Works projects with funding approved in 2011 and 2012, including the nature, location, expenditure, progress and estimated number of beneficiaries of the projects. Please also advise the number of approved minor works projects which will commence construction in 2013. What are the details of these projects and whether the expenditure will be paid out by the provision for 2013? What are the procedures for handling proposals on minor works and the approval mechanism and principles? Is there any mechanism to allow open application for minor works and whether there are public consultations on these projects? If no, will such an application mechanism be introduced and public consultations on minor works projects be carried out starting this year?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG, Kenneth

Reply:

Projects under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme are proposed by the 18 District Councils (DCs) for improving the local facilities, living environment and hygiene conditions in their districts. DC members will consider views from locals before putting up proposals to their DCs for consideration and endorsement. DCs will consider whether the proposed projects fall within the ambit of the Programme having regard to their scope of works, benefits to the public, project estimates and timetable for implementation, etc. They will also prioritise the approved projects and monitor implementation.

The Rural Public Works (RPW) Programme funds minor works projects which aim to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories (NT). It operates on a two-tier management structure involving a Steering Committee and a District Working Group (DWG) for each of the nine NT districts. The DWGs consider project proposals which are mostly initiated by the locals and the Rural Committees (RCs), based on similar criteria as the DMW Programme. Proposals endorsed by the DWGs will be put up to the Steering Committee which is chaired by the Director of Home Affairs for approval.

While DC members and the RPW DWGs will identify project proposals after collating local views and district aspirations, they would consult relevant stakeholders such as resident organisations, Area Committees, RCs, Village Representatives, as appropriate, under the programmes.

The number of DMW and RPW projects approved in 2011 and 2012 with breakdown by district is given in the table below. The projects are located in the various districts in the territory. Their costs differ and broadly range from \$0.1 million to \$19.0 million, and their works periods range from one month to several years. It is anticipated that about 500 DMW and 65 RPW projects will commence construction in 2013-14 and some of them will incur payment in the same year.

District	Number of DMW projects approved	
	2011	2012
Central & Western	31	21
Eastern	21	43
Southern	47	40
Wan Chai	3	15
Kowloon City	34	37
Kwun Tong	59	41
Yau Tsim Mong	38	25
Sham Shui Po	58	45
Wong Tai Sin	26	2
Islands	20	45
Sai Kung	12	14
Tai Po	10	19
Tsuen Wan	41	35
Yuen Long	44	33
Sha Tin	31	32
Tuen Mun	23	17
North	7	26
Kwai Tsing	27	34
Headquarters ¹	3	7
Total number of projects approved	535	531
Total estimated project cost (\$ million)	393.906	363.079

¹ For projects grouped under 'Headquarters', they are some term contracts covering services for various districts such as conducting tree group inspections for various minor works construction sites with trees.

District	Number of RPW projects approved	
	2011	2012
Islands	13	20
Kwai Tsing	7	7
North	13	9
Sai Kung	10	7
Sha Tin	9	6
Tuen Mun	5	5
Tai Po	18	9
Tsuen Wan	8	9
Yuen Long	24	22
Headquarters	0	1
Total number of projects approved	107	95
Total estimated project cost (\$ million)	104.768	118.368

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

HAB122

Question Serial No.

0646

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the reasons for the Home Affairs Department to provide subventions to New Territories organisations and district sports and arts associations? What is the detailed breakdown of the expenditure? Please provide the list of the New Territories organisations and district sports and arts associations receiving subventions in the past five years (including 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) gives subsidies to a number of categories of rural organisations in the New Territories to help meet their administrative expenses and to facilitate their work. These organisations are the Heung Yee Kuk, Rural Committees and Village Offices. Detailed breakdown of the expenditure is set out below –

Organisation	Estimated sum of subsidies for 2012-13
Heung Yee Kuk	\$2,652,000
Rural Committees (Total number: 27)	\$4,714,000
Village Offices (Total number: 207)	\$480,000

As for sports and arts at the district level, under the Community Involvement (CI) Fund, District Councils (DC) are provided with annual funding to finance sports, arts and culture programmes organised by them and their committees, district organisations and/or relevant government departments. From 2013-14 onwards, DCs will be provided with an additional \$20,800,000 per annum under the CI Fund to strengthen the support for promoting arts and culture in 18 districts.

Community Sports Subvention Scheme and Community Arts Subvention Scheme

District	Community Sports Subvention Scheme for 2012-13 (\$)	Community Arts Subvention Scheme for 2012-13 (\$)
1. Central & Western	100,000	100,000
2. Eastern	100,000	100,000
3. Kowloon City	100,000	100,000
4. Kwun Tong	100,000	100,000
5. Sham Shui Po	100,000	100,000
6. Southern	100,000	100,000
7. Wan Chai	100,000	100,000
8. Wong Tai Sin	100,000	100,000
9. Yau Tsim Mong (Note 1)	200,000	100,000
10. Islands	100,000	100,000
11. Kwai Tsing	100,000	100,000
12. North	100,000	100,000
13. Sai Kung	100,000	100,000
14. Sha Tin	100,000	100,000
15. Tai Po	100,000	100,000
16. Tsuen Wan	100,000	100,000
17. Tuen Mun	100,000	100,000
18. Yuen Long	100,000	100,000
19. The New Territories Regional Sports Association (Note 2)	100,000	0
Total	2,000,000	1,800,000

Note 1: An additional \$100,000 is granted as there were additional district sports associations established in the former Yau Tsim and Mong Kok districts before their merging into one district.

Note 2: An additional \$100,000 is granted for the New Territories Regional Sports Association for promotion of sports activities in the New Territories.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB123

Question Serial No.

1078

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:

District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) comprising Liaison Officers have been set up in the District Offices to provide local residents with comprehensive services on building management. In addition, to further strengthen the support for property owners of old buildings, the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) has been implemented since 2011, which engaged property management companies to provide professional advisory service on building management for over 1 000 old buildings throughout Hong Kong. In this connection, would the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13), what was the expenditure on supporting owners' corporations (OCs) and management of residential buildings in the community, including expenditure on the DBMLTs and BMPASS mentioned above? Please provide a detailed breakdown of the various expenditure.
- (b) Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the various initiatives, including the DBMLTs and BMPASS mentioned above? If yes, what are the results? What is the expenditure involved in the next three years (2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016)? Will the Administration implement any intensified initiatives to enhance the support for OCs and building management in various districts? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

It is the Government's policy to encourage owners of private multi-storey buildings to form owners' corporations (OCs) to facilitate effective building management. Since 2001, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has set up dedicated District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) in the 18 District Offices to provide support services to owners and OCs. In the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13), there were respectively 115, 118 and 120 Liaison Officers engaged in building management duties in HAD Headquarters and 18 districts. The expenditure involved was around \$49.9 million, \$51.0 million and \$57.8 million respectively.

To further strengthen the support for owners of old buildings, the HAD has introduced a number of building management initiatives since 2011, including implementation of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) to provide one-stop services for owners of buildings which do not have an OC or any form of owners/residents organisations or engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called "three nil" buildings) in conducting management audit for the fire services, electrical and other facilities of the buildings, forming OCs, applying for various subsidies or loan schemes, and following up on the maintenance works and matters relating to tenders; organisation of structured training for members of

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HAB124

Question Serial No.

1084

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Policy Address has announced that an allocation of \$100 million will be earmarked for each District Council (DC) to implement a maximum of two projects under the Signature Projects Scheme. The Kowloon City DC has decided to make use of the piece of unused land at the back of the Cattle Depot Artist Village in To Kwa Wan and turn it into an amenity area. Will additional funding be available to develop the Cattle Depot cultural area into a historic architectural ground similar to Tianzifang in Shanghai and Clarke Quay in Singapore so as to provide local artists with a venue for exhibitions close to the community and to make the Cattle Depot the cultural landmark of Kowloon City district? If yes, what is the additional expenditure for the project? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

The Chief Executive announced in his 2013 Policy Address that a grant of \$100 million would be earmarked for each district for the implementation of the Signature Projects Scheme (SPS). The grant is of one-off nature. No additional funds will be provided to districts if they exhaust their grants under the SPS.

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Date: 28.3.2013

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HAB125

Question Serial No.

2456

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:

- (a) Regarding community involvement (CI) projects, please provide a breakdown by District Council (DC) of the expenditure in the past three financial years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the estimate for the coming financial year (2013-14).
- (b) Please tabulate in the form below details of the CI projects implemented with DC funds for the past three financial years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Year	Areas of Expenditure (\$ million)						Total actual expenditure (\$ million)
	Community building activities	District sports activities	Arts and culture programmes	Greening activities	Volunteer activities	Others	
2010-11							
2011-12							
2012-13							

- (c) The provision for CI projects will be increased by \$20.8 million, what are the respective allocations to each of the 18 DCs? What are the criteria for allocation?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The funds allocated to the 18 District Council (DCs) in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 for implementation of community involvement (CI) projects are set out below –

	District Council	2010-11 (Actual expenditure) (\$)	2011-12 (Actual expenditure) (\$)	2012-13* (Revised estimated expenditure)# (\$)
1.	Central & Western	14,264,463	13,002,289	13,900,000
2.	Eastern	18,149,329	18,994,785	20,300,000
3.	Kowloon City	13,321,562	13,396,176	14,300,000
4.	Kwun Tong	22,145,305	20,746,501	23,000,000
5.	Sham Shui Po	17,841,747	18,032,367	18,800,000
6.	Southern	12,182,158	12,428,463	13,100,000
7.	Wan Chai	10,233,981	10,215,463	10,700,000
8.	Wong Tai Sin	19,181,685	18,547,063	19,600,000
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	17,861,086	16,314,289	17,500,000
10.	Islands	11,960,055	13,010,086	13,800,000
11.	Kwai Tsing	20,169,735	19,726,027	21,100,000
12.	North	15,315,485	16,069,150	16,900,000
13.	Sai Kung	15,174,294	16,010,630	15,800,000
14.	Sha Tin	20,514,159	21,290,865	21,900,000
15.	Tai Po	15,389,187	14,558,513	15,500,000
16.	Tsuen Wan	13,225,000	13,500,000	14,400,000
17.	Tuen Mun	21,174,458	20,992,480	21,600,000
18.	Yuen Long	20,630,289	22,303,658	22,900,000
	Total :	298,733,978	299,138,805	315,100,000

* Of the \$320 million provided for the organisation of CI projects in 2012-13, \$4,900,000 is used as contingency funds.

Redeployment of funds will be carried out towards the end of the financial year having regard to the latest spending position of the DCs.

We will consider the amount of funds to be allocated to each of the DCs in 2013-14, taking into account the operational experience in the past years.

- (b) Details of the CI projects implemented with DC funds in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 are set out below –

Year	Areas of Expenditure [¶] (\$ million)						Total actual expenditure (\$ million)
	Community building activities	District sports activities [§]	Arts and culture programmes	Greening activities	Volunteer activities [^]	Others	
2010-11	30.4	136.5	26.6	6.6	18.8	79.8	298.7
2011-12	27.9	136.4	28.5	4.8	18.5	83	299.1
2012-13 [@]	20.9	131	25.4	3.9	13	84.5	278.7

¶ Based on the provision of funds, DCs may identify and initiate programmes and activities for implementation to meet the needs of their districts.

@ The total provision for 2012-13 is \$320 million. The latest figures on expenditure up to mid-March 2013 are provided, which are subject to change as further payments will be made towards the end of the financial year.

§ As data on leisure and sports activities are kept as a whole, leisure activities are also included in the item of district sports activities.

^ As no specific data are kept for the item of volunteer activities, figures on promotion of community service are provided. It should be noted that other categories of CI projects may also involve volunteer services.

- (c) In 2013-14, the annual provision for implementing CI projects will be increased by \$20.8 million to \$340.8 million. The additional fund is provided to the 18 DCs specifically for the promotion of arts and culture at the district level. In allocating the resources to the 18 DCs, the Administration will take into account factors like population size, socio-economic factors, land area and the past pattern of fund utilisation. We will consider the amount of funds to be allocated to each of the DCs in 2013-14 having regard to the above-mentioned factors.

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Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

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HAB126

Question Serial No.

2468

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide to this Committee the following information of each of the 18 District Council (DC) Secretariats:

- (a) The establishment of each DC Secretariat;
- (b) The total expenditure of each DC Secretariat in the financial year 2012-13; and
- (c) The estimated expenditure of each DC Secretariat in the financial year 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The establishment of each of the 18 District Council (DC) Secretariats is shown in the Annex.
- (b) & (c) The staff cost of each of the DC Secretariats is set out in the Annex. There is no breakdown on the operating expenses of the DC Secretariats. Such expenses are subsumed under the operating expenditure of the Home Affairs Department.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

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Date: 28.3.2013

Establishment of District Council Secretariats

	C&W	E	S	WC	KC	KT	SSP	WTS	YTM	Is	K&T	N	SK	ST	TP	TW	TM	YL	Total	
No. of Staff	14	16	12	14	13	16	16	15	17	14	18	12	13	15	18	19	13	20	275	
*Staff Cost Involved (\$ million)	2012-13	5.369	6.513	4.577	4.911	4.791	5.763	5.487	5.812	5.653	4.728	6.050	4.374	4.365	5.354	5.786	6.129	4.709	5.960	96.331

The estimated staff establishment and staff cost figures for 2013-14 are the same as the corresponding figures for 2012-13.

* Staff cost based on notional mid-point salary values.

Legend

C&W	Central & Western	Is	Islands
E	Eastern	K&T	Kwai Tsing
S	Southern	N	North
WC	Wan Chai	SK	Sai Kung
KC	Kowloon City	ST	Sha Tin
KT	Kwun Tong	TP	Tai Po
SSP	Sham Shui Po	TW	Tsuen Wan
WTS	Wong Tai Sin	TM	Tuen Mun
YTM	Yau Tsim Mong	YL	Yuen Long

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB127

Question Serial No.

2484

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 Brief Description 11 of Programme (2) that “the Department continued to co-ordinate building management matters and provide comprehensive advice and service to the public on building management issues”. Would the Administration advise this Committee of:

- (a) the establishment of Liaison Officers (LOs) and the total expenditure involved in the financial year 2012-13;
- (b) the respective establishment and total expenditure of District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) in the financial year 2012-13;
- (c) the number of Community Organisers (COs) employed by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the total expenditure involved in the financial year 2012-13, and specify the number of COs responsible for building management and the total expenditure involved;
- (d) the number of meetings convened by buildings HAD attended in the financial year 2012-13, with a breakdown of the number of meetings attended by LOs and COs;
- (e) the number of buildings covered by the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) by district, the evaluation on the present BMPASS by the HAD, and the estimated expenditure on BMPASS (for the whole contract period of BMPASS).

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) As at the end of March 2013, the establishment of Liaison Officers (LOs) in Home Affairs Department (HAD) is 474; and the total expenditure involved is \$231.7 million.
- (b) Currently, there are 120 Liaison Officers engaged in building management duties in HAD Headquarters and the District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) in 18 districts. The total expenditure involved is \$57.8 million in 2012-13. The establishment of DBMLTs in respective district is as follows –

District	No. of LOs engaged in Building Management duties
Central & Western (C&W)	9
Eastern (E)	5

District	No. of LOs engaged in Building Management duties
Kowloon City (KC)	12
Kwun Tong (KT)	6
Southern (S)	3
Sham Shui Po (SSP)	14
Wan Chai (WC)	8
Wong Tai Sin (WTS)	4
Yau Tsim Mong (YTM)	13
Islands (Is)	2
Kwai Tsing (K&T)	5
North (N)	2
Sai Kung (SK)	3
Sha Tin (ST)	6
Tuen Mun (TM)	3
Tai Po (TP)	3
Tsuen Wan (TW)	3
Yuen Long (YL)	3
Total:	104

- (c) In addition to LOs, HAD employs Community Organisers (COs) on part-time basis to assist LOs in performing various liaison duties. In 2012-13, a total of 1 321 COs have been employed and the total expenditure involved is \$14.3 million. As the COs assist LOs to perform various liaison duties, we do not have the breakdown of the number of COs specifically engaged in building management duties.
- (d) In 2012, the HAD staff paid a total of 49 034 visits to buildings, including attending meetings of owners' corporations (OCs). We do not have the breakdown of the number of meetings attended by LOs and COs.
- (e) Under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS), professional property management companies (PMCs) have been engaged to provide one-stop advisory service to 1 200 buildings which do not have an OC or any form of owners/residents organisations or engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called "three nil" buildings). For the purpose of implementing the BMPASS, the territory is divided into seven regions according to the number of old buildings in each district. The number of target buildings are 280 in YTM, KC and SSP respectively, 210 on Hong Kong Island (C&W, WC, E and S), and 50 in Kowloon East (KT and WTS), New Territories West (TW, K&T, TM YL and Is) and New Territories East (N, ST, TP and SK) respectively. The services provided by the PMCs to the owners include preparing management audit reports for the fire services, electrical and other facilities of the buildings, assisting in forming OCs,

applying for various subsidies or loan schemes, and following up on the maintenance works and matters relating to tenders, etc. An annual provision of \$16 million for a period of three years has been earmarked for HAD to cover the service fees for the PMCs and to create five Liaison Officer grade posts and a non-civil service contract position for implementing the BMPASS.

As at February 2013, the PMCs had conducted more than 6 400 household visits, completed the management audit reports for all 1 200 targeted buildings, and formed or re-activated about 100 OCs. The PMCs are assisting the OCs to apply for various financial assistance schemes and to appoint Authorised Persons/contractors for the maintenance works. HAD has been closely monitoring the performance of the PMCs and will review the BMPASS before its completion in March 2014.

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HAB128

Question Serial No.

1751

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please tabulate in the form below details of the work and expenditure of the support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs). Has the Department reviewed the effectiveness of the services? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? In the financial year 2013, will the Department consider increasing or reducing the grants to the non-profit making organisations concerned? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? Has the Government studied the feasibility of provision of more support services for EMs by the public sector in future?

Service Organisations	Number of Service Targets	Type of Services	Service Effectiveness	Operating cost

Asked by: Hon. MO, Claudia

Reply:

Since 2009, the Government has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to run four support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs) in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long to provide various tailor-made support services with a view to facilitating their early integration into the community.

To enhance the support services for EMs, the Government has set up an additional support service centre in Yau Tsim Mong and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung since December 2012.

We have been closely monitoring the operation of these centres. The non-governmental organisations concerned are required to submit regular progress reports and user surveys etc. for monitoring purposes. All support services are running smoothly and the feedbacks from service users are positive.

We will continue to enhance, monitor and review the support services provided to EMs.

The details of the support service centres are as follows –

Service Organisations	Number of Service Targets (annual)	Type of Services	Service Effectiveness	Operating cost (Annual)
International Social Service – Hong Kong Branch (Wan Chai)	3 900	- various tailor-made learning classes - after-school tutorial classes - counselling and referral services - integration programmes (including computer classes and employment workshop etc)	Effective	\$3.79 million
Hong Kong Christian Service* (Kwun Tong)	9 600		Effective	\$7.00 million
Christian Action (Tuen Mun)	7 200		Effective	\$5.00 million
Yuen Long Town Hall (Yuen Long)	12 400		Effective	\$4.95 million
New Home Association (Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	11 000		Effective	\$5.72 million
Neighbourhood Advice Action Council (Tung Chung)	1 100		Effective	\$1.54 million

* The operator also provides centralised telephone interpretation and translation service (English and six EM languages) to assist EMs in their use of public services.

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Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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HAB129

Question Serial No.

1752

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please tabulate in the form below details of the existing support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) provided by government departments and public organisations and the expenditure involved. Will there be any increase or reduction in the support services for EMs provided by government departments and public organisations? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Government Department/ Public Organisation	Description of Service	Language Used	Number of Service Recipients	Operating Cost

Asked by: Hon. MO, Claudia

Reply:

At present, services for ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments according to their respective policies. For example, education support is provided by the Education Bureau, employment services and vocational training provided by the Labour Department and the Employees Retraining Board, welfare services provided or subsidised by the Social Welfare Department, public housing provided by the Housing Department, and public healthcare services provided by the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health.

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) provides support services for EMs to facilitate their early integration into the community. In December 2012, in addition to four existing support service centres for EMs in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long, we provided an additional centre in Yau Tsim Mong District and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung to provide various tailor-made learning classes, after-school tutorial classes, counselling and referral services, and integration programmes (including computer classes and employment workshops etc). In addition to three existing radio programmes (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali and Urdu), two additional radio programmes (i.e. Hindi and Thai) were introduced in March 2013 to keep EMs abreast of updated government services and information.

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

HAB130

Question Serial No.

1753

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:

Please tabulate in the form below details of the publicly-funded District Minor Works projects implemented by the 18 District Councils since 2007. What are the criteria for the approval of funding? Is there any monitoring of the projects during construction? Have the residents been consulted to review the effectiveness of the projects upon completion? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

District Council	Date	Project Title	Site of Project	Construction Cost	Works Period	District Council Member/ Unit that Submitted the Proposal	Project Objective	Number of Beneficiaries	Name of Contractor	Residents' Views after Completion of Project

Asked by: Hon. MO, Claudia

Reply:

Projects under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme are proposed by the 18 District Councils (DCs). DC members will consider views from locals before putting up proposals to their DCs for consideration and endorsement. DCs will consider if the proposed projects fall within the ambit of the Programme having regard to their scope of works, benefits to the public, project estimates and timetable for implementation, etc. They will also prioritise the approved projects for implementation.

As for the monitoring of DMW projects, the two lead departments under the Programme, namely the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), follow government procedures for inviting, assessing and awarding the tenders/quotations. HAD's works teams, LCSD's works agent and consultants/resident site staff employed by consultants conduct site inspections and monitor the implementation.

DCs receive feedback on completed DMW projects from local residents and different sectors of the community from time to time. To gauge the views of users and the general public more systematically on completed DMW projects, HAD plans to conduct a survey on customer feedback on DMW projects in 2013-14.

Since the launch of the DMW Programme in 2008, the 18 districts have completed about 3 200 projects amounting to a total expenditure of some \$1,350 million. The costs of individual DMW projects differ and broadly range from \$0.1 million to \$17 million, and their works periods range from one month to 47 months. The number of DMW projects with breakdown by district and year of completion is given below –

District	Number of projects completed				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 28.2.2013)
Yuen Long	4	15	24	42	21
Tuen Mun	15	38	24	22	22
Kwun Tong	40	90	46	50	34
Sha Tin	28	58	35	45	26
Kwai Tsing	41	42	50	37	17
North	32	27	30	18	13
Sai Kung	18	25	30	32	13
Tai Po	16	25	30	13	5
Sham Shui Po	83	83	73	42	29
Wong Tai Sin	21	30	25	18	4
Islands	35	30	54	41	47
Eastern	41	42	30	36	20
Yau Tsim Mong	29	29	46	30	23
Tsuen Wan	36	54	42	45	33
Kowloon City	43	53	65	62	25
Southern	60	69	78	56	36
Central & Western	49	72	70	40	11

District	Number of projects completed				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 28.2.2013)
Wan Chai	35	21	23	15	9
Headquarters ¹	3	1	4	6	3
Total number of projects completed	629	804	779	650	391
Total project cost (\$ million)	146.353	302.055	324.790	331.956	241.558

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Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

¹ For projects grouped under 'Headquarters', they are some term contracts covering services for various districts such as conducting tree group inspections for various minor works construction sites with trees.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB131

Question Serial No.

1596

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:

As regards Local Environmental Improvements, has the Administration conducted any survey on the effects of the works projects and the satisfaction level of the residents and made assessment on the effectiveness? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

We receive feedback from District Councils, local residents and different sectors of the community on our local improvement works from time to time. We plan to conduct a structured survey to gauge users' feedback on the projects completed under the District Minor Works Programme in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB132

Question Serial No.

3100

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department has stated that the number of non-directorate posts would be increased by 25 to 1 908 posts as at 31 March 2014. Please inform this Committee of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The grades, ranks and salaries of the posts concerned and the work nature of each are as follows –

Grade	Rank	Mid-point Salary (\$)	Nature of Work
Administrative Officer	Administrative Officer	62,810	Enhancing the District Administration Scheme
Executive Officer	Senior Executive Officer	68,735	
Clerical Officer	Assistant Clerical Officer	17,835	Enhancing the District Administration Scheme through implementation of the Signature Projects Scheme, which was announced in the 2013 Chief Executive's Policy Address
Engineer	Senior Engineer	93,760	
	Engineer/Assistant Engineer	68,735 / 34,575	
Treasury Accountant	Treasury Accountant	65,695	
Building Surveyor	Building Surveyor / Assistant Building Surveyor	65,695 / 34,575	
Survey Officer	Senior Survey Officer	39,640	Improving the licensing and enforcement work of the Office of the Licensing Authority
	Survey Officer / Survey Officer Trainee	24,715 / 11,760	
Station Officer	Senior Station Officer / Station Officer	62,695 / 48,285	
Clerical Assistant	Clerical Assistant	13,910	
Official Languages Officer	Official Languages Officer II	31,525	Strengthening translation services for the District Councils
Executive Officer	Executive Officer II	33,020	Phasing out long-term non-civil service contract positions
Analyst/Programmer	Analyst/Programmer I	49,870	
Computer Operator	Computer Operator II / Student Computer Operator	18,935 / 11,760	
Clerical Officer	Assistant Clerical Officer	17,835	

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

HAB133

Question Serial No.

2928

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 performance measures in respect of community building under this Programme that the respective average usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community centres (CCs) and community halls (CHs) in 2012 were 76% and 73.9% only.

- (a) Please provide a detailed breakdown by district of the utilisation of multi-purpose halls in CCs, including the hiring frequency of venues and types of activities held at the venues. Please also advise the annual provision required for the operation of CCs.
- (b) Please provide a detailed breakdown by district of the utilisation of multi-purpose halls in CHs, including the hiring frequency of venues and types of activities held at the venues. Please also advise the annual provision required for the operation of CHs.
- (c) Has the Administration examined the reasons for the low usage rates of some CCs or CHs? Will there be any measures to increase their usage rates? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

(a) & (b)

The average usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community centres (CCs) and community halls (CHs) in 2012 are at Annex. The multi-purpose halls are made available for hiring by local organisations for organising community building activities such as meetings of local organisations, civic education activities, training courses, recreational and cultural activities, etc. Some of them also serve as temporary shelters for people in need during natural disaster, emergency situations and inclement weather. The operational expenses of CCs and CHs in 2011-12 were \$39.8 million and \$46.3 million respectively.

(c)

The usage rates of multi-purpose halls in CCs / CHs are worked out on the basis of the time-slots taken up, against the total time-slots available, including non-peak hours, such as meal time and in early morning. It should be noted that the multi-purpose halls in a number of districts are fully booked for Saturdays, Sundays and during evening hours on weekdays. A few multi-purpose halls located in remote areas have lower usage rates. A thorough review on the operational issues of CHs / CCs was conducted in 2011-12 and some recommendations of good practices had been implemented after consultation with District Councils (DCs). We will continue to work with DCs to consider further improvement measures, including the upgrading of audio-visual equipment, with a view to enhancing the utilisation of CHs / CCs.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

Usage Rate of Community Centres (CCs) in 2012

District	CCs	Usage Rate (%)
Eastern	Causeway Bay CC	63.7
Southern	South Horizon Neighbourhood CC	68.7
	Wah Kwai CC	80.9
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong CC	61.5
	Lam Tin (West) Estate CC	35.4
	Lok Wah Estate CC	84.8
	Sai Tso Wan Neighbourhood CC	69.9
	Sau Mau Ping (Central) Estate CC	51.8
	Shun Lee Estate CC	55.4
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	73.3
	Nam Cheong District CC	75.7
	Tai Hang Tung CC	74.0
Wong Tai Sin	Choi Wan Estate CC	69.0
	Chuk Yuen Estate CC	78.7
	Fung Tak Estate CC	84.4
	Tze Wan Shan (South) Estate CC	79.5
	Tung Tau CC	64.3
	Wong Tai Sin CC	85.9
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong CC	79.4
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching Estate CC	78.3
	Cheung Fat Estate CC	74.5
	Tai Wo Hau Estate CC	77.1
Sai Kung	King Lam Neighbourhood CC	83.2
	Sai Kung Town Hall	78.3

District	CCs	Usage Rate (%)
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC	96.9
	Hin Keng Neighbourhood CC	87.8
	Lung Hang Estate CC	88.3
Tai Po	Fu Heng Neighbourhood CC	72.6
	Tai Po CC	75.9
	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	78.3
	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	81.0
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	80.9
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Bay Estate CC	89.0
	Leung King Estate CC	83.9
	On Ting/Yau Oi CC	78.0
Yuen Long	Tin Shui CC	80.8
	Tin Yiu CC	72.5
Overall Average		76.0

Usage Rate of Community Halls (CHs) in 2012

District	CHs	Usage Rate (%)
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex CH	53.9
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	78.5
	Hing Wah CH	61.4
	Quarry Bay CH	77.5
	Siu Sai Wan CH	59.5
	Yue Wan CH	69.0
Southern	Ap Lei Chau CH	62.3
	Lei Tung CH	73.1
	Stanley CH	33.9
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	65.1
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip CH	68.3
	Lam Tin (East) CH	71.1
	Yau Tong CH	43.8
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok CH	83.8
	Lai Kok CH	77.5
	Mei Foo CH	74.2
	Pak Tin CH	76.0
	Shek Kip Mei CH	78.0
Wong Tai Sin	Tze Wan Shan CH	79.2
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH	70.6
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Hang CH	82.4
	Kwai Fong CH	91.2

District	CHs	Usage Rate (%)
Kwai Tsing (cont'd)	Kwai Shing CH	63.3
	Lai King CH	74.5
	Shek Lei CH	73.6
	Tsing Yi Estate CH	74.0
North	Cheung Wah CH	77.6
	Luen Wo Hui CH	76.9
	Sha Tau Kok CH	27.4
	Ta Kwu Ling CH	31.9
Sai Kung	Hang Hau CH	80.7
	Kin Choi CH	80.2
	Lohas Park CH	62.0
	Sheung Tak CH	78.8
	Tsui Lam CH	66.2
Sha Tin	Chun Shek CH	92.3
	Kwong Yuen CH	93.8
	Lee On CH	92.0
	Lek Yuen CH	92.1
	Mei Tin CH	87.6
	Pok Hong CH	92.5
	Sha Kok CH	90.1
	Sun Tin Wai CH	91.6
	Wo Che CH	89.6

District	CHs	Usage Rate (%)
Tai Po	Fu Shin CH	84.2
	Kwong Fuk CH	77.1
	Tai Yuen CH	77.3
Tsuen Wan	Lei Muk Shue CH	82.8
	Shek Wai Kok CH	82.1
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH	77.0
	Shan King CH	71.9
	Tai Hing CH	68.5
	Tseng Choi Street CH	76.8
	Tuen Mun Town Centre CH	91.1
	Wu Shan Road CH	69.5
Yuen Long	Long Ping CH	84.0
	Tin Ching CH	82.6
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	50.9
	Tung Chung CH	69.3
Overall Average		73.9

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

HAB134

Question Serial No.

2929

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 Matters Requiring Special Attention under this Programme this year that the Home Affairs Department will continue to provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities. Please advise the following:

- (a) What are the support services and what are the details of the programmes and the expenditure involved?
- (b) What are the provisions for subventing organisations or bodies for providing the support services, the organisations or bodies subvented, the amount of subvention to the organisations and bodies, the situations of subvention such as administrative procedures for applying for subvention and the proportion of subvention for the respective organisations and bodies? Please list by year for the past five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- (a) 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 2013-14, HAD will continue to implement a number of existing and enhanced support services for NAs and EMs to help them integrate into the community, including –

- (i) \$7.9 million for existing support services for NAs, including district-based integration programmes (such as adaptation courses, mutual help networks, employees' training, volunteer service, community visits, etc.), activities for prospective settlers from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live in Hong Kong, an ambassador scheme to help NAs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary, the publication of a service handbook for NAs, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs;
- (ii) \$27.1 million for existing support services for EMs, including the provision of four support service centres for EMs (in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long), district-based integration programmes, an ambassador scheme, two community support teams, three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali and Urdu), language and cross-cultural learning programmes, mobile information service at the airport, publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog,

Thai and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarships Scheme; and

(iii) \$8.3 million for enhanced support services for EMs, including provision of an additional support service centre and two sub-centres in Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively, and provision of two additional radio programmes (i.e. Hindi and Thai).

(b) The support services for EMs have been transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) to HAD since April 2011. A number of new initiatives have been implemented by HAD for EMs and NAs since then. The provision for non-governmental organisations to operate the support services for the past five years (from 2008-09 to 2012-13) is set out in the Annex.

The non-governmental organisations concerned are commissioned by HAD through an open and competitive selection process in accordance with established rules and procedures. The provision for the non-governmental organisations covers non-recurrent and/or recurrent costs required to provide the support services. We do not have information on the proportion of subvention for the respective non-governmental organisations in relation to their total income/expenditure.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

**Provision of Support Services for
Ethnic Minorities (EMs) and New Arrivals (NAs) under Home Affairs Department (HAD)**

Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)	Actual Expenditure 2008-09 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2009-10 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2010-11 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2011-12 (\$ million)	Revised Estimates 2012-13 (\$ million)
(A) Support services for EMs¹					
(a) Support service centres for EMs – Christian Action – Hong Kong Christian Service – International Social Service – Hong Kong Branch – New Home Association – Neighbourhood Advice - Action Council – Yuen Long Town Hall	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	15.8	25.8
(b) District-based integration Programmes – The programmes for EMs are implemented in six districts with a greater demand for services. – The NGOs commissioned for the provision of the programmes may vary from year to year. The NGOs which previously provided or currently provide the support services include – - Hong Kong Christian Service - HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre - International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch - Salvation Army Tuen Mun East Integrated Service for Young People - Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	1.0	1.2

¹ The support services for EMs have been transferred from Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau to HAD since April 2011. The above table contains the provision of HAD only.

Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)	Actual Expenditure 2008-09 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2009-10 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2010-11 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2011-12 (\$ million)	Revised Estimates 2012-13 (\$ million)
- Yang Oi Tong Community Centre - Yuen Long Town Hall					
(c) Ambassador scheme — International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	0.55 ²	0.36 ³
(d) Others (language courses, community support teams, etc.) — The NGOs commissioned for the provision of support services may vary from year to year. The NGOs which previously provided or currently provide the support services include – - Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service - Caritas Hong Kong - Hong Kong Family Welfare Society - Hong Kong Integrated Nepalese Society - HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre - International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch - Metro Broadcast - Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council - Pakistan Islamic Welfare Union - Radio Television Hong Kong - YMCA of Hong Kong	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	3.8	3.6
Sub-total of (A)	-	-	-	21.15	30.96

² Including partial payment for the first year's ambassador scheme for EMs introduced in mid-March 2012. The payment of the balance will be made after the completion of the scheme in March 2013.

³ Including partial payment for the second year's ambassador scheme for EMs commenced in mid-March 2013. The payment of the balance will be made after the completion of the scheme in March 2014.

Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)	Actual Expenditure 2008-09 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2009-10 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2010-11 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2011-12 (\$ million)	Revised Estimates 2012-13 (\$ million)
(B) Support services for NAs					
(a) District-based integration programmes — The programmes for NAs are implemented in six districts with a greater demand for services. — The NGOs commissioned for the provision of the programmes may vary from year to year. The NGOs which previously provided or currently provide the support services include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hong Kong Christian Service - HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre - International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch - Salvation Army Tuen Mun East Integrated Service for Young People - Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service - Yang Oi Tong Community Centre - Yuen Long Town Hall 	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	2.63	3.0
(b) Expectation management programmes — International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch — New Home Association	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	0.74 ⁴	2.35 ⁵

⁴ Including partial payment for the first year's expectation management programmes for NAs introduced in November 2011.

⁵ Including (a) payment of the balance after the completion of the first year's expectation management programmes for NAs in October 2012, and (b) partial payment for the second year's programmes commenced in November 2012. The payment of the balance will be made after the completion of programmes in October 2013.

Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)	Actual Expenditure 2008-09 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2009-10 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2010-11 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2011-12 (\$ million)	Revised Estimates 2012-13 (\$ million)
(c) Ambassador scheme — New Home Association	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	0	0.60 ⁶
(d) Other miscellaneous support services (such as adaptation courses and community activities) — The NGOs commissioned for the provision of the support services may vary from year to year. The NGOs which previously provided or currently provide the support services include – - Asian Outreach - Christian Action - Caritas Hong Kong - Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre - Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong - Haven of Hope Christian Service - Hong Kong Christian Service - Hong Kong Employment Development Service - Hong Kong Family Welfare Society - Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres - Hong Kong Playground Association - Hong Kong Single Parents Association - Hong Kong Young Men's Christian Association - International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch	0.55	0.52	0.54	0.15	0.24

⁶ Including partial payment for the first year's ambassador scheme for NAs commenced in late March 2012. The payment of the balance will be made after the completion of the scheme in March 2013.

Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)	Actual Expenditure 2008-09 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2009-10 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2010-11 (\$ million)	Actual Expenditure 2011-12 (\$ million)	Revised Estimates 2012-13 (\$ million)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lok Kwan Social Service Centre - Mission to New Arrivals - Mong Kok Kai Fong Chan Hing Social Service Centre - Neighbourhood Advice-action Council - HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre - The ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association - The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong - The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong - The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council - The Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship - The Salvation Army - Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong - Yuen Long Town Hall 					
<i>Sub-total of (B)</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>0.52</i>	<i>0.54</i>	<i>3.52</i>	<i>6.19</i>
Total of (A) and (B) above	0.55	0.52	0.54	24.67	37.15

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

HAB135

Question Serial No.

3094

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:

Under this Programme, it is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in the current year that the Department will continue to provide support services for estate beneficiaries. In this regard, will the Government advise on the following:

- (a) What are the specific details of the support services provided? Are administrative procedures involved in handling applications for support services? If yes, what is the amount of administrative expenses incurred by the Government in the past five years (i.e. 2008-2009 to 2012-2013)?
- (b) What is the number of service users in the past five years? Please list by year and value of estate.
- (c) How much has the Government spent on providing support to estate beneficiaries in the past five years?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

(a) & (c)

The support services being provided by the Department for estate beneficiaries include –

- (i) issuing a Confirmation Notice, exempting persons dealing with estates made up of money not exceeding \$50,000 in aggregate value from the intermeddling provisions concerning estates;
- (ii) issuing a Certificate for Necessity of Inspection of Bank Deposit Box and witnessing the inspection of the safe deposit box and preparation of a signed inventory by the estate beneficiary;
- (iii) issuing an Authorization for Removal from Bank Deposit Box to enable the estate beneficiary or any surviving renter to remove specified documents and/or articles from the safe deposit box; and
- (iv) issuing a Certificate for Necessity of Release of Money from the bank accounts of the deceased person to meet funeral expenses of the deceased person or for maintenance of former dependents of the deceased person.

In the past five years, the annual expenditure incurred in the provision of these services was about \$6.2 million.

(b)

The numbers of applications for these support services in the past five years are set out below –

Services	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to end of Feb 2013)
Confirmation Notice	4 844	4 720	4 997	5 319	4 812
Certificate for Necessity of Inspection of Bank Deposit Box	2 666	2 692	2 762	2 905	2 766
Authorization for Removal from Bank Deposit Box	93	101	87	69	67
Certificate for Necessity of Release of Money	107	112	107	103	77
Total no. of applications	7 710	7 625	7 953	8 396	7 722

We do not have the value of estates involved as applicants are not required to provide such information, except for cases in respect of confirmation notice where an applicant has to provide information and declare that the estate involved is wholly made up of money not exceeding \$50,000 in aggregate value.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB136

Question Serial No.

2320

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In respect of overseeing 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 number of eligible persons provided with accommodation by the Home Affairs Department in 2012-13 and the costs and manpower involved by type of apartment and district of residence before and after displacement. What changes are anticipated in these statistics in 2013-14? Has the Administration set any specific targets for the Singleton Hostel Programme? If yes, what are the targets for 2012 and 2013 and the actual performance in 2012? If no, what are the reasons and will such targets be set in future?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chuen, Tony

Reply:

The Singleton Hostel Programme (the Programme) was implemented to specifically tie in with the introduction of the licensing regime under the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447) (the Ordinance) in 1994. The objective of the Programme is to provide short-term accommodation for those bedspace lodgers affected by the implementation of the Ordinance. As the hostels under the Programme are run by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing basis, the Government does not need to provide funding for the operation of the Programme. The Government also does not have information about the district of residence of the lodgers before they moved into the hostels.

As the number of lodgers affected by the Ordinance had significantly declined over the years, the Administration decided in 2004 that the small to medium-sized hostels should be gradually phased out. The phasing out programme was completed in March 2009. At present, there are only two purpose-built singleton hostels under the Programme, one in Sham Shui Po and the other in Sai Ying Pun, providing a total of 580 bedspaces. In 2012, the average occupancy rate of these hostels was about 85%.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB137

Question Serial No.

0242

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

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)”:

	2012-13 (the latest position)
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	()
- \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
- less than \$6,240	()
Length of employment of EA staff (in year)	
- over 15 years	()
- 10 to 15 years	()
- 5 to 10 years	()
- 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 days a week	()
Number of EA staff working 6 days a week	()

Figures in () denote the change in percentage as compared with the same period in 2011-12

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The following information is all related to employment of T-contract[#] staff:

	2012-13 (as at 31.1.2013)
Number of contracts signed with EAs	7 (+16.7%)
Contract sum paid to each EA	\$262,000 – \$1,062,000 (-32.5% to +56.9%)
Total amount of commission paid to each EA	Information not available
Term of service for each EA	1 month to 9 months
Number of EA staff	7 (+16.7%)
Positions of EA staff	Project Manager, Systems Analyst, Analyst Programmer and Programmer
Monthly salaries of EA staff	Information not available
- \$30,001 or above	
- \$16,001 to \$30,000	
- \$8,001 to \$16,000	
- \$6,501 to \$8,000	
- \$6,240 to \$6,500 - less than \$6,240	

	2012-13 (as at 31.1.2013)
Length of employment of EA staff (in year)	Information not available
- over 15 years	
- 10 to 15 years	
- 5 to 10 years	
- 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	0.315% (+0.048%)
Percentage of amount paid to EAs against the total expenditure on staff of the department*	0.382% (+0.046%)
Number of EA staff with paid meal breaks	Information not available
Number of EA staff without paid meal breaks	
Number of EA staff working 5 days a week	7 (+16.7%)
Number of EA staff working 6 days a week	0 (-)

Figures in () denote the change in percentage as compared with the same period in 2011-12

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.

* 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.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB138

Question Serial No.

0243

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

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”:

	2012-13 (the latest position)
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 employed through outsourced service providers	()
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	()
· \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
· less than \$6,240	()
Length of employment of staff of outsourced service (in year)	
· over 15 years	()
· 10 to 15 years	()
· 5 to 10 years	()
· 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 days a week	()
Number of staff working 6 days a week	()

Figures in () denote the change in percentage as compared with the same period in 2011-12

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 2012-13 (as at 31.1.2013) is provided below.

	2012-13 (as at 31.1.2013)
Number of outsourced service contracts signed	47 (+4.4%)
Total amount paid to the outsourced service providers	\$26.5 million (+9.5%)
Term of service for each outsourced service provider	1.5 months to 4 years
Number of staff of outsourced service employed through outsourced service providers	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 workers employed.
Posts of staff of outsourced service (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning, information technology, etc.)	The posts of staff of the outsourced service are mainly in the fields of security, cleansing, property management and information technology.
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total expenditure on staff of the department*	4.1% (0%)

	2012-13 (as at 31.1.2013)
Monthly salaries of staff of outsourced service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$30,001 or above · \$16,001 to \$30,000 · \$8,001 to \$16,000 · \$6,501 to \$8,000 · \$6,240 to \$6,500 · less than \$6,240 	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 normally specified in the outsourced contracts, we are unable to provide the information requested.
Length of employment of staff of outsourced service (in year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · over 15 years · 10 to 15 years · 5 to 10 years · 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 days a week Number of staff working 6 days a week	

Figures in () denote the change in percentage as compared with the same period in 2011-12

* As against the expenditure on Personal Emoluments of the department.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB139

Question Serial No.

0244

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

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”:

	2012-13 (the latest position)
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	()
· \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
· less than \$6,240	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)	
· over 15 years	()
· 10 to 15 years	()
· 5 to 10 years	()
· 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	()
Number of NCSC staff who applied for paternity leave	()
Number of NCSC staff granted paternity leave	()

Figures in () denote the change in percentage as compared with the same period in 2011-12

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 as at 31.12.2012 are set out in the table appended below.

	2012-13 (as at 31.12.2012)
Number of NCSC staff	384 (+5.5%)
Positions of NCSC staff	
- Managerial / Clerical / General Office Support	332
- Professional / Technical	52
Expenditure on salaries of NCSC staff	\$62.9 million (+18%)
Monthly salaries of NCSC staff	
—\$30,001 or above	12 (-14.3%)
—\$16,001 to \$ 30,000	122 (+205%)
—\$8,001 to \$16,000	250 (-19.4%)
—\$6,501 to \$8,000	0 (-)
—\$6,240 to \$6,500	0 (-)
—\$6,240 or below	0 (-)

	2012-13 (as at 31.12.2012)
Length of employment of NCSC staff (in year)	
—15 years or above	0 (-)
—10 years to less than 15 years	12 (+33.3%)
—5 years to less than 10 years	19 (-44.1%)
—3 to less than 5 years	80 (+5.3%)
—1 to less than 3 years	110 (+4.8%)
—less than 1 year	163 (+16.4%)
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the department	16.7% (+0.5%)
Percentage of amount paid to NCSC staff against the total expenditure on staff of the department *	9.8 % (-0.2%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	357 (+6.3%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	27 (-3.6%)
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	384 (+5.8%)
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	0 (-100%)
Number of NCSC staff who applied for paternity leave	1 (-)
Number of NCSC staff granted paternity leave	1 (-)

Figures in () denote the change in percentage as compared with the same period in 2011-12

* 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 favourable than those provided for under the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) and no more favourable than those applicable to civil servants in comparable civil service ranks or with comparable levels of responsibilities where they exist.

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.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB140

Question Serial No.

2205

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the support for property owners and residents of private buildings by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), please advise this Committee of the yearly figures for the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13) in respect of the following:

- (a) The actual structure and establishment of the Building Management Liaison Teams (BMLTs) in monitoring work;
- (b) The estimated expenditure on BMLTs;
- (c) The number of buildings with an owners' corporation (OC) and those without in each of the 18 districts and the number of buildings with an OC formed upon assistance from the HAD, the Urban Renewal Authority or other organisations;
- (d) The number of Liaison Officers (LOs) responsible for building management support and the ratio of LOs to private buildings in each of the 18 districts; and
- (e) The yearly expenditure on LOs responsible for building management support and the expenditure on training; the average years of service of LOs in the posts responsible for building management support in each district; and the average percentage of LOs transferred to other departments each year.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

Over the years, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has made tremendous efforts to strengthen the support for property owners and residents of private buildings. In addition to setting up a dedicated Division in the HAD Headquarters and District Building Management Liaison Teams in all 18 districts, HAD has introduced a number of new initiatives on building management. For example, the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme provides one-stop professional advisory and support to owners of buildings which do not have an owners' corporation (OC) or any form of owners/residents' organisation or engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called "three nil" buildings) in preparing management audit reports for the fire services, electrical and other facilities of the buildings, assisting in forming OCs, applying for various subsidies or loan schemes, following up on the maintenance works and matters relating to tenders. Another example is the Resident Liaison Ambassadors Scheme which recruits owners and residents in the "three-nil" buildings for promoting better management in their buildings. Further, structured training courses are organised for members of management committees of OCs; and free professional advice on building management disputes are provided by a panel of experts on a pro-bono basis to owners and residents, etc.

- (a) & (b) In the past five years (2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13), there were around 110, 110, 115, 118 and 120 Liaison Officers (LOs) engaged in building management duties in HAD Headquarters and 18 districts respectively. The expenditure involved was around \$44.7 million, \$48.3 million, \$49.9 million, \$51.0 million and \$57.8 million respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2013-14 is \$57.9 million.

In addition, the HAD has employed 1 321 Community Organisers (COs) on part-time basis in various districts to assist LOs to perform various liaison duties, including building management duties, and the total expenditure involved is \$14.3 million. We are unable to provide a breakdown on the expenditure solely for performing building management duties.

- (c) & (d) In 2012, HAD assisted in the formation of 161 OCs and the number of private buildings with OCs in 18 districts is set out in the table below. While there are 22 600 private buildings without an OC in the territory, this figure includes some buildings which may not be able to form OCs in accordance with the Building Management Ordinance such as small houses in the New Territories villages, town houses and other private buildings under single ownership. Moreover, these buildings may have other forms of management such as mutual aid committees, owners' committees, residents' associations, etc. The HAD has taken into consideration various factors including the number of buildings, age of buildings and the complexity of building management issues in each district when deploying LOs undertaking building management duties.

District	No. of OCs formed	No. of Private Buildings with OCs	No. of LOs engaged in Building Management duties
Central & Western	1 431	1 624	9
Eastern	793	944	5
Kowloon City	1 039	1 519	12
Kwun Tong	388	551	6
Southern	348	908	3
Sham Shui Po	926	1 153	14
Wan Chai	1 075	1 249	8
Wong Tai Sin	222	338	4
Yau Tsim Mong	1 642	1 551	13
Islands	33	303	2
Kwai Tsing	220	340	5
North	100	600	2
Sai Kung	137	1 773	3
Sha Tin	206	836	6

District	No. of OCs formed	No. of Private Buildings with OCs	No. of LOs engaged in Building Management duties
Tuen Mun	216	826	3
Tai Po	208	1 138	3
Tsuen Wan	289	503	3
Yuen Long	373	1 482	3

- (e) Apart from on-the-job training, the HAD has earmarked \$200,000 each year for sponsoring LOs to take training courses on building management provided by tertiary institutions. While the average years of service of LOs in the posts responsible for building management support is three years, most of them are experienced officers with more than 13 years of service as an LO and have undertaken building management duties for nearly seven years on average. Since LO is a departmental grade of HAD, no LOs will be transferred to other department.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 3.4.2013

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

HAB141

Question Serial No.

2206

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding Liaison Officers, please provide the following:

- (a) Estimate and establishment in 2013-14;
- (b) Revised estimate and establishment in 2012-13; and
- (c) Actual expenditure and establishment in 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The information asked for is provided as follows –

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Number of established posts (including time-limited posts)	472 (Actual figure)	474 (Revised estimate)	474 (Estimate)
Staff cost*	\$216.770 million	\$231.725 million	\$231.725 million

*Calculated based on notional annual mid-point salary values.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB142

Question Serial No.

2217

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS), please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the expenditure and staffing involved and the effects achieved since the implementation of the BMPASS as well as the timetable for and details of review;
- (b) the government department(s) responsible for following up on the effectiveness of the BMPASS in the future and whether the estimate and staffing will be increased in the light of the additional workload. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

To further strengthen the support for owners of old buildings, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched in November 2011 the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) for buildings which do not have an owners' corporation (OC) or any form of owners/residents organisations or engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called "three nil" buildings). Under the BMPASS, professional property management companies (PMCs) have been engaged to provide one-stop advisory service to 1 200 buildings. These services include preparing management audit reports for the fire services, electrical and other facilities of the buildings, assisting the owners in forming OCs and applying for various subsidies or loan schemes, following up on the maintenance works and matters relating to tenders, etc. An annual provision of \$16 million for a period of three years has been earmarked for HAD to cover the service fees for the PMCs and to create five Liaison Officer grade posts and a non-civil service contract position to implement the BMPASS.

As at February 2013, the PMCs had conducted more than 6 400 household visits, completed the management audit reports for all 1 200 targeted buildings, and formed or re-activated about 100 OCs. The PMCs are now assisting the OCs to apply for various financial assistance schemes and to appoint Authorised Persons/contractors for the maintenance works. HAD has been closely monitoring the performance of the PMCs and will review the BMPASS before its completion in March 2014.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB143

Question Serial No.

0914

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the performance targets of the Information Services Department (ISD) is to “respond to public criticism or misconception of government policies within the same day”. Please give a breakdown of the incidents, dates and the number of times ISD responded within the same day for the past year (i.e. 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The Information Services Department handled 822 840 enquiries in 2012, about 96% were handled within the same day.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB144

Question Serial No.

0915

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the performance targets of the Information Services Department (ISD) is to “issue press releases within 45 minutes”. Will ISD explain the yardstick of measuring that 45 minutes? Does it include the time of the Police’s incident reports?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

One of the targets of the Information Services Department is to complete editing press releases for issue within 45 minutes after receiving the drafts from various bureaux and departments. This target does not apply to the Police as they broadcast press releases, including incident reports, direct to media organisations.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB145

Question Serial No.

0916

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2011 and 2012, the Information Services Department (ISD) had respectively arranged for the media 1 073 and 1 372 press conferences and briefings. Please give a breakdown of the number of press conferences and briefings. How many briefings had been conducted anonymously or in the guise of persons close to sources by ISD officers?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

Among the 1 073 press conferences and briefings arranged by the Government in 2011, 33 were background briefings, of which 14 were attributable to government sources and 19 to government/policy bureau/department spokesmen.

Of the 1 372 press conferences and briefings arranged by the Government in 2012, 32 were background briefings, of which 12 were attributable to government sources and 20 to government/policy bureau/department spokesmen.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB146

Question Serial No.

0917

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012, the Information Services Department (ISD) had arranged 4 347 interviews for the media. Please provide a list of the names of the media involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The Information Services Department arranged interviews for 122 local media organisations and 169 media organisations outside Hong Kong in 2012. The full list is as follows:

Local media organisations:

- 1 Asia Television Ltd
- 2 Cable TV
- 3 Hong Kong Broadband Network
- 4 Hong Kong STV
- 5 now Broadband TV
- 6 Phoenix Chinese Channel
- 7 Television Broadcasts Ltd
- 8 Digital Broadcasting Corporation
- 9 Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting
- 10 Metro Broadcasting Corporation
- 11 Phoenix U Radio
- 12 Radio Television Hong Kong
- 13 AM730
- 14 Apple Daily
- 15 China Daily
- 16 Headline Daily
- 17 Hong Kong Commercial Daily
- 18 Hong Kong Daily News
- 19 Hong Kong Economic Journal
- 20 Hong Kong Economic Times
- 21 Metro Daily
- 22 Ming Pao Daily News

23	New Evening Post
24	Oriental Daily News
25	Sharp Daily
26	Sing Pao
27	Sing Tao Daily
28	Sky Post
29	South China Morning Post
30	Ta Kung Pao
31	The Standard
32	The Sun
33	Wen Wei Po
34	East Week
35	Hong Kong Economic Journal Monthly
36	Ming Pao Monthly
37	Ming Pao Weekly
38	Next Magazine
39	Yazhou Zoukan
40	art plus
41	ArtMap
42	Asia Cloud Forum
43	Asia Insurance Review
44	Asian Private Banker
45	Baby Magazine
46	Baccarat
47	Better Health
48	Breakazine!
49	Children Science
50	ComputerWorld HK
51	Cruise Traveler
52	CUP Magazine
53	Delta Zhi
54	Discovery
55	East Touch
56	Eat and Travel Magazine
57	Elle
58	Esquire
59	e-zone
60	Face Magazine
61	Fragrant Harbour
62	Fun Channel
63	Gafencu
64	Golf Now
65	Grateful Heart Magazine
66	Green Country
67	HK Discovery
68	HK Magazine
69	HKELD
70	Hong Kong Film
71	Hongkong Opera Preview
72	Horizon
73	iKid
74	iMag
75	iMoney Magazine
76	IT Pro
77	JESSICA
78	Job Market
79	Journey To Chinese Opera and Drama

- 80 Kung Kao Po
- 81 Let's go
- 82 Linuxpilot
- 83 Marie Claire
- 84 Megalife
- 85 Metropop
- 86 Milk
- 87 Modern Home
- 88 NETprozone
- 89 New Monday
- 90 Ontv
- 91 Oriental Sunday
- 92 Our Voice by the Hong Kong Shue Yan University
- 93 Pacific Rim Construction (PRC) Magazine
- 94 PARENTS
- 95 Perspective
- 96 Pipeline
- 97 Pre-School Magazine
- 98 Quamnet.com
- 99 Roadshow
- 100 Sai Kung & Clearwater Bay Magazine
- 101 San Po Yan
- 102 Scarecrow magazine by Produce Green Foundation
- 103 Sing Tao district paper (News Territories West)
- 104 Smart Parents
- 105 sportsoho.com
- 106 Sudden Weekly
- 107 Teen Guide Magazine
- 108 The Media Evangelism
- 109 The Peak Magazine
- 110 The Young Reporter Magazine by the Hong Kong Baptist University
- 111 Three Weekly
- 112 Time Out Hong Kong Magazine
- 113 Touch Arts
- 114 TungStar TV
- 115 TVB Weekly
- 114 U Magazine
- 117 U-Beat Magazine by the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 118 Undergrad (University of Hong Kong Students' Newspaper)
- 119 Varsity by the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 120 Visual Art
- 121 Weekend Weekly
- 122 Yellow Bus

Media organisations outside Hong Kong:

- 1 China Central Television
- 2 China Xinhua News Network Corporation
- 3 Television Station of Shenzhen
- 4 Macau Asia Satellite Television
- 5 China National Radio
- 6 China Radio International
- 7 People's Daily
- 8 China News Agency
- 9 China News Service
- 10 China Review News Agency

11 Xinhua News Agency
12 21st Century Business Herald
13 Art Collection + Design
14 Beijing Daily
15 Beijing Evening News
16 Caing.com
17 Caixin TV
18 China Business Network TV
19 China Business News
20 China Business News (Shanghai)
21 China Finance
22 China Report
23 China Times
24 China Women's News
25 China Youth Daily
26 Chinese Business News
27 Chinese Culture Pictorial
28 Chineseartsnews.net
29 Commercial Times
30 Economic Daily News
31 Economic Daily
32 Economic Information Daily
33 Guangdong TV
34 Guangming Daily
35 Guangzhou Daily
36 Hi Art
37 Hubei TV News
38 Hunan Television
39 ifeng.com
40 International Finance News
41 Jiefang Daily
42 Nanfang City New
43 Nanfang Daily
44 Nanfang Media Group
45 people.com.cn
46 Qianjiang Evening News
47 QQ.com
48 Radio and Television Shanghai
49 Radio Guangdong
50 Shanghai Securities News
51 Shenzhen Health TV
52 Shenzhen Special Zone Daily
53 sohu.com
54 Southern Weekly
55 Taiwan Business Weekly
56 Teledifusão de Macau
57 The Beijing News
58 The Bund
59 The Economic Observer
60 Want Daily
61 Wenzhou Economic Daily
62 West China City Daily
63 Workers' Daily
64 Xinmin Evening News
65 Yangcheng Wanbao
66 Zhejiang Daily
67 BBC

68 CNN
69 NHK
70 Central News Agency
71 Thomson Reuters
72 Agence France-Presse
73 Bloomberg News
74 Financial Times
75 Asia Wall Street Journal
76 International Herald Tribune
77 Al Jazeera English
78 Al Jazeera
79 American Journal of Transportation
80 Arrow Asia
81 Asia Maritime
82 Asiamoney
83 Bangkok Post
84 Bloomberg Markets magazine
85 Bloomberg TV
86 Bonnier Business
87 Booker's Bulletin
88 Capacity magazine
89 CBN TV
90 Channel 5
91 Channel News Asia
92 ChinaContact
93 CleanBiz Asia
94 Daily Cargo
95 Dapd nachrichtenagentur GmbH
96 DBcom Media
97 Der Tagesspiegel
98 DesignBoom.com
99 Dezeen
100 El Mercurio
101 Escuela
102 Euro
103 Fairfax Group
104 Fiducia Management Consultants
105 Finanz und Wirtschaft
106 Forbes
107 Fortune
108 Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
109 FutureGov
110 Indian Transport & Logistics News
111 Intramuros
112 Japan Agricultural News
113 Jiji Press
114 KBS TV
115 KLIK magazine
116 Korea International Trade Association
117 Korea Shipping Gazette
118 Kyodo News
119 La Repubblica
120 Le Petit Journal
121 Les Echos
122 Lloyd's List
123 Logistica Management
124 Logistics Management magazine

- 125 Luxup
- 126 Mediacorp's Chinese Radio
- 127 Munhwa Ilbo
- 128 Mythos Hong Kong 5
- 129 National Geographic
- 130 Neue Zürcher Zeitung
- 131 Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun
- 132 Nikkei Inc
- 133 NNA
- 134 NTT Com.tv of New York
- 135 n-tv
- 136 Radiotelevisione Svizzera
- 137 Ren TV
- 138 Rugby World
- 139 Russia Beyond the Headlines
- 140 Sampan
- 141 Science Magazine
- 142 Seatrade Magazine
- 143 Tech-On
- 144 The Australian Financial Review
- 145 The Chosun Daily
- 146 The Daily Caller
- 147 The Economist
- 148 The Guardian
- 149 The Japan Times
- 150 The JoongAng Daily
- 151 The Maeil Business News
- 152 The Philippines Daily Inquirer
- 153 The Rushford Report
- 154 The Strait Times
- 155 The Wall Street Journal
- 156 The Weekly Economist
- 157 This Week in Business
- 158 Ticino Management
- 159 Timeasia.com
- 160 Time
- 161 TLmag
- 162 United Nations TV
- 163 Untrefmedia
- 164 Việt Nam News
- 165 Voice of America
- 166 Voyages d'Affaires
- 167 Washington Post
- 168 Yomiuri HK
- 169 YTN

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB147

Question Serial No.

0918

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

(3) Public Opinion

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In recent years, the Information Services Department has sent out staff for news coverage of government functions. Please advise the number of staff members responsible for such duties under the establishment of 2012.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

In 2012, four video reporters and three cameramen hired from agencies were responsible for covering government news in the Information Services Department (ISD). They were not under ISD's establishment.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB148

Question Serial No.

2433

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please advise the number of times the Information Services Department (ISD) solely issued press releases or edited footage to the media without arranging for media facilities for public functions from 2008-09 to 2012-13. The above figures should be in a breakdown of times per year and by press releases and edited footage. If the above data are not available, will ISD undertake to collate the above figures in the present financial year (2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG, Kenneth

Reply:

The relevant figures are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of events for which press releases or video clips were issued without the arrangement of media coverage</u>
2008	177
2009	249
2010	169
2011	198
2012	127

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB149

Question Serial No.

2681

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As regards providing public information and collecting public opinion through the Internet, please advise:

- (a) in table form for the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) information of the social media set up and operated by various bureaux/departments/public bodies or their agents (such as outsourced contractors or consultants):

Date starting operation (month/year)	Status (pending updating/has stopped updating) (as at 28.2.2013)	Government bodies (including bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Names	Social media (Facebook/Flickr /Google+ /LinkedIn/Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Aim of setup and no. of content updating (as at 28.2.2013)	“Like”/ subscribers no./average no. of monthly visitors (as at 28.2.2013)	Regular compilation of gists of views and follow-ups (yes/no)	Ranks and no. of operators (as at 28.2.2013)	Financial resources incurred for setup and daily operation (as at 28.2.2013)
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(b) in the following form information of relevant practical training in social media received by government officers

Date starting operation (month/year)	Status (pending updating/has stopped updating) (as at 28.2.2013)	Government bodies (including bureaux/ departments /public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Names of training facilitators	Title of the training	Content of training (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	No. of people who had received and completed training (as at 28.2.2013)	Total no. of training hours (as at 28.2.2013)	Ranks and no. of trainees (as at 28.2.2013)	Financial resources incurred for training (as at 28.2.2013)
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- (c) whether in the process of setting up and operating social media as a platform, the Administration has provided any guideline on the operation and use of such social media to government officers and whether it has encouraged government bodies to use social media to enhance communication with the public. If so, what are the details; if not, does the Government have any plan to draw up such a guideline; and failing that, what are the reasons.
- (d) in view of the fact that the preceding term of government had earnestly promoted communication with the public through social media such as Facebook and that the current term of government has lagged behind in input on the social media,
 - (i) whether there is any plan to reinstall the Hong Kong SAR Government's web page on the Facebook to facilitate communication between members of the public, especially the youngsters, and the Government and the Chief Executive and expression of the public opinion;
 - (ii) as the preceding term of government had engaged dedicated personnel on the social media under the Chief Executive's Office, whether the said post under its establishment has been terminated. Whether the Administration has any plan to set aside resources and manpower in 2013-14 to strengthen the Government's use of social media for communication with the public; if so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons.
- (e) in view of the fact that in recent years, governments from all over the world have introduced systems whereby citizens can make their representations online and these governments have undertaken to responded formally online once the representations have reached a certain level of public support, whether the Administration will consider improving the current way of collecting public views online and evaluate feasibility of the aforesaid system of collecting representations. If so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

- (a) The statistics relating to the Information Services Department (ISD) are provided at Annex 1. The department does not keep such information relating to other Government Bureaux and Departments.
- (b) The statistics relating to ISD are provided at Annex 2. The department does not keep the related information of other Government Bureaux and Departments.
- (c) The use of social media tools to communicate with the public is the choice of respective Government Bureaux and Departments. ISD makes use of YouTube, Twitter and Sina Weibo to provide information to the public. Mobile phone and tablet versions of the government news portal www.news.gov.hk are used to provide convenient public access to government news and information. Mobile apps have also been developed for some of ISD's publications. Guidelines on the Use of Social Media are available on the Government intranet for use by all Government Bureaux and Departments.
- (d)
 - (i) As mentioned in (a) above, since the Department has not kept relevant information relating to other Bureaux and Departments, we are not in a position to give an answer to this question which relates to the CE's Office.
 - (ii) The use of social media to communicate with or engage the public is the choice of respective Bureaux and Departments which depends on individual needs and circumstances.
- (e) As mentioned in (c) and (d), the use of social media to communicate with the public is the choice of respective Bureaux and Departments. ISD is not involved in the collection of public views or opinion online.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 2.4.2013

Statistics on Social Media set up by ISD

Date starting operation (month/year)	Status (pending updating/ has stopped updating) (as at 28.2.2013)	Government bodies (including bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Names	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Aim of setup and no. of content updating (as at 28.2.2013)	“Like”/ subscribers no./average no. of monthly visitors (as at 28.2.2013)	Regular compilation of gists of views and follow-ups (yes/no)	Ranks and no. of operators (as at 28.2.2013)	Financial resources incurred for setup and daily operation (as at 28.2.2013)
May 2010	pending updating	ISD	ISD’s YouTube channel	YouTube	To make use of social media to upload newsclips of news.gov.hk and government publicity videos. Over 3 000 videos have been uploaded.	Number of subscribers: about 2 200	no	1 Principal Information Officer (PIO)	N.A.
July 2010	pending updating	ISD	news.gov.hk on twitter	twitter	To make use of social media to post top stories of news.gov.hk. Over 7 400 tweets have been issued.	Number of followers: about 2 500	no	1 PIO	N.A.
July 2010	pending updating	ISD	news.gov.hk on Weibo	Sina Weibo	To make use of social media to post top stories of news.gov.hk. Over 1 400 posts have been issued.	Number of fans: about 663 000	no	1 PIO	N.A.

Statistics on Training on Social Media Received by ISD Officers

Date starting operation (month/year)	Status (pending updating/ has stopped updating) (as at 28.2.2013)	Government bodies (including bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Names of training facilitators	Title of the training	Content of training (Facebook/Flickr/Google+/LinkedIn/Sina Weibo/Twitter/YouTube)	No. of people who had received and completed training (as at 28.2.2013)	Total no. of training hours (as at 28.2.2013)	Ranks and no. of trainees (as at 28.2.2013)	Financial resources incurred for training (as at 28.2.2013)
December 2010	completed	ISD	OGCIO & CSTDI (see Note)	E-engagement Project Design	Use of social media	1	3.5	1 PIO	N.A.
December 2010	completed	ISD	OGCIO & CSTDI (See Note)	Best Practices and Communication Skills of E-engagement	Use of social media	1	3.5	1 PIO	N.A.
December 2010	completed	ISD	OGCIO & CSTDI (See Note)	Using Social Media and Online Platforms in E-engagement Projects	Use of social media	1	3.5	1 PIO	N.A.

Note: OGCIO denotes Office of the Government Chief Information Officer and CSTDI denotes Civil Service Training and Development Institute.

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

HAB150

Question Serial No.

2336

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 expenditure on legal aid incurred by the Legal Aid Department (the Department) shows an upward trend in recent years. Please advise on the following:

- (a) What is the number of cases in which legal aid is granted to non-Hong Kong permanent residents in 2012-13? What is the expenditure incurred for these cases? What is the expenditure estimated to be incurred in this respect in 2013-14?
- (b) What is the number of cases in which legal aid is granted to persons below 18 in 2012-13? What is the expenditure incurred for these cases? What is the expenditure estimated to be incurred in this respect in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

- (a) As legal aid is granted to eligible persons irrespective of their residency, the Department does not keep statistics specifically on the number of legal aid certificates granted to non-resident applicants and the amount of costs incurred. As legal aid is demand-led and the annual allocation for the provision of legal aid costs is done holistically and based on past actual expenditure pattern and anticipated increases, there is no separate estimate on costs incurred for cases of non-resident applicants in 2013-14.
- (b) The number of legal aid certificates granted to applicants below 18 in 2012 was 249 and the amount of expenditure incurred in these cases up to 11 March 2013 was about \$5,364,000.

There is no separate estimate on costs incurred for cases involving applicants below 18 as legal aid is demand-led and it is not possible to forecast the age distribution among legally aided persons in any given year.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB151

Question Serial No.

3159

Head: 94 – Legal Aid Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the departmental records management work over the past 3 years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13):

1. Please provide information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform such work. If there is no officer designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they have to undertake in addition to records management;
2. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

3. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

4. Please list in the table below information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

1. In Legal Aid Department, around 20 officers are assigned with records management duties in addition to their own duties. Records management occupies 5% to 10% of their work and these officers are also involved in general administration, personnel, management, planning, supervision and case-handling duties.
2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal is as follows:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres (lm) of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative file	2005-2012	1 (0.05 lm)	1 year	No
Administrative file	2003-2008	1 (0.08 lm)	3 years	No
Administrative files	1995-2012	15 (0.75 lm)	5 years	No
Administrative files	1997-2013	34 (1.7 lm)	5 years	Yes

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention is as follows:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres (lm) of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Nil					

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS is as follows:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres (lm) of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative file	1974-2001	1 (0.04 lm)	N/A	Retain until superseded or obsolete	No
Administrative files	1971-2010	11 (0.66 lm)	N/A	Retain until superseded or obsolete	Yes
Administrative files	2008-2009	10 (0.5 lm)	N/A	1 year	No
Administrative files	1978-2010	227 (13.99 lm)	N/A	2 years	No

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres (lm) of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative files	1978-2008	13 (0.73 lm)	N/A	3 years	No
Administrative files	1978-2006	2 176 (135.1 lm)	N/A	7 years	No
Programme files	1978-2010	1 649 (2 lm)	N/A	Retain until superseded or obsolete	No
Programme files	1975-2005	76 088 (2 977.5 lm)	N/A	7 years	No
Programme files	1998-2002	359 (20 lm)	N/A	9 years	No

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB152

Question Serial No.

2621

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:

According to the Indicators section of Programme (2) Litigation Services, 6 525 civil cases and 1 813 criminal cases have been assigned to private practitioners in 2012. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (i) of the number of cases assigned to private practitioners for each type of civil cases (i.e. Personal injury and miscellaneous, Matrimonial, Insolvency);
- (ii) of the average cost per criminal case assigned to private practitioners, and how it compares with the average cost per criminal case assigned to the Litigation Division;
- (iii) of the average cost per civil case assigned to private practitioners, the average cost per civil case assigned to private practitioners for each type of civil cases (i.e. Personal injury and miscellaneous, Matrimonial, Insolvency), and how they compare with the corresponding average cost per civil case assigned to the Litigation Division?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK, Dennis

Reply:

The number and types of civil legal aid cases assigned to private practitioners in 2012 are as follows –

Case Type	No. of cases
Personal Injuries Related Claims	
- Common Law Claims	1 865
- Employees' Compensation Claims	1 410
Matrimonial Cases	2 746
Insolvency	0
Miscellaneous	504
Total	6 525

The average costs per civil legal aid case handled in-house and assigned-out to private practitioners with accounts finalised in 2012 for the following types of cases are as follows –

Case Type	Average costs per assigned-out case (\$)	Average costs per in-house case (\$)
Personal Injuries Related Claims		
- Common Law Claims	212,914	85,405
- Employees' Compensation Claims	100,514	61,359
Matrimonial Cases	26,230	12,287
Insolvency	Not Applicable	32,713
Miscellaneous	264,165	53,959

It should be noted that assigned-out civil legal aid cases greatly outnumber those handled in-house (16 441 active assigned out cases compared to 1 780 active in-house cases as at end 2012), and it is difficult to derive a meaningful comparison of the variance in average costs of assigned-out and in-house cases due to the difference in sample size. Furthermore, costs of civil legal aid cases can be affected by a number of factors which include the nature, complexity and length of cases concerned and the willingness of the parties to settle. It is also worth noting that costs in any civil legally aided proceedings are determined either on taxation by a Master or agreed upon the basis of what would have been allowed on taxation.

As for criminal cases, the Department cannot provide information on the average costs per criminal case assigned to private practitioners, or compare it with the average cost per criminal case assigned to the Litigation Division. This is because in most cases, the earlier part of the proceedings, such as committal and listing, etc. are conducted in-house before the cases are assigned out or continued to be handled in-house. Hence, it is not possible to make a meaningful comparison on the costs per case handled in-house and assigned out. In any event, fees payable to lawyers are determined in accordance with the prescribed rates under the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules (Cap. 221D). Consequently, there should not be any significant variance in the amount of costs payable between a case handled in-house and assigned out.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB153

Question Serial No.

2435

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:

Between 2008 and 2012, how many legal aid applications received by the Legal Aid Department were related to cases involving the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (BORO) or the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)? How many of these cases were granted legal aid? How many cases were granted legal aid even if the applicant's financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit? And how many cases were refused as a result of the applicant's financial resources exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit? Please provide the figures on civil and criminal cases, with a breakdown by year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG, Kenneth

Reply:

For civil cases involving the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (BORO) or the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the information requested is as follows –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of applications involving BORO or ICCPR	8	22	8	7	1
No. of successful applications	5	11	4	3	0
No. of cases where discretion exercised	1	9	2	2	0
No. of cases refused on means only	0	0	0	0	0

The Director's discretion to waive the upper financial eligibility limit where the applicant's financial resources exceed the limit in cases involving BORO or ICCPR only applies to civil legal aid. For criminal legal aid, the Director has similar discretion if he is satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to do so. From 2008 to 2012, the number of criminal cases in which the discretion was exercised and the number of cases refused on means only is as follows –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of cases where discretion exercised	17	24	25	13	9
No. of cases refused on means only	2	1	2	0	2

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB154

Question Serial No.

2436

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:

Between 2008 and 2012, how many legal aid applications were granted by the Legal Aid Department (the Department)? Among them, what is the number of cases where the aided persons nominated their own solicitors? And among these cases, what is the number of cases where the solicitors were assigned based on the aided person's nomination? Moreover, among the cases granted with legal aid, how many of the cases which involve more than one legally aided persons were handled by the same solicitor? What are the criteria for assigning legal aid cases? Please provide the figures on civil and criminal cases, with a breakdown by year.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG, Kenneth

Reply:

Between 2008 and 2012, the number of legal aid certificates granted in civil and criminal cases and the number of cases where the solicitors assigned were nominated by the aided persons are as follows –

Year	Civil		Criminal	
	No. of legal aid certificates	Assignment by nomination	No. of legal aid certificates	Assignment by nomination
2008	7 513	3 401	2 235	354
2009	9 031	4 287	2 800	717
2010	8 263	4 320	2 740	648
2011	8 297	4 754	2 795	503
2012	8 171	4 635	2 521	449

The Department does not keep separate record on the number of cases which involve more than one legally aided persons who were handled by the same solicitor.

When distributing legal aid work to solicitors on the Legal Aid Panel, the Department will adhere to the fundamental principle that legally aided persons' interests is of paramount importance. The Department has devised and published criteria on assignment of legal aid cases based on the experience and expertise of the practitioners concerned and the nature and complexity of the particular case. The criteria have been endorsed by the Legal Aid Services Council and contained in the Manual for Legal Aid Practitioners which has been uploaded onto the Department's website.

The Department does not maintain separate record on the number of cases where aided persons made nominations at the application stage. In cases where the Department has concern that the lawyer nominated may not be suitable to handle the aided person's case, the aided person will normally be invited to make another nomination. Generally speaking, in cases where aided persons nominate their own lawyers from the Legal Aid Panel to represent them in the aided proceedings, the Department, recognising the fiduciary nature of the relationship between a litigant and his legal representative which calls for total trust and confidence, will give effect to the nomination unless there are compelling reasons not to do so such as unsatisfactory performance of past legal aid cases, substantiated disciplinary record or the number of active cases being handled.

Name in block letters: William CHAN
Post Title: Director of Legal Aid
Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB155

Question Serial No.

0134

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 2009, the Legislative Council passed a motion on “relaxing the eligibility criteria for legal aid” which urged the Government to relax the asset limit for legal aid applicants and to expand the legal aid schemes in order to benefit more people from the middle class. Subsequently, based on the findings of the five-yearly review of the criteria for assessing the financial eligibility of legal aid applicants conducted by the Legal Aid Department, the financial eligibility limit for the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme (OLAS) was raised from \$175,800 to \$260,000 and that for the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS) from \$488,400 to \$1.3 million. In addition, this Council passed a resolution moved under the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91) on 17 July 2012 to expand the scope of the two legal aid schemes. At present, the OLAS has been extended to cover monetary claims in derivatives of securities, currency futures or other future contracts when fraud, misrepresentation or deception is involved in respect of the sale. As for the SLAS, it has been extended to cover negligence claims against accountants, architects, engineers, surveyors, estate agents, insurers or their intermediaries and property developers of first-hand residential properties. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Council on the expenditure incurred for the two schemes, the number of applicants and the average success rate over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively? Will the Administration consider further relaxing the asset limit and extending the scope of the proceedings covered by these schemes? If yes, what is the estimated additional expenditure to be incurred over the next three years (i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) respectively? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

In the past three years, the amount of legal aid costs incurred under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme (OLAS) for both civil and criminal cases and Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS) is as follows:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 28.2.2013)
	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million
OLAS	505.308	463.161	461.040
SLAS	2.722	6.346	4.010

The following table sets out the number of applications under OLAS for civil cases and SLAS, and the respective success rate for cases closed in that year:

	2010	2011	2012
Number of applications received under			
- OLAS	15 981	16 319	16 332
- SLAS	143	161	201
Total number received	16 124	16 480	16 533
Average success rate for cases closed in the year*	86%	87%	88%

* excluding wages claim insolvency cases

It is difficult to estimate the exact rate of increase in legal aid applications following the increase in financial eligibility limit (FEL) and expanded scope of OLAS and SLAS, as legal aid applications are demand-driven. The need for litigation will neither arise automatically nor increase proportionately once more people become financially eligible or as more types of proceedings fall within the scope of the schemes. Nevertheless, it is reasonable to expect that with more people becoming financially eligible and more types of proceedings covered, the expenditure incurred may increase.

The Administration will continue to monitor the operation of OLAS and SLAS under the increased FEL and expanded scope, and invite the Legal Aid Services Council to conduct further reviews of the FEL and the scope of the legal aid schemes in the light of experience gained.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB156

Question Serial No.

2275

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:

Provision for 2013-14 is \$66.3 million (10.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2012-13. This is mainly due to the anticipated increase in legal aid costs. In view of the above, please provide the reasons for the anticipated increase and the types of cases for which an increase in legal aid costs are required. Lastly, what is the annual total expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LIAO Cheung-kong, Martin

Reply:

The anticipated increase in legal aid costs is mainly attributed to the commencement of the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Amendment) Rules 2012 on 9 March 2012 which expanded the scope of legal aid in criminal cases to cover cases considered by the Court of First Instance, the Court of Appeal and the Court of Final Appeal which do not involve a conviction, and implemented a revised fee structure providing additional and improved items of remuneration for work done by counsel and solicitors undertaking criminal legal aid work. They include preparation for pre-trial work according to time required, payment for reading time and attendance at conferences with counsel as well as a higher fee level for solicitors. The new fee structure covers all types of criminal cases conducted in the District Court and the High Court including the Court of Appeal. With the full implementation of the new fee structure, the annual total expenditure on criminal legal aid fees is expected to be about \$197 million.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB157

Question Serial No.

2518

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:

Among the various performance measures in respect of processing legal aid applications, why is only the target for processing civil legal aid applications within 3 months set at 85%, which is lower than the rate of compliance (89%) in 2012?

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

In 2012, notwithstanding that the target percentage of processing civil legal aid applications within three months was set at 85%, the actual percentage achieved was 89%. The performance target was arrived at in the light of past experience, having regard to the nature/complexity of cases involved, the need for additional information or advice from applicants and third parties (e.g. banks, legal or other professional experts) for the conduct of means and merits tests and the time taken for the provision of the requisite information/advice.

Despite the planned performance indicator, the Department has strived to exceed the performance target as demonstrated by the actual performance figures of 2012. The Department will continue to process all applications for legal aid in a timely manner.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB158

Question Serial No.

0368

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:

Earlier, in the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge case, a political party was alleged to have manipulated a member of the public to engage a lawyer of that political party through the making of a legal aid application to conduct the judicial review. Such an act of “maintenance or champerty” not only abuses the legal aid service but also jeopardises the overall interests of Hong Kong.

Thus there have been calls for the Legal Aid Department (the Department) to further improve its legal aid processing and monitoring systems. The Department stated last year that it was considering putting in place a “declaration system” to ensure that the aided person’s choice of lawyers was not affected by touting or other improper conduct on the part of the lawyers nominated. The Department also stated that it would work out the proposed “declaration system” in consultation with the Legal Aid Services Council (LASC) before implementation.

In this connection, will the Department advise this Council on the progress on setting up the “declaration system”? What are the specific measures of the system? When is the work on setting up the system and consultation scheduled to complete? And when will the system be put into effect? What is the expenditure to be incurred by the Department for setting up the system in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

Having carefully considered the matter, the Department decided that for legal aid applicants, an appropriately worded declaration will be incorporated into the “lawyer nomination form” which is used by the applicants for nomination purposes. As for the lawyers who are on the Legal Aid Panel, in the light of the high ethical and professional standards to which members of the two branches of the legal profession subscribe, and in order not to cause delay to the impending legally aided proceedings while waiting for the nominated lawyer to make and return the declaration, possibly prejudicing the interests of the aided persons, a system will be adopted whereby the appropriate declaration will be made a condition of the assignment. Panel lawyers who are unable to accept the condition can decline the assignment.

The Department has begun the consultation process with the LASC at the end of 2012 and is awaiting the views of the two legal professional bodies. Subject to the response of the two legal professional bodies, the declaration system could be introduced in 2013.

The expenditure involved in setting up the system, which is administrative in nature, is minimal and is absorbed in the financial provision allocated to the Department for 2013-14.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB159

Question Serial No.

0375

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:

Does the Legal Aid Department (the Department) have any specific indicators to monitor the use of mediation in legally aided cases in 2013-14? If yes, what are the indicators? If not, what are the reasons? What is the estimated expenditure involved in monitoring the use of mediation in legally aided cases?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Department maintains specific indicators to monitor the use of mediation. These include the number of legal aid cases given approval for incurring expenses for mediation, the number of cases that have eventually undergone mediation, the cost of mediation in various categories of legally aided proceedings and the success rate of mediation.

The monitoring of the use of mediation in legal aid cases is carried out by legal aid counsel and supporting staff as part of their overall monitoring duties. The expenditure involved is absorbed in the financial provision allocated to the Department for 2013-14.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB160

Question Serial No.

0376

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 the estimated total expenditure on civil and criminal legal aid respectively for 2013-14. In 2012-13, how many applications were granted by the Director of Legal Aid (DLA) by exercising his discretion even if the financial resources of the applicant exceeded the prescribed financial eligibility limit? Out of these cases, how many of them were criminal or civil cases? What is the expected number of cases to be granted by exercising DLA's discretion to applicants whose financial resources exceed the prescribed financial eligibility limit for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The total financial provision for civil and criminal legal aid in 2013-14 is \$570.958 million. Allocation of the provision of legal aid costs is done holistically based on past actual expenditure pattern and anticipated increases.

In 2012, nine legal aid applications, all related to criminal proceedings, were granted legal aid by DLA by exercising his discretion to waive the upper financial eligibility limit. As the means of each applicant are different, the Legal Aid Department is unable to give an estimate of the number of cases in respect of which DLA may exercise his discretion in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB161

Question Serial No.

2541

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Budget Speech proposes additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to acquire local visual artworks. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the number and types of artworks acquired and the expenditure incurred in 2011-12? Please also state the types of artworks acquired and to be acquired, the criteria for assessment, as well as the manpower and expenditures involved in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) spent \$1.82 million and \$3.39 million for acquiring 255 and 1 630 artworks (including 1 600 photo negatives sold at a discounted price) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively. The types of artworks acquired include Hong Kong art in different media (such as photography, print, painting, calligraphy, sculpture and mixed media) and historical pictures.

LCSD will continue to acquire artworks in different media by local artists so as to build up a comprehensive collection on Hong Kong art for research, exhibition and educational programmes. The assessment criteria for acquisition of artworks include their artistic merit, relevance to museums' collections, physical condition, price, display and education value, and the reputation of the artist, etc. Museum Expert Advisers will be engaged to give independent advice on the proposed acquisition including the price to be offered. The procedures and assessment criteria adopted by LCSD for acquisition of artworks are well established and have taken into account the advice given by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

As each piece of artwork is unique and the price varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired and the expenditure involved in 2013-14 cannot be estimated. No additional manpower is required for the acquisition work as it is absorbed by curators of the individual museums.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB162

Question Serial No.

2542

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the indicators under Programme (3) that the Administration will draw up the first draft inventory list of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage items. Will the Government inform this Committee of the detailed plan of drawing up the inventory list and the expenditure involved? And will the Government recruit any permanent or non-permanent staff and what recruitment criteria will be adopted? Will the staff employed be civil servants, contract staff or staff of outsourced service providers?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The Government has commissioned the South China Research Center of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to conduct a territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in Hong Kong with a view to collecting research data for the compilation of the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong. The consultancy fee involved is \$6.25 million. The South China Research Center has just submitted the survey report with a draft inventory list which will be discussed by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ICHAC) in its coming meetings. Upon consideration of the draft inventory list by ICHAC, the Government will conduct an extensive public consultation exercise on the draft list. Taking into account the public views received, the Government plans to publish the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong by early 2014.

Since the survey is undertaken by the South China Research Center and the monitoring work is conducted by existing staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Government has not recruited any permanent or non-permanent staff for the task.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB163

Question Serial No.

0091

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the amounts of subvention granted to individual national sports associations (NSAs) in each of the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13). Has the Administration conducted independent auditing of individual NSAs on a regular basis? Over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), have any NSAs violated the subvention agreements entered into with the Administration? If so, what are the details?
- (b) Apart from distributing the Best Practice Reference for Governance to the NSAs, will the Government allocate more resources or manpower to ensure proper use of the funds in 2013-14? What are the details of the measures?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme (the Scheme) to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The breakdown of the subvention granted to individual NSAs in the past three years is at Annex.

Under the Subvention Agreement signed between LCSD and the individual NSAs, NSAs are required to allow the Government and the Audit Commission unhindered access to examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of their subvention, and submit to LCSD their programme reports and annual audited accounts in a timely manner for monitoring. In addition to examining reports and accounts submitted by NSAs, LCSD staff conduct quality assurance audits periodically on NSAs' compliance with the Subvention Agreement including the accounting and procurement procedures. In the past, the main area of NSAs' non-compliance with the Subvention Agreement is the late submission of evaluation reports. With the introduction of a simplified reporting system since 2011, the performance of NSAs in this aspect has improved significantly.

- (b) The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) published a “Best Practice Reference for Governance of National Sports Associations” in December 2011 to provide guidance on the principles and best practices of good governance and internal control for adoption by NSAs. Apart from working with ICAC to promote the Best Practice Reference to the NSAs, the LCSD has redeployed resources to develop a new computerised system to facilitate more effective monitoring of NSAs' performance and use of subvention. The system will be launched in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

Subvention to National Sports Associations

	Name of National Sports Association	2010-11 (\$)	2011-12 (\$)	2012-13 (\$)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,385,862	1,537,579	1,754,138
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	4,487,120	5,534,316	5,667,511
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	10,278,774	10,939,255	15,139,191
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	3,419,609	3,698,559	4,086,631
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	9,203,100	8,782,125	10,131,442
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	1,868,780	2,756,278	2,907,105
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	750,796	791,744	855,974
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association	959,711	1,125,355	1,214,223
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union	2,726,170	3,172,769	3,060,310
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	1,873,304	1,838,961	1,869,907
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,600,387	2,880,411	2,962,858
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association	6,619,220	7,651,780	7,543,630
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	2,318,150	3,050,682	3,272,163
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,715,150	1,500,648	1,828,509
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,493,686	1,527,753	1,922,050
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	4,979,080	5,433,025	5,663,139
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	8,920,534	10,382,123	12,089,499
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Company Limited	1,031,483	1,309,601	1,496,682
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,463,518	1,449,650	1,562,744
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	4,557,600	4,814,213	5,267,442
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	4,589,230	5,052,246	5,475,505
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association	2,137,573	2,196,950	2,451,809
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	766,021	734,406	946,126
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,700,968	2,706,626	2,825,853
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,119,136	2,537,990	2,661,055
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	517,924	477,623	495,107
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	753,216	668,190	718,190
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	1,892,870	1,872,883	2,314,113
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	4,492,215	4,954,196	4,809,684
30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	2,157,508	2,506,317	2,914,045
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association	880,252	1,046,030	1,262,144
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	2,124,668	2,375,502	2,674,711
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	1,692,865	1,721,529	1,985,464
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	6,549,611	6,638,619	7,173,899
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	3,923,644	4,002,665	4,375,997
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	968,724	887,444	1,101,699
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,600,230	7,078,400	6,939,305
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	2,597,786	2,546,188	2,598,165
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	732,743	801,238	834,805
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,030,614	986,857	1,028,008
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,232,569	1,416,081	1,659,043
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	476,937	648,054	691,234

	Name of National Sports Association	2010-11 (\$)	2011-12 (\$)	2012-13 (\$)
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	5,357,704	6,235,454	6,355,548
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	5,083,992	6,207,071	6,353,382
45.	Hong Kong Squash	10,201,665	10,674,707	11,303,622
46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	8,943,425	9,799,528	9,800,206
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	10,009,906	10,615,685	14,716,592
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	1,995,254	2,143,125	2,119,491
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	6,575,498	7,523,678	8,021,498
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	4,429,751	4,488,438	4,689,570
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	4,155,227	4,108,269	4,010,578
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,061,719	935,232	1,213,522
53.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	650,969	1,346,939	885,828
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	7,598,248	7,718,231	5,650,736
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	656,552	663,362	687,698
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	858,180	833,655	867,058
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,743,791	7,910,402	8,201,298
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	3,872,770	3,611,350	4,003,515

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

HAB164

Question Serial No.

0366

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How much did the Government spend on the acquisition of local artists' artworks in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department spent a total of \$18.83 million on the acquisition of local artists' artworks in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13). Breakdown is set out below:

Year	Expenditure on acquisition of local artists' artworks (\$ million)
2008-09	4.64
2009-10	6.10
2010-11	3.89
2011-12	1.69
2012-13	2.51
Total	18.83

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB165

Question Serial No.

0399

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 66 of the Budget Speech that the Government proposes “additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to acquire local visual artists’ outstanding artworks”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The additional funding of \$50 million will be used by the museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire artworks by local artists with a view to building up a comprehensive collection on Hong Kong art for research, exhibition and educational programmes. The artworks acquired will become museum collections which will be selected and displayed on a rotation basis in the permanent and thematic exhibitions in the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum and other venues including the visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street to be opened in mid-2013.

In addition to acquiring artworks, LCSD will also use part of the funding to commission local artists to create new artworks for display at public open spaces such as parks and government buildings to promote public’s appreciation of the works of Hong Kong artists.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB166

Question Serial No.

0403

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 66 of the Budget Speech that the Financial Secretary proposes “additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to acquire local visual artists’ outstanding artworks”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- a. the expected number of artworks that can be acquired with the proposed amount of money;
- b. the measures to enhance the transparency of the acquisition; and
- c. the plans to promote to the public the artworks acquired?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- a. The additional funding of \$50 million allocated to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will be used to acquire and commission artworks by local artists for exhibition, public display and education/research purposes. As each piece of artwork is unique and the cost varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired with the proposed amount of money cannot be estimated.
- b. To ensure transparency in the acquisition of artworks by LCSD’s museums, the scope of collection and the criteria for acquisition have been uploaded onto the websites of the Hong Kong Museum of Art and Hong Kong Heritage Museum for public information. The criteria include artistic merit, relevance to museums’ collections, the physical condition, price, display and education value of the artworks, the reputation of the artist, etc.
- c. The artworks acquired will become museum collections which will be selected and displayed on a rotation basis in the permanent and thematic exhibitions in the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum and other venues including the visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street which will open in mid-2013. New artworks by local artists will also be commissioned with the additional funding for display at government buildings, parks and open spaces etc., as well as in outbound exhibitions presented overseas and the Mainland to promote works of Hong Kong artists.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB167

Question Serial No.

0410

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The work under this Programme involves “computerising information on museum collections and archives, and rendering them easily accessible to the public”. What are the details of the work plan and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Film Archive and Hong Kong Museum of History have developed their own computerised collection management systems at different times in the past decade. Information on about 390 000 items of the museum collection and archives has been uploaded onto the websites of the individual museums and the Hong Kong Film Archive.

A consultancy study is being conducted to examine the feasibility of integrating the individual collection management systems into a centralised computerised system to enhance management efficiency and facilitate better public access to museum collections. The estimated cost of the proposed centralised system is one of the issues to be examined by the study.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB168

Question Serial No.

0412

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the “long-term exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum”, will the Department provide the following information:

- a. the number of artefacts and collection items related to Bruce Lee that are currently kept; and
- b. the expenditure involved in the exhibition?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- a. The majority of the hundreds of artefacts and collection items to be shown at the Bruce Lee exhibition at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum will be on loan from the Bruce Lee Foundation, private collectors and other organisations. About 40 of the exhibits are selected from the museum collection of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, including those of the Hong Kong Film Archive.
- b. The estimated expenditure involved in organising the exhibition is about \$24.85 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB169

Question Serial No.

0413

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work of “initiating and organising public art programmes in collaboration with the arts community” in 2013-14, what are the details and estimated expenditures of these collaboration programmes?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will collaborate with the arts community and other parties in organising six public art programmes, with their details and estimated expenditures set out as follows:

	Display Period	Programme	Venue	Estimated Budget * (HK\$'000)
1	July 2012 onwards	Public Art Project – Tamar	Tamar Park	6,055
2	November 2012 to November 2013	Art@Government Buildings 2012-13	Six Government buildings	6,000
3	October 2013 onwards	Public Art Scheme of the Town Park, Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, Tseung Kwan O	Town Park at Tseung Kwan O Area 45	2,900
4	November 2013 to November 2014	Art@Government Buildings 2013-14	Three Government buildings	3,000
5	February 2014	RedBall Project	Red ball installations (travelling exhibit on world tour) at various locations in Hong Kong	650
6	March to May 2014	ArtAlive@Park 2014	Selected LCSD parks	5,600

* Estimated budget shown above is for entire project with expenditure spanning across financial years and includes the budget borne by LCSD and other bureaux /departments

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB170

Question Serial No.

0414

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Venue Partnership Scheme, will the Government:

- (a) 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 in 2011-12 and 2012-13; and
- (b) 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 2011-12 and 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

- (a) Under the first round (2009-10 to 2011-12) of the 3-year Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS), 20 Venue Partners (VPs) had been engaged in organising performing arts activities of various art forms at 11 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). In 2012-13, the second round (2012-13 to 2014-15) of the VPS commenced with 21 VPs at 12 performance venues. The LCSD provides support to all the VPs in the form of (i) priority use of the venue facilities; (ii) provision of work space; and (iii) enhanced publicity support such as publicising the VPs' programmes in monthly event calendars, and exclusive use of display areas and wall banner sites at venues for programme promotion.

Insofar as funding support is concerned, the VPs that are major performing companies receive annual subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) in the form of consolidated grants covering rentals in using LCSD venues, the production and promotion of VPS programmes and activities as well as administrative and staff costs. For VPs that are small and medium-sized performing companies, LCSD provides each of them with an annual programme fee (up to \$1 million per group in 2011-12 and 2012-13) to cover production, staff and administrative costs, in addition to the free use of the venue facilities, ticketing services, as well as administrative and publicity support (e.g. newspapers and MTR advertisements).

The total funding support provided by the LCSD (including notional charges) for the small and medium-sized performing groups in 2011-12 (actual) and 2012-13 (estimated) are \$22.8 million and \$31.4 million respectively. Breakdown is set out in Annex A.

- (b) The number of activities organised [by all the VPs] at the hosting performance venues and the attendance in 2011-12 (actual) and 2012-13 (estimated) are as follows:

Activities	2011-12 (by 20 VPs) (Actual)	2012-13 (by 21 VPs) (Estimated)
No. of stage performances	628	798
No. of educational, promotional and audience building activities	720	931
Total attendance	700 871	717 328

Breakdown is set out in Annex B.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

1. Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Support to Venue Partners in 2011-12**A) Major Performing Companies with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)**

Venue		Venue Partner	Government Subvention in 2011-12 [Note 1]
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	These are major performing companies which receive annual subvention from HAB. HAB provided additional funding to them in 2011-12 to cover hire charges in using LCSD venues, programme fees for VPS-related activities and staff cost.
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	
		(iii) The Hong Kong Ballet	
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	
5.	Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	

B) Small and Medium-sized Companies with Funding Support from Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

Venue	Venue Partner	Funding Support from LCSD: 2011-12 (Actual) [Note 2]					
		Notional Hire Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Notional URB TIX Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Publicity Support (\$) [Note 4]	Annual Programme Fee (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(a)+(b)+(c)+(d)	
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	1,040,717	166,113	66,196	1,000,000	2,273,026
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	360,049	21,862	120,196	1,000,000	1,502,107
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	498,862	12,469	66,170	880,000	1,457,501
		(ii) Whole Theatre	915,620	58,906	66,170	1,000,000	2,040,696
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	981,209	120,419	66,170	645,000	1,812,798
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	770,319	42,713	66,170	920,000	1,799,202
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	2,455,565	380,996	66,196	1,000,000	3,902,757
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	1,248,244	97,297	66,196	1,000,000	2,411,737
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	369,870	14,385	66,196	930,000	1,380,451
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera & Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	1,294,387	113,612	66,170	1,000,000	2,474,169
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	676,744	4,811	66,170	998,470	1,746,195
(B) Sub-Total :			10,611,586	1,033,583	782,000	10,373,470	22,800,639

2. Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Support to Venue Partners in 2012-13**A) Major Performing Companies with Funding Support from HAB**

Venue		Venue Partner	Government Subvention in 2012-13 [Note 1]
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	Considering that different aspects of the major performing arts groups' work are inter-related, HAB has adopted a holistic approach from 2012-13 onwards to provide an all-inclusive grant including support to the VPS for each group.
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	
		(iii) The Hong Kong Ballet	
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	

B) Small and Medium-sized Companies with Funding Support from LCSD

Venue		Venue Partner	Funding Support from LCSD: 2012-13 (Estimated) [Note 2]				
			Notional Hire Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Notional URB TIX Charges (\$) [Note 3]	Publicity Support (\$) [Note 4]	Annual Programme Fee (\$)	Total Funding (\$)
			(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(a)+(b)+(c)+ (d)
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	1,000,000	160,000	192,260	1,000,000	2,352,260
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	608,000	26,000	192,260	1,000,000	1,826,260
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	422,636	21,105	192,260	1,000,000	1,636,001
		(ii) Whole Theatre	966,266	66,129	192,260	1,000,000	2,224,655
4.	Yau Ma Tei Theatre	The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong	1,750,000	285,000	192,260	1,000,000	3,227,260
5.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	998,950	122,536	192,260	870,000	2,183,746
6.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	609,380	23,892	192,260	990,000	1,815,532
7.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	2,800,000	380,000	192,260	1,000,000	4,372,260
		(ii) Trinity Theatre and The Radiant Theatre	1,000,000	70,000	192,260	1,000,000	2,262,260
8.	North District Town Hall	Hong Kong Theatre Works	800,000	45,400	192,260	1,000,000	2,037,660
9.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Experimental Theatre and Hong Kong Young Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe	1,472,000	123,900	192,260	1,000,000	2,788,160
10.	Yuen Long Theatre	(i) Hong Kong Performing Stage of Cantonese Opera	938,000	67,000	192,260	1,000,000	2,197,260
		(ii) Theatre Noir	1,313,000	16,000	192,260	971,160	2,492,420
(B) Sub-Total :			14,678,232	1,406,962	2,499,380	12,831,160	31,415,734

- Note 1: To avoid hidden subsidy, Venue Partners receiving funding support from HAB have to pay rental in using LCSD venues. Their subsidy includes the amount of hire charges in using LCSD venues as well as the programme fees 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 of providing work space to the Venue Partners.
- Note 3: Notional hire/URBTIX charge denotes charges incurred by the Venue Partners for free use of hiring units at the partnering venue as well as ticketing services.
- Note 4: Publicity support to the Venue Partners by LCSD includes newspaper composite advertisements, MTR publicity and other extra publicity efforts to help build the image of the Venue Partners.

1. Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience in 2011-12**A) Major Performing Companies with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) [Note 1]**

Venue	Venue Partner	Level of Activities and Attendance : 2011-12 (Actual)			
		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	68	85	153	143 021
	(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	19	20	39	47 088
	(iii) The Hong Kong Ballet	40	46	86	104 336
	(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	28	20	48	51 506
2. Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	43	12	55	54 908
	(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	48	44	92	30 657
3. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	42	65	107	20 380
4. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	4	35	39	9 591
5. Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	6	47	53	7 442
Sub-Total (A) :		298	374	672	468 929

B) Small and Medium-sized Companies with Funding Support from Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) [Note 2]

Venue		Venue Partner	Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience : 2011-12 (Actual)					
			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, Publicity Support & Notional Hire/ Ticketing Charges) (\$)	Total Attendance	Average Cost Per Audience (\$) [Note 3]
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	68	6	74	2,273,026	25 926	88
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	7	60	67	1,502,107	24 250	62
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	17	26	43	1,457,501	7 105	205
		(ii) Whole Theatre	53	10	63	2,040,696	8 920	229
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	22	12	34	1,812,798	18 949	96
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	27	152	179	1,799,202	22 697	79
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	77	15	92	3,902,757	70 674	55
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	25	22	47	2,411,737	19 798	122
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	12	14	26	1,380,451	5 082	272
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	21	11	32	2,474,169	19 630	126
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	1	18	19	1,746,195	8 911	196
Sub-Total (B) :			330	346	676	22,800,639	231 942	98
Total for (A) + (B) :			628	720	1 348	[Note 1]	700 871	[Note 1]

2. Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience in 2012-13**A) Major Performing Companies with Funding Support from HAB [Note 1]**

Venue	Venue Partner	Level of Activities and Attendance : 2012-13 (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	65	75	140	129 000
	(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	20	20	40	43 000
	(iii) The Hong Kong Ballet	37	34	71	101 152
	(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	27	21	48	51 710
2. Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	36	9	45	43 734
	(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	43	33	76	25 690
3. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	39	57	96	18 123
4. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	8	31	39	11 622
Sub-Total (A) :		275	280	555	424 031

B) Small and Medium-sized Companies with Funding Support from LCSD [Note 2]

Venue		Venue Partner	Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience : 2012-13 (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, Publicity Support & Notional Hire/ Ticketing Charges) (\$)	Total Attendance	Average Cost Per Audience (\$) [Note 3]
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	59	13	72	2,352,260	22 300	105
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	7	150	157	1,826,260	38 420	48
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	24	23	47	1,636,001	15 496	106
		(ii) Whole Theatre	44	6	50	2,224,655	7 900	282
4.	Yau Ma Tei Theatre	The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong	130	72	202	3,227,260	31 875	101
5.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	22	33	55	2,183,746	19 764	110
6.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	17	154	171	1,815,532	16 799	108
7.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	79	17	96	4,372,260	71 000	62
		(ii) Trinity Theatre and The Radiant Theatre	42	52	94	2,262,260	13 210	171
8.	North District Town Hall	Hong Kong Theatre Works	16	28	44	2,037,660	4 680	435
9.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Experimental Theatre and Hong Kong Young Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe	39	9	48	2,788,160	19 378	144
10.	Yuen Long Theatre	(i) Hong Kong Performing Stage of Cantonese Opera	36	4	40	2,197,260	11 475	191
		(ii) Theatre Noir	8	90	98	2,492,420	21 000	119
Sub-Total (B) :			523	651	1 174	31,415,734	293 297	107
Total for (A) + (B) :			798	931	1 729	[Note 1]	717 328	[Note 1]

Annex B to Reply Serial No. HAB170

- 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 which does not include other funding secured by the Venue Partners themselves, if any.

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

HAB171

Question Serial No.

0415

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the auditoria/arena of civic centres under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, please provide the following information:

- a. the year of construction of each of the auditoria/arena of civic centres and their usage rates in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13); 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 three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The usage rates by types of activities of the major facilities of the 16 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past three years (from 2010-11 to 2012-13), as well as their opening years are set out in the Annex.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 18.3.2013

**Year of Opening & Usage Rates of
LCSD Performance Venues from 2010-11 to 2012-13**

	Venue (Opening Year)	Facility ^(Note 1)	Daily Usage ^(Note 2)								
			2010-11 (Actual)			2011-12 (Actual)			2012-13 (Estimated)		
			Arts-related Activities (Note 3)	Non-arts-related Activities (Note 4)	Total	Arts-related Activities (Note 3)	Non-arts-related Activities (Note 4)	Total	Arts-related Activities (Note 3)	Non-arts-related Activities (Note 4)	Total
Urban area											
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre (1989)	Concert Hall Grand Theatre Studio Theatre	100% 100% 100%	0% 0% 0%	100% 100% 100%	100% 100% 100%	0% 0% 0%	100% 100% 100%	98% 100% 99%	1% 0% 0%	99% 100% 99%
2.	Hong Kong City Hall (1962)	Concert Hall Theatre	97% 98%	2% 0%	99% 98%	99% 100%	1% 0%	100% 100%	98% 99%	1% 0%	99% 99%
3.	Hong Kong Coliseum (1983)	Arena	92%	8%	100%	89%	10%	99%	95%	5%	100%
4.	Queen Elizabeth Stadium (1980)	Arena	28%	67%	95%	46%	52%	98%	38%	56%	94%
5.	Ko Shan Theatre (1983)	Theatre	97%	1%	98%	97%	1%	98%	98%	0%	98%
6.	Yau Ma Tei Theatre ^(Note 5) (2012)	Theatre	-	-	-	-	-	-	95%	0%	95%
7.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre (1987)	Theatre Cultural Activities Hall	93% 75%	5% 1%	98% 76%	90% 69%	6% 2%	96% 71%	92% 68%	2% 2%	94% 70%
8.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre (1988)	Theatre Lecture Hall	92% 81%	5% 9%	97% 90%	95% 80%	1% 4%	96% 84%	96% 80%	2% 6%	98% 86%
9.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre (1990)	Theatre Cultural Activities Hall	96% 82%	1% 4%	97% 86%	99% 79%	0% 6%	99% 85%	100% 87%	0% 3%	100% 90%
New Territories											
10.	Kwai Tsing Theatre (1999)	Auditorium Black Box Theatre	93% 79%	6% 4%	99% 83%	95% 78%	4% 3%	99% 81%	94% 77%	4% 3%	98% 80%
11.	North District Town Hall (1982)	Auditorium	55%	13%	68%	55%	13%	68%	69%	8%	77%

	Venue (Opening Year)	Facility ^(Note 1)	Daily Usage ^(Note 2)								
			2010-11 (Actual)			2011-12 (Actual)			2012-13 (Estimated)		
			Arts-related Activities (Note 3)	Non-arts-related Activities (Note 4)	Total	Arts-related Activities (Note 3)	Non-arts-related Activities (Note 4)	Total	Arts-related Activities (Note 3)	Non-arts-related Activities (Note 4)	Total
12.	Sha Tin Town Hall (1987)	Auditorium Cultural Activities Hall	92% 86%	7% 9%	99% 95%	93% 87%	6% 8%	99% 95%	95% 88%	4% 7%	99% 95%
13.	Tai Po Civic Centre ^(Note 6) (1985)	Auditorium	39%	53%	92%	30%	56%	86%	36%	55%	91%
14.	Tuen Mun Town Hall (1987)	Auditorium Cultural Activities Hall	84% 93%	8% 2%	92% 95%	82% 94%	12% 4%	94% 98%	92% 94%	6% 3%	98% 97%
15.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall (1980)	Auditorium Cultural Activities Hall	87% 75%	11% 15%	98% 90%	84% 85%	10% 8%	94% 93%	87% 80%	11% 9%	98% 89%
16.	Yuen Long Theatre (2000)	Auditorium	75%	13%	88%	75%	14%	89%	85%	9%	94%

Note 1: Including major facilities of the 16 LCSD performance venues but not exhibition facilities.

Note 2: Daily usage rates are based on the number of days used over the total number of days available, excluding maintenance.

Note 3: Arts-related usage includes performances, educational/audience and community building activities, etc.

Note 4: Non-arts-related usage includes meetings, lectures, conferences, workshops, ceremonies and sports events at Hong Kong Coliseum and Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

Note 5: Yau Ma Tei Theatre, a dedicated venue for Chinese opera, was opened in July 2012.

Note 6: The use of Tai Po Civic Center 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.

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

HAB172

Question Serial No.

2337

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Given the increase in the expenditure incurred by the Department on “recreation and sports” in recent years, please provide the following information:

- a. As the average usage rates of natural turf pitches have reached the ceiling in recent years, has the Department earmarked any expenditure for providing more natural turf pitches? If so, what will be their locations and the estimated expenditure; if not, what are the reasons?
- b. What is the average expenditure on the maintenance of natural turf pitches every year?
- c. Are local football teams or the Hong Kong football representative teams given priority use of the natural turf pitches? If so, how many hours in total are allocated for priority use per week? If not, does the Department have any plan to allow local football teams or the Hong Kong football representative teams to make priority booking of the natural turf pitches in the future? What will be the estimated expenditure involved?
- d. How many inspections were carried out by the Department on the identity of natural turf pitch users last year? What is the establishment for the staff responsible for such inspections? Will additional manpower be provided in this respect in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

- a. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently provides 49 natural turf soccer pitches and 30 artificial turf soccer pitches. Given the strong demand for soccer pitches and the fact that artificial turf pitches offer many more sessions than natural turf pitches for public use (a natural turf pitch can provide at most 60 hiring sessions a month due to the need for turf maintenance whereas an artificial turf pitch can provide 270 sessions a month), LCSD plans to provide more artificial turf soccer pitches to meet public demand. These include converting 14 existing natural and first/second generation artificial turf pitches into third generation turf pitches in the coming four years, as well as developing a new 11-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch in Tin Shui Wai and one 7-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch in the Phase 2 redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground. Currently, there is no natural turf pitch under construction.
- b. As most of the natural turf pitches form part of the overall facilities provided in the public leisure venues such as parks and sports grounds, LCSD does not have separate figures on the maintenance cost of natural turf pitches.

- c. LCSD has arranged a turf pitch for use by the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) as the National Squad Training Centre (NSTC) for training of their representative teams and top priority will be given to the bookings of the NSTC for such training activities. To help develop local professional teams, LCSD has also provided HKFA with home venues for its ten First Division Football teams to organise home-and-away football leagues, and dedicated training venues for their regular training. Priority will be given to bookings from HKFA for the use of home and training venues. A list of training venues provided for the First Division teams in the 2012-13 football season is at the Annex.

To facilitate the training of local football teams, LCSD provides priority advance booking for teams from three to 12 months. They can book up to half of the total available sessions in a month for natural turf pitches and one-third of the available sessions during peak hours of the month for artificial turf pitches. No additional expenditure is involved for such booking arrangement.

- d. Venue staff are required to enforce strictly the checking of all hirers' identity to ensure that the hirer is one of the users of the facilities. The verification procedure is carried out by the venue staff as part of their overall venue management duties, and hence no additional expenditure is incurred in carrying out identity checking.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

Venues Allocated to the First Division Football Teams for Training

Football Clubs	Training Venue
South China Athletic Association	Po Kong Village Road Park Pitch No. 1 (Artificial turf pitch)
Kitchee Sports Club	Shek Kei Mei Park (Artificial turf pitch)
Citizen Athletic Association	Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 6 (Artificial turf pitch)
Tin Shui Wai Pegasus Football Club	Tsing Yi Northeast Park (Artificial turf pitch)
Tai Po Football Club	Kwong Fuk Park (Artificial turf pitch)
Sun Hei Sports Club	Ho Man Tin Service Reservoir Playground (Natural turf pitch)
Yokohama FC	Po Kong Village Road Park Pitch No. 2 (Artificial turf pitch)
Hong Kong Rangers Club	Shek Kei Mei Park (Artificial turf pitch)
Tuen Mun Sports Association	Wu Shan Recreation Ground (Artificial turf pitch)
Southern District Football Association	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground (Artificial turf pitch)

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

HAB173

Question Serial No.

2338

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Given the increase in the expenditure incurred by the Department on “recreation and sports” in recent years, please provide the following information:

- (a) How many national sports associations (NSAs) received subvention from the Department in the past three years? What was the total amount of subvention provided? What will be the estimate for this year? Please provide information in the table below.

Year	Number of NSAs granted subvention	Total amount of subvention granted
2010-11		
2011-12		
2012-13		
2013-14 (estimate)		

- (b) Please list in the table below the ten NSAs which were granted the highest amount of subvention and the respective total amount of subvention in the past three years.

2010-11	
Name of NSA	Total amount of subvention granted

2011-12	
Name of NSA	Total amount of subvention granted

2012-13	
Name of NSA	Total amount of subvention granted

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The number of NSAs and SOs receiving subventions and

the total subventions provided in the past three years, as well as the estimated subvention to be provided for these NSAs/SOs in 2013-14 are as follows-

Year	No. of NSAs and SOs subvented	Total Subvention Provided (\$ million)
2010-11	80	213
2011-12	81	231
2012-13	82	250
2013-14 (estimate)	84	259

- (b) The ten NSAs receiving the highest amount of subvention and their respective total amount of subvention in the past three years are listed at the Annex.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

**The ten national sports associations receiving the highest amount of subvention
in 2010-11 to 2012-13**

(I) 2010-11

	Name of national sports association	Subvention Amount (\$ million)
1	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	10.28
2	Hong Kong Squash	10.20
3	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	10.01
4	Hong Kong Basketball Association	9.20
5	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	8.94
6	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	8.92
7	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7.74
8	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	7.60
9	Hong Kong Cycling Association	6.62
10	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6.60

(II) 2011-12

	Name of national sports association	Subvention Amount (\$ million)
1	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	10.94
2	Hong Kong Squash	10.67
3	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	10.62
4	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	10.38
5	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9.80
6	Hong Kong Basketball Association	8.78
7	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7.91
8	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	7.72
9	Hong Kong Cycling Association	7.65
10	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	7.52

(III) 2012-13

	Name of national sports association	Subvention Amount (\$ million)
1	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	15.14
2	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	14.72
3	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	12.09
4	Hong Kong Squash	11.30
5	Hong Kong Basketball Association	10.13
6	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9.80
7	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	8.20
8	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	8.02
9	Hong Kong Cycling Association	7.54
10	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	7.17

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

HAB174

Question Serial No.

3047

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What was the expenditure incurred by the Department in maintaining the Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) last year? Given the continuous increase in the actual number of tickets issued in 2011 and 2012, why is that the estimated indicator for 2013 is even lower than the actual number for 2011?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) engages the Cityline (Hong Kong) Limited as the contractor to develop, operate and maintain the Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) at the company's own cost. Event presenters including the LCSD are required to pay the company a service fee (at a fixed rate per ticket) for the ticketing services. LCSD is responsible for the provision of front-end box office and enquiry services, as well as administrative support for the ticketing services. The expenditure incurred in supporting the ticketing services together with the ticket charges paid by LCSD for its use of URBTIX in 2012-13 is estimated at \$8.2 million.

The number of events put on sale and the quantity of tickets sold through URBTIX vary each year. A larger than usual number of tickets were sold through URBTIX in 2011 and 2012 due to some long running shows by pop stars at the Hong Kong Coliseum in 2011 and two mega exhibitions, namely, "PICASSO – Masterpieces from Musée National Picasso, Paris" and "The Majesty of All Under Heaven: The Eternal Realm of China's First Emperor" involving a huge volume of tickets held at the LCSD museums in 2012. We expect that the total number of tickets to be sold through URBTIX in 2013 will return to the normal level.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB175

Question Serial No.

3048

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Given the increases in the expenditure incurred by the Department on “leisure and culture subventions” in recent years, please provide the following information:

- (a) What were the numbers and amounts of subvention granted by the Department in the past three years? What will be the estimate for this year? Please provide information in the table below.

Year	Number of subvention granted	Total amount of subvention granted
2010-11		
2011-12		
2012-13		
2013-14 (estimate)		

- (b) Please list in the table below the ten organisations which were granted the highest amounts of subvention and the respective total amounts of subvention in the past three years.

2010-11	
Name of organisation	Total amount of subvention granted

2011-12	
Name of organisation	Total amount of subvention granted

2012-13	
Name of organisation	Total amount of subvention granted

- (c) Please list in the table below the ten activities which were granted the highest amounts of subvention and the respective total amounts of subvention in the past three years.

2010-11	
Name of activity	Total amount of subvention granted

2011-12	
Name of activity	Total amount of subvention granted

2012-13	
Name of activity	Total amount of subvention granted

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to sports and cultural organisations to support the promotion and development of sport and culture in the community. On the sports side, the Department provides annual subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme. On the cultural side, the LCSD provides annual subvention to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited.

The number of organisations receiving subvention from LCSD and the total amount of subvention granted by the Department in the past three years, as well as the estimated provision for 2013-14 are as follows –

(i) Sports organisations

Year	Number of NSAs and SOs receiving subvention	Total amount of subvention granted (\$ million)
2010-11	80	213
2011-12	81	231
2012-13	82	250
2013-14 (estimate)	84	259

(ii) Cultural organisations

Year	Number of cultural organisation receiving subvention	Total amount of subvention granted (\$ million)
2010-11	1	33.18
2011-12	1	33.18
2012-13	1	33.18
2013-14 (estimate)	1	33.18

- (b) The organisation that has received the highest amount of subvention from LCSD in the past three years is the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited (\$33.18 million per annum). The 10 sports organisations that were granted the highest amounts of subvention in the past three years are as below –

2010-11	
Name of organisation	Total amount of subvention granted (\$ million)
Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	10.28
Hong Kong Squash	10.20
Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	10.01
Hong Kong Basketball Association	9.20
Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	8.94
The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	8.92
Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7.74
Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	7.60
Hong Kong Cycling Association	6.62
Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6.60

2011-12	
Name of organisation	Total amount of subvention granted (\$ million)
Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	10.94
Hong Kong Squash	10.67
Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	10.62
The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	10.38
Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9.80
Hong Kong Basketball Association	8.78
Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7.91
Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	7.72
Hong Kong Cycling Association	7.65
Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	7.52

2012-13	
Name of organisation	Total amount of subvention granted (\$ million)
Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	15.14
Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	14.72
The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	12.09
Hong Kong Squash	11.30
Hong Kong Basketball Association	10.13
Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9.80
Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	8.20
Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	8.02
Hong Kong Cycling Association	7.54
Hong Kong, China, Rowing Association	7.17

- (c) The sports subvention provided to the NSAs is a block grant to cover their personnel, office and programme expenses. NSAs can exercise flexibility in deciding the deployment of the subvention as long as their set targets are achieved. LCSD does not have a breakdown of the subvention allocated to individual programmes or activities organised by the NSAs. As for the annual subvention provided to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited, it serves to cover part of their programme costs.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB176

Question Serial No.

3260

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the departmental records management work over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13):

1. Please provide information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform such work. If there is no officer designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they have to undertake in addition to records management;
2. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

3. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

4. Please list in the table below information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

1. For the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), its Departmental Secretary (a directorate officer at D1 level) oversees the execution of records management in the Department. A Chief Executive Officer is designated as the Departmental Records Manager (DRM) responsible for establishing and implementing a comprehensive departmental records management programme. Besides, a large number of staff of various grades and ranks are involved in records management functions in their daily work. Some of them are assigned with specific roles and responsibilities in records management, including:
 - an Assistant Departmental Records Manager (a Senior Executive Officer) assists the DRM in monitoring records management activities in the Department;
 - 60 Records Managers (at the rank of Senior Executive Officer or above) co-ordinate and monitor records management matters in the respective branches/sections; and
 - 180 Records Management Officers (at the rank of Executive Officer II or above) oversee records management matters in the registries of their respective sections/offices.

In addition, a large number of subject officers (i.e. records users) and registry staff in various offices of the Department are involved in records management work in daily business. The Department however does not have details on the number of staff and the hours of work involved in records management duties.

2. The table below provides information on programme and administrative records which have been closed in the past three years pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records (lm)	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
(2010-11)				
Programme records	1992-2011	6 200 / 140 lm	3-10 years	No
Administrative records	1964-2011	1 100 / 47 lm	0-7 years	8 records
(2011-12)				
Programme records	1986-2012	6 300 / 140 lm	3-10 years	No
Administrative records	1984-2012	1 300 / 96 lm	0-7 years	33 records
(2012-13)				
Programme records	1974-2013	5 000 / 130 lm	3-10 years	No
Administrative records	1999-2013	270 / 14 lm	0-7 years	12 records

3. The table below provides information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention in the past three years:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records (lm)	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
(2010-11)					
Programme records	1963-2000	36 / 1.1 lm	2011	0 year	No
Administrative records	1985-2002	23 / 1.2 lm	2011	0-5 years	No
(2011-12)					
Programme records	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative records	1985-1996	2 / 0.1 lm	2012	5 years	No
(2012-13)					
Programme records	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative records	-	-	-	-	-

4. The table below provides information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS in the past three years:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records (lm)	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
(2010-11)					
Programme records	1964-2010	10 000 / 320 lm	2009-2011	2-7 years	No
Administrative records	1970-2010	5 600 / 340 lm	2006-2011	1-7 years	No
(2011-12)					
Programme records	1972-2011	19 900 / 330 lm	2011-2012	2-7 years	No
Administrative records	1964-2011	8 900 / 450 lm	2006-2012	0-7 years after audited/end of contract/obsoleted	No
(2012-13)					
Programme records	1975-2012	12 300 / 210 lm	2011-2012	2-10 years	No
Administrative records	1963-2012	3 600 / 190 lm	2006-2012	0-7 years after audited/end of contract/obsoleted	No

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB177

Question Serial No.

2886

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the drawing up of the first draft inventory list of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage items, please provide the following information:

- 1) the details of the concrete follow-up action to be taken upon the completion of the draft inventory list;
- 2) the specific expenditure involved and its detailed breakdown; and
- 3) the staffing requirements.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- 1) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has commissioned the South China Research Center of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) to conduct the territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in Hong Kong. The Center has just submitted a draft inventory list which will be discussed by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ICHAC) in its coming meetings. Upon consideration of the draft inventory list by ICHAC, the Government will launch an extensive public consultation exercise on the draft list. Taking into account the public views received, the Government plans to publish the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong by early 2014.
- 2) The expenditure involved in commissioning the South China Research Center to conduct the territory-wide survey of ICH is \$6.25 million which covers remuneration for the survey team members, procurement of equipment for field survey recording and logistical expenses.
- 3) The work in co-ordinating and monitoring HKUST's survey is taken up by the existing staff of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and no additional staff is required.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB178

Question Serial No.

2888

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the long-term exhibition on Bruce Lee to be held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, please provide the following information:

- 1) What is the specific expenditure of the exhibition and its breakdown?
- 2) Apart from the exhibition on Mr. Bruce Lee, does the Department have any plans to organise exhibitions on other celebrities in the performing arts circle who have passed away, such as Mr. Roman Tam and Ms. Lydia Sum? If so, what are the plans?
- 3) What are the specific expenditures of the plans and their breakdowns?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The estimated expenditure involved in organising the long-term exhibition on Bruce Lee is about \$24.85 million, among which \$5.69 million has been set aside for the loaning and production of exhibits, \$4.82 million for multi-media programmes, \$7.16 million for exhibition design and fabrication, \$1.54 million for educational activities and exhibition catalogues, \$3.82 million for publicity and promotion, and \$1.82 million for logistical expenses.

The Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM) organises exhibitions from time to time to feature important cultural icons in Hong Kong. With the full support of the families of the late Roman Tam and Lydia Sum and their donation of the artists' memorabilia to HKHM, and in view of their significance in Hong Kong's popular culture, the Museum organised two exhibitions on Lydia Sum and Roman Tam in 2009-10 and 2011-12, involving expenditure of \$1.24 million and \$1.57 million respectively. HKHM will consider organising exhibitions on other cultural icons when the opportunity arises, such as after receiving significant and substantial amount of artefacts from donors.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB179

Question Serial No.

2890

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the support for the budding and young artists as well as small to medium-scale performing arts groups by offering them increased performance opportunities at various venues, please provide the following information:

- 1) What are the relevant details, the specific expenditure involved and the breakdown of the expenditure?
- 2) In what ways are the budding artists and small to medium-scale performing arts groups expected to benefit from this?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- 1) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been supporting a large number of young artists, as well as small and medium scale performing arts groups by engaging them in the Department's year-round cultural presentations, festival and entertainment programmes, audience building and arts education activities, as well as the Venue Partnership Scheme. In addition to presenting and sponsoring their productions with the provision of programme fees, LCSD also provides publicity support, and/or free venue and ticketing services.

In addition to LCSD's performance venues, the Department also engages these artists and arts groups to perform at its museums, as well as other venues such as the Hong Kong Arts Centre, Nan Lian Garden, Cattle Depot, HKICC Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity, Youth Square, Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre, schools, community halls and historic sites.

The estimated funding support (mainly towards programme costs and excluding notional venue and ticketing charges) for the young artists and small and medium scale performing arts groups in 2013-14 is around \$100.84 million.

- 2) With LCSD's funding and other support, around 220 young artists/small and medium scale performing arts groups will have the opportunities to exhibit their skills and talents by giving around 3 350 performances in the Department's cultural presentations, arts festivals as well as audience building and arts education activities in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB180

Question Serial No.

2891

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the “World Cultures Festival” to be held in autumn 2013, please provide the following information:

- 1) the estimated attendance and the details of the programmes of the Festival; and
- 2) the specific expenditure of the Festival and its breakdown.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- 1) The theme of the World Cultures Festival 2013 will be the arts of the Eastern European region. The Festival will feature the most representative art forms, artists and arts groups of five Eastern European countries, namely, Russia, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Serbia. An array of programmes including music, theatre and dance will be presented to showcase the rich and diversified cultures and traditions of the region inherited from the past and transformed to the present, with new developments reflecting the multi-faceted contemporary society. 11 stage programmes with 26 performances totalling 100 activities including educational and extension activities will be presented during the Festival to an estimated audience of 68 000.
- 2) The estimated budget of the Festival is \$17.8 million, including \$13.8 million for programme costs and \$4 million for publicity, design, printing and other logistics costs.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB181

Question Serial No.

2893

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the enhancement of training programmes for arts personnel and the strengthening of audience building and arts education activities in the communities, please provide the following information:

- 1) the contents of the programmes in 2013-14;
- 2) the specific expenditure and their breakdowns; and
- 3) the expected benefits of the programmes.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

(1) Enhancement of training programmes for art personnel

- The Arts Administrator Trainee Programme (the Programme) was first launched by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2010-11 to provide trainees with comprehensive training in venue management and programme presentation. Each trainee will receive two years' on-the-job training at LCSD's performing venues and a monthly allowance of \$13,690. The Department has increased the placement numbers from 13 trainees in the first intake (2010-12) to 18 trainees in the second intake (2012-14). Funding is also available to performing companies which are Venue Partners (VPs) at LCSD's performance venues to engage one to two trainees for a maximum of two years during each intake. Currently, 21 trainees are engaged by the 20 VPs of LCSD venues.
- The estimated expenditure for the Programme is \$24.61 million for five years (2010-11 to 2014-15), comprising mainly payment of monthly allowance to the trainees and related administrative expenses.
- The Programme aims to nurture a pool of arts administrators to support the development of cultural software in Hong Kong. It is envisaged that a total of 31 Arts Administrator Trainees of LCSD and over 60 trainees of the VPs will be trained by the end of the 5-year scheme.

(2) Strengthening of community audience building and arts education

- In 2013-14, LCSD will continue to develop the on-going community audience building and school arts education programmes including the "School Culture Day Scheme", "School Arts Animateur Scheme", "Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students", and "Performing Arts Criticism Project for Senior Secondary Students". The "Community Oral History Theatre Project", which has

been very well received in the Sham Shui Po and Kwun Tong districts, will be extended to Tai O this year involving the elderly to act out their past stories on stage. Students will be enrolled in the advanced “New Synergy Arts Animateur Scheme” after completing the “School Arts Animateur Scheme” as a new initiative to bring their arts learning to the next level.

- The estimated expenditure of the above programmes is \$16.68 million in 2013-14.
- The community audience building and school arts education programmes in 2013-14 aim to attract 300 000 participants of different age groups and from various social sectors.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB182

Question Serial No.

2899

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the organisation of more programmes for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, please provide the following information:

- (a) the details of the arrangements in 2013-14;
- (b) the specific expenditure involved and its detailed breakdown; and
- (c) the method used to assess the effectiveness of the programmes; whether a review will be conducted, and if so, its details; if not, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) To promote "Sport for All" and to encourage people of different age groups and levels of ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and people with disabilities. The programmes specially organised for the elderly and people with disabilities include swimming, baduanjin, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), gymnastics for all, hydro-fitness, social dance, table tennis, gateball, day camps and excursions. Outreach programmes are also organised at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres.
- (b) The planned number of programmes to be organised for the elderly and people with disabilities in 2013-14 and the estimated number of participants and expenditure are set out below –

	Elderly	People with Disabilities	Total
Number of Programmes	4 480	1 260	5 740
Number of Participants	440 800	74 100	514 900
Expenditure (\$ million)	8.67	4.28	12.95

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

HAB183

Question Serial No.

2906

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is emphasised under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to improve the arrangements for the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through further enhancement of the computerised booking system and administrative measures. Please provide the following information:

- (a) the details of the measures;
- (b) the estimated expenditure of the plan and its detailed breakdown; and
- (c) the expected improvement on the present situation.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a)(c) In 2013-14, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will further enhance the Leisure Link System (LLS) to facilitate the implementation of a series of measures to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities. To minimise scalping and other abusive uses, the Department will shorten the current 30-day advance booking period for individuals to 10 days to reduce the time for re-selling the user permits; cancel the “stand-by” arrangements for soccer pitches on a trial basis; and impose penalties on individuals who fail to show up at the booked session or who have breached the relevant regulations or user conditions. To prevent multiple registrations as Leisure Link Patrons, all LLS members will be required to register again in 2013-14 using their Hong Kong identity card. Separately, LCSD will also upgrade the Leisure Link e-services system for integration with MyGovHK to provide one-stop services to the public.
- (b) The estimated expenditure in 2013-14 on upgrading the Leisure Link e-services system for integration with MyGovHK and improving the booking arrangements are \$8 million and \$13 million respectively.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB184

Question Serial No.

1492

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government proposes additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire local artists' artworks. What criteria will be used by the LCSD for selecting the artworks? Will the Department engage a third party agent to conduct an objective valuation of the artworks to be acquired?

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

Reply:

Having regard to the advice given by the Corruption Prevention Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has devised a set of procedures and assessment criteria for acquisition of artworks for museums. The criteria include the artistic merit of the proposed acquisition, its relevance to museums' collections, its physical condition, price, display and education value, and the reputation of the artist.

In conducting the assessment, LCSD will invite Museum Expert Advisers (Advisers) from the relevant panel to give independent advice on the proposed acquisition in accordance with the above-mentioned procedures/criteria. Advisers are appointed to different panels according to their areas of expertise such as Hong Kong art, design, photography, Chinese antiquities, historical pictures, etc. The number of Advisers to be engaged for each acquisition depends on the value of the artworks, but at least three Advisers have to be engaged if the estimated value of the artwork is over \$50,000. The Advisers concerned are required to declare interest when conducting assessment to avoid conflict of interest and no remuneration or honorarium will be offered to them. Unanimous support of the Advisers on the proposed acquisition, including the price to be offered, is required.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB185

Question Serial No.

1125

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the library stock of the existing public libraries:

Language	Category	Total no. of library materials	No. of new items in 2012	Additional expenditure for adding library materials in 2012	Total no. of borrowed items in 2012
Chinese	General				
	Philosophy				
	Religion				
	Natural Science				
	Applied Science				
	Social Sciences				
	Chinese History & Geography				
	World History & Geography				
	Language & Literature				
English	Arts & Recreation				
	Computer Science, Information & General Works				
	Philosophy & Psychology				
	Religion				
	Social Sciences				
	Language				
	Technology				
	Arts & Recreation				
Literature & Rhetoric					
History, Geography & Related Disciplines					

Language	Category	Total no. of library materials	No. of new items in 2012	Additional expenditure for adding library materials in 2012	Total no. of borrowed items in 2012
	Multimedia materials				
	Others				

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

- The library stock (as at 31 December 2012) and the loan statistics of the public libraries managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2012 are provided in the table below.

Language	Category *	Total no. of library materials (as at 31 December 2012)	Total no. of items borrowed in 2012
Chinese	General Works	230 216	409 131
	Philosophy	333 706	1 610 833
	Religion	149 083	813 142
	Pure Science	563 186	2 802 719
	Technology	1 047 154	5 390 337
	Social Sciences	998 174	3 084 903
	Chinese History & Geography	331 264	1 079 671
	History & Geography	533 891	2 530 691
	Language & Literature	1 313 145	6 570 206
	Arts & Recreation	522 730	2 092 593
	Fiction & Picture Books	1 543 958	11 545 417
	Translated Fiction	615 635	3 411 743
English	General Works	116 883	310 672
	Philosophy & Psychology	70 546	196 371
	Religion	31 682	67 867
	Social Sciences	716 494	1 011 583
	Language	295 836	2 771 151
	Pure Science	242 344	639 114
	Technology (Applied Science)	483 359	933 299
	Arts & Recreation	383 909	543 657
	Literature	131 812	166 285
	History & Geography	272 295	506 000
	Fiction, Junior Fiction & Picture Books	788 294	4 815 450
Multimedia materials and others	1 139 070	2 851 897	

* *Items are categorised according to the respective library classification schemes in use for Chinese and English library materials.*

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

HAB186

Question Serial No.

1126

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What online databases are provided by the public libraries; what are their major contents and the restrictions on their use? What is the usage rate of each database? What is the annual expenditure on the purchase of the database service?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

At present, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) provides 60 online databases to support library users' self-study and life-long learning. These databases include e-journals, e-news, self-learning programmes and quick reference tools covering a wide range of subjects such as arts and humanities, business and economics, library and information science, science and technology, social sciences, etc.

Unlike conventional library materials, electronic resources are hosted by vendors and licensed for library use at vendors' platforms through annual subscription arrangements. 14 of the above-mentioned online databases are available for remote access by library card holders via the HKPL website. For the remaining databases, library users can use them at the designated libraries during opening hours.

The usage statistics of the 60 online databases subscribed by HKPL are at Annex. It should be noted that the statistics are provided by individual database service providers who adopt different statistical elements to present usage statistics of their databases, such as number of searches, logins, enquiries, clicks, reports consulted, items browsed, transactions, etc. The total expenditure involved in subscribing online databases in 2012-13 is \$8 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Usage of Online Database January - December 2012

Item	Title of Online Databases	Subjects	Statistical Elements	Usage
1	AccessScience *	Science and Technology	No. of searches	2 030
2	ADI online - Africa Development Indicators	Business and Economics	Free databases provided by Organisations of Depository Collections. No usage provided.	No statistics provided by supplier
3	GDF online - Global Development Finance	Business and Economics		
4	WDI online - World Development Indicators	Business and Economics		
5	ARTbibliographies Modern	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	6 023
6	Biography in Context *	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	4 536
7	BookData Online	Library and Information Science	No. of searches	48 606
8	Business Monitor Online	Business and Economics	No. of logins	758
9	Business Source Complete	Business and Economics	No. of searches	2 970
10	China Journals Full-text Database	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	15 562
11	China Doctor Dissertations Full-text Database	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	7 643
12	China Master Theses Full-text Database	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	
13	INFOBANK	Business and Economics	No. of logins	3 278
14	China Standards Document Database	Science and Technology	No. of searches	1 510
15	中國企業、公司及產品數據庫 #	Business and Economics	No. of searches	9 858
16	Chinese Companies and Products Database	Business and Economics	No. of searches	1 240
17	Complete Classics Collection of Ancient China *	Arts and Humanities	No. of enquiries	3 880
18	Design and Applied Arts Index	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	7 129
19	eLibrary Curriculum Edition (CE) *	Social Sciences	No. of searches	1 648
20	Factiva.com	Business and Economics	No. of items used	11 660
21	Global Book In Print	Library and Information Science	No. of searches	567
22	Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources (GREENR) *	Science and Technology	No. of searches	2 086
23	Grolier Online *	Multi-discipline	No. of searches	8 794

Item	Title of Online Databases	Subjects	Statistical Elements	Usage
24	International Index to Music Periodicals (IIMP) Full Text	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	13 434
25	International Index to the Performing Arts (IIPA) Full Text	Arts and Humanities		
26	Mergent Online	Business and Economics	No. of searches	3 166
27	Music In Print Series	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	491
28	Naxos Music Library *	Arts and Humanities	No. of clips streamed	238 745
29	Newtonkids Digital Museum *	Science and Technology	No. of enquiries	1 551
30	OECD iLibrary	Business and Economics	No. of sections/titles/ reports of publications downloaded	2 197
31	OmniFile Full Text Mega *	Multi-discipline	No. of searches	7 165
32	OneSource	Business and Economics	No. of reports consulted	6 837
33	Opposing Viewpoints in Context *	Social Sciences	No. of searches	2 657
34	Passport GMID	Business and Economics	No. of searches	9 689
35	People's Daily Database *	News	No. of items browsed	3 250
36-53	Proquest 5000 including 18 databases: ABI/INFORM Global, Accounting & Tax, Banking Information Source, Career and Technical Education, Health & Medical Complete, New York Times, Pharmaceutical News Index, ProQuest Asian Business and Reference, ProQuest Computing, ProQuest Education Journals, ProQuest European Business, ProQuest Religion, ProQuest Research Library, ProQuest Science Journals, ProQuest Social Science Journals, ProQuest Telecommunications, Sunday Times (London), The Times (London)	Multi-discipline	No. of searches	466 567
54	Science in Context *	Science and Technology	No. of searches	3 171
55	SOSHOO.com	Business and Economics	No. of logins	3 513
56	SPORTDiscus with Full Text *	Arts and Humanities	No. of searches	2 505

Item	Title of Online Databases	Subjects	Statistical Elements	Usage
57	Ulrich's Web	Library and Information Science	No. of searches	2 111
58	Westlaw China	Social Sciences	No. of transactions	3 192
59	What do I Read Next? *	Library and Information Science	No. of searches	2 149
60	WiseNews	News	No. of clicks (browse & search)	6 866 250

Remarks: * Online databases for remote access via website of the Hong Kong Public Libraries
Only Chinese title available.

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

HAB187

Question Serial No.

0739

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

During 2013-14, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to improve the arrangements for the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes through further enhancement of the computerised booking system and administrative measures. However, there have been criticisms that the sports venues of the LCSD have been abused by scalpers. What are the specific measures to be taken by the Department in the coming year to improve the arrangements for the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has recently completed a review of the booking and allocation arrangements for sports facilities. Apart from strictly enforcing the current check-in procedures by verifying the identity of hirers to ensure that the booked sessions are used by genuine users, the Department has, since August 2012, ceased to accept identity documents other than the Hong Kong identity card for online registration as Leisure Link Patrons to prevent hirers from using multiple identities when making bookings.

Upon completion of consultation with the District Councils and other stakeholders, the Department will further enhance the Leisure Link System (LLS) in 2013-14 to facilitate the implementation of a series of improvement measures with a view to minimising scalping and other abusive uses. These measures include: shortening the current 30-day advance booking period for individuals to 10 days to reduce the time for re-selling the user permits; cancelling the “stand-by” arrangements for soccer pitches on a trial basis; and imposing penalties on individuals who fail to show up at the booked session or who have breached the relevant regulations or user conditions. To prevent multiple registrations as Leisure Link Patrons, all LLS members will be required to register again using their Hong Kong identity card in 2013-14.

The expenditure involved in implementing these measures is estimated to be about \$13 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB188

Question Serial No.

0740

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will open a long-term exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum. What are the preparation work involved and the expenditure incurred on the acquisition of collection items related to Bruce Lee?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

Preparation work for the long-term exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum includes, among other things, conducting research into Bruce Lee's life and his achievements, sourcing historic objects and artefacts related to Bruce Lee from various parties, developing exhibition content, designing and fabricating the exhibition display, producing audio-visual programmes, exhibition catalogue and educational programmes as well as planning promotional campaigns in collaboration with the tourism sector.

The estimated expenditure involved in organising the Bruce Lee exhibition is about \$24.85 million, among which \$5.7 million has been set aside for the loaning and transportation of exhibits, as well as the production of a Bruce Lee statue and replicas of his personal documents and objects. As the majority of the exhibits are on loan from the Bruce Lee Foundation, private collectors and other organisations, with the remaining items drawn from the museum collection of the Hong Kong Film Archive of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, no separate funding has been set aside for the acquisition of artefacts related to Bruce Lee at this stage.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB189

Question Serial No.

3008

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the 2013-14 Budget, the Financial Secretary proposes additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to acquire local visual artists' outstanding artworks, and to commission works for exhibition under public art schemes. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the plan? Has any assessment been made on the number of artworks that can be acquired with \$50 million? Are there any plans to acquire which type(s) of artworks? What is the estimated expenditure of the exhibition?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The additional funding of \$50 million will be used by the museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire artworks by local artists with a view to building up a comprehensive collection on Hong Kong art for research, exhibition and educational programmes. The artworks acquired will become museum collections which will be selected and displayed on a rotation basis in the permanent and thematic exhibitions in LCSD's museums and other venues including the visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street to be opened in mid-2013.

In addition to acquiring artworks, LCSD will also use part of the funding to commission local artists to create new artworks for display at public open spaces such as parks and government buildings to promote public's appreciation of the works of Hong Kong artists.

The types of artworks to be acquired include photography, print, painting, calligraphy, sculpture and mixed media works by local artists. As each piece of artwork is unique and the price varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired with the proposed amount of money and the cost of mounting exhibitions for their display cannot be estimated.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB190

Question Serial No.

3169

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What is the progress of the implementation of the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme? Could the revenue generated from the Scheme offset the loss of the income from the admission fees paid by individual swimmers? How many complaints about the Monthly Ticket Scheme have been received so far? Did the implementation of the Scheme require the deployment of extra manpower for crowd control at the entrances to swimming pools? What was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme (the Scheme) was introduced on 5 July 2012 with the aim of making regular swimming more affordable, particularly for the elderly, and encouraging the public to maintain a healthy lifestyle by swimming regularly. By the end of January 2013, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had sold over 44 000 monthly tickets, half of which were bought by citizens aged 60 or above. The amount of revenue generated from the sales of monthly tickets since the introduction of the Scheme is sufficient to offset the loss of income from the admission fees paid by individual swimmers.

LCSD has received 58 complaints about the Scheme. The majority of the complaints concern the need for the monthly ticket holders to show their Hong Kong Identity Cards for checking when entering the swimming pools. Following the introduction of the Public Swimming Pool Smart Card System starting from 1 April this year, monthly ticket holders can apply for and use their smart cards for identity checking at the swimming pools, and will no longer be required to produce documentary proof of identity upon admission.

The implementation of the Scheme required the Department to deploy extra manpower for crowd control and check-in duties at the entrances to swimming pools. The expenditure involved was about \$1.43 million in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB191

Question Serial No.

0351

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the work on maintaining the plants in public parks and amenity areas, what are the expenditures incurred for outsourcing the work and the numbers of outsourced service providers and manpower involved in 2013-14? What is the establishment for the monitoring staff?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in outsourcing the work on maintaining the plants in public parks and amenity areas is around \$158.6 million. The Department engages four major outsourced service providers who employ some 1 060 staff to provide the plant maintenance services. About 60 staff of the Department are involved in monitoring the performance of the outsourced service providers.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB192

Question Serial No.

0352

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The talk “Misconceptions about Islam: Peace, Violence and Global Politics” was held by the Hong Kong Central Library in the year in collaboration with Mainland and overseas cultural organisations. What was the expenditure incurred? Was any sponsorship received for the talk? If so, what was the name of the sponsor organisation and the amount of the sponsorship?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The subject talk "Misconceptions about Islam: Peace, Violence and Global Politics", held at the Hong Kong Central Library in April 2012, was organised by the Centre for Cultural Heritage Studies of the Department of Anthropology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in association with the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL). The cost of organising the event was borne by the CUHK while HKPL provided the venue free of charge and assisted in the production of publicity materials.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 18.3.2013

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

HAB193

Question Serial No.

1801

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please list the usage rates of the leisure facilities in the sports centres and the outdoor leisure facilities in Yuen Long District and Islands District.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The average monthly usage rates of the leisure facilities in the sports centres and the outdoor leisure facilities as well as the average monthly attendances of public swimming pools in Yuen Long and Islands Districts are set out in the Annex.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 25.3.2013

**Usage Rates of the Leisure Facilities
in the Sports Centres and the Outdoor Leisure Facilities
(January to December 2012)**

(I) Yuen Long District:

I. Sports Centre	Average Monthly Usage Rate (%)						
	Arena	Fitness Room	Table Tennis Room	Activity Room	Squash Court	Dance Room	Children's Play Room
1. Fung Kam Street Sports Centre	88.26	57.64	76.56	72.08	-	-	-
2. Long Ping Sports Centre	81.27	66.93	-	59.05	63.50	-	-
3. Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre	76.78	-	65.02	63.82	-	-	69.31
4. Tin Fai Road Sports Centre	61.11	-	50.49	30.66	-	-	-
5. Tin Shui Sports Centre	79.37	79.98	76.04	68.66	-	-	96.17
6. Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre	78.10	61.68	-	69.86	64.09	63.34	-

II. Outdoor Leisure Facilities		
A. Sports Ground	Sports Ground	Turf Pitch
1. Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	100	100
2. Yuen Long Stadium	100	100
B. Squash Court		
1. Yuen Long Sir Denys Roberts Squash Courts		49.92
2. Tai Kiu Market Squash Courts		65.77
3. Yuen Long Jockey Club Squash Courts		36.67
C. Tennis Court		
1. Sai Ching Street Tennis Courts		54.74
2. Tin Shui Wai Park		32.13
III. Swimming Pool	Average Monthly Attendance (No.)	
1. Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	20 379	
2. Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	32 087	
3. Yuen Long Swimming Pool	29 543	

(II) Islands District

I. Sports Centre	Average Monthly Usage Rate (%)						
	Arena	Fitness Room	Table Tennis Room	Activity Room	Squash Court	Dance Room	Children's Play Room
1. Cheung Chau Sports Centre	62.67	25.85	-	60.27	-	-	62.35
2. Mui Wo Sports Centre	45.37	13.96	-	42.73	26.29	-	-
3. Peng Chau Sports Centre	35.58	14.12	-	41.05	17.89	-	-
4. Praya Street Sports Centre	68.84	-	-	38.86	45.63	-	-
5. Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre	72.23	27.78	46.77	60.83	-	-	87.89

II. Outdoor Leisure Facilities	
A. Sports Ground	
Cheung Chau Sports Ground	82.15
B. Tennis Court	
Cheung Chau Park	17.61
C. Artificial Turf Pitch	
Man Tung Road Park	78.85
III. Swimming Pool	
Average Monthly Attendance (No.)	
1. Tung Chung Swimming Pool	19 310
2. Mui Wo Swimming Pool	2 002

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

HAB194

Question Serial No.

2452

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 66 of the Budget Speech that the Government proposes additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire local visual artists' outstanding artworks, and to commission works for exhibition under public art schemes. These are set to promote the profile of local artists and bring their works to the attention of the art market. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please provide in the table below information on the expenditures incurred by LCSD on the acquisition of artworks in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13).

Year	Expenditure on the acquisition of artworks	Expenditure on the acquisition of local artworks	Number of local artworks acquired	Number of local artists involved
2010-11				
2011-12				
2012-13				

- (b) Apart from the additional funding of \$50 million, what is the estimated expenditure of the LCSD on the acquisition of artworks in the 2013-14 financial year? What percentage does the estimated expenditure on the acquisition of local artworks account for?
- (c) What concrete plan does the Administration have to use the additional funding of \$50 million? What is the expected number of local artists' artworks that can be acquired? In how many years is the additional funding of \$50 million expected to be exhausted?
- (d) What measures are taken by the Administration to avoid competition with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority in acquiring local artists' artworks?
- (e) Apart from the LCSD, have any other government departments acquired artworks? If so, what are the departments? What are their respective expenditures in the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13) and their estimated expenditures for the 2013-14 financial year? What percentages do their expenditures on the acquisition of local artists' artworks account for and what are the numbers of artworks acquired?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) Expenditures incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the acquisition of artworks in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13) are listed below:

Year	Expenditure on the acquisition of artworks	Expenditure on the acquisition of local artworks	Number of local artworks acquired	Number of local artists involved
2010-11	\$10.77 million	\$3.89 million	146	56
2011-12	\$1.82 million	\$1.69 million	253	8
2012-13	\$3.39 million	\$2.51 million	1 628*	14

* Including 1 600 photo negatives from a photographer. The acquisition was made through the artist's family at an enormously discounted price.

- (b) LCSD has originally set aside \$0.8 million for the acquisition of artworks in 2013-14. But as with previous years, the actual expenditure may vary if resources can be redeployed for the purpose towards the end of the year. While LCSD museums do not set a ratio for the local and overseas artworks to be acquired, it has been the Department's policy to focus on the acquisition of artworks by local artists.
- (c) The additional funding of \$50 million will be used to acquire and commission artworks by local artists for exhibition, public display and education/research purposes. As each piece of artwork is unique and the cost varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired with the proposed amount of money cannot be estimated. As such, it is not feasible to estimate when the additional funding will be exhausted.
- (d) To avoid duplication in acquiring artworks, LCSD will strengthen communication with the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority on each other's scope of collection. As we understand it, M+ of the WKCD aims to build a world-class collection representative of the 20th and 21st century visual culture, encompassing the disciplines of visual art, design, architecture and moving image from Hong Kong, China, and expanding to other regions of Asia and the rest of the world. As for LCSD, the collection policy of its museums focuses mainly on Hong Kong so as to reflect the development and cultural identity of Hong Kong art as well as the accomplishments of our local artists, but will extend to cover the artistic and cultural heritage of South China particularly the Guangdong region which has strong connection with the development of Hong Kong art. The collections of LCSD's museums and M+ should in fact complement with each other. LCSD and WKCD Authority would pursue loaning appropriate exhibits to each other in order to make good use of the resources.
- (e) LCSD has no information on the acquisition of artworks by other government departments.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB195

Question Serial No.

2465

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Trial Book Drop Service has been provided at MTR Stations for more than one year since its launch in 2011. The Administration has indicated that the service would be reviewed one year after implementation. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the total expenditure for the trial service? What is the related expenditure in the estimates for 2013-14?
- (b) What are the usage rates of the book drops at MTR stations as compared with those at other major libraries?
- (c) Will the trial service be gradually extended to other MTR stations?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The total expenditure incurred in providing the trial book drop service at three MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong, since September 2011 was \$7.09 million. It comprised (i) one-off expenditure of \$0.8 million for conducting a technical feasibility study and for the design and production of the book drops; and (ii) operating expenditure of \$6.29 million (for 17 months) for collecting, checking in, sorting and delivering the returned books to the respective libraries. With concerted efforts to contain the operating expenditure, it is estimated around \$3.5 million will be incurred in 2013-14.
- (b) In 2012, the number of library books returned through the book drops at the three MTR stations was on average 26 700 items per month, as compared to their planned capacity of 86 400 books. For comparison, about 23 700 books per month were collected from the book drops outside the five major libraries in the City Hall, Kowloon, Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun during the same period. However, it may not be appropriate to compare the usage rates of the book drops at MTR stations with those of the major libraries as their purpose and mode of operation are different.
- (c) The Department has completed a review of the book drop service by examining its usage statistics as well as the public views collected through an opinion survey. The findings showed that while the service was generally welcomed by the working population, the usage of the service is below the planned capacity, as the majority of readers still prefer visiting the libraries in person to return and borrow books on the same occasion. In view of the cost involved and the readers' habit, the Department considers it not cost-effective to extend the service to more MTR stations using the

current mode of operation. It will nonetheless continue to run the book drop service at the existing three MTR stations until a longer-term arrangement is worked out. A relevant consideration is whether the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, which is being tried out in six selected libraries, can be applied service-wide so as to enable off-site self-service return and borrowing of books in an efficient and economic way.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB196

Question Serial No.

2466

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Since 2009, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has extended and standardised the opening hours of all major and district libraries to the effect that they are open seven days a week for a total of 71 hours. The annual recurrent expenditure increases by \$34 million.

- (a) Has the Government assessed the quality and usage of library services after the extension of library hours? If so, please provide the details.
- (b) Will the Government consider redeploying resources and allocating additional manpower to extend the opening hours of libraries which have a high number of users during the evening? If so, or if the Government has any specific plans, please provide the estimate for the 2013-14 financial year (as appropriate).

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) Since April 2009, all the 33 major and district libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have extended their opening hours until 8:00 p.m. during weekdays and Saturdays, and are open seven days a week for a total of 71 hours per week. In the first 12 months after the extension of opening hours, the total number of library materials borrowed and the total attendance at these libraries have increased by four per cent and eight per cent respectively as compared with the preceding 12-month period. However, their usage and attendance rates have decreased by around two to four per cent per annum in subsequent years mainly due to the growing popularity for readers to read and search for information on the Internet.

An opinion survey conducted by LCSD from December 2009 to February 2010 revealed that 88 per cent of the respondents considered the extended opening hours of the 33 major and district libraries "very convenient" or "convenient", and 83 per cent were satisfied with the services and facilities provided in these libraries.

- (b) As reflected from the results of the opinion survey, most users were satisfied with the existing pattern of opening hours of these libraries. The proposal for LCSD to redeploy its resources to enable the further extension of opening hours of some major/district libraries will inevitably affect the services provided at the others. Having regard to the principles of prudent use of public resources and cost-effectiveness, LCSD has no plan to further extend the opening hours of the more popular libraries at this stage. We will nonetheless keep the matter under review from time to time.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB197

Question Serial No.

2469

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the aims of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in operating museums is to provide a balanced mix of programmes for enhancing public appreciation of arts and culture. Please inform this Committee of the following with a breakdown by fee-charging museums across Hong Kong:

- a. the methods used by the Department to assess the effectiveness of “enhancing public appreciation of arts and culture”;
- b. the attendance figures for each museum on free admission days, weekdays and holidays in the 2012-13 financial year;
- c. the establishment of each museum in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years;
- d. the total expenditure of each museum in the 2012-13 financial year; and
- e. the estimated expenditure of each museum in the 2013-14 financial year.

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- a. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has established a set of performance indicators to measure the services provided by its museums. One of the performance indicators is “attendance at museums” which is relevant to assessing the reception of museum programmes and the effectiveness of “enhancing public appreciation of arts and culture”. The attendance at LCSD museums has increased from 4.5 million in 2010 to 5.2 million in 2011 and 5.8 million in 2012. In addition, LCSD conducts regular opinion surveys to gauge the views of the museum goers and non-visitors on the services and programmes provided by the museums. The last survey was conducted in 2010-11 and the Department is planning for the next survey to be conducted in 2013-14.

- b. The attendance figures of the seven fee-charging museums on free admission days, weekdays, and weekends and public holidays in 2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013) are set out below:

Museum	Attendance in 2012-13 (as at 28 February 2013)		
	Free Admission Days*	Weekdays	Weekends and Public Holidays
Hong Kong Museum of Art	241 146	190 720	224 797
Hong Kong Museum of History	285 493	423 871	337 866
Hong Kong Heritage Museum	184 482	218 849	237 148
Hong Kong Science Museum	410 977	381 617	567 151
Hong Kong Space Museum	202 481	239 728	314 892
Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	26 720	30 531	49 522
Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	14 320	17 731	24 888

* Including Wednesdays and International Museum Day as well as Dr Sun's birthday on 12 November for Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum

- c. The staff establishment of LCSD's museums in the 2012-13 and 2013-14:

Museum	No. of Staff Establishment	
	As at 1 April 2012 (Actual)	As at 1 April 2013 (Projected)
Art Museums ^{Note 1}	91	93
History Museums ^{Note 2}	90	90
Heritage Museums ^{Note 3}	81	81
Hong Kong Science Museum	77	77
Hong Kong Space Museum	66	66

- d. The estimated operating expenditure (excluding salaries) of LCSD's museums in 2012-13 is set out below:

Museum	Expenditure in 2012-13
Art Museums ^{Note 1}	\$58.31 million
History Museums ^{Note 2}	\$84.57 million
Heritage Museums ^{Note 3}	\$66.63 million
Hong Kong Science Museum	\$46.74 million
Hong Kong Space Museum	\$30.32 million

- e. The estimated operating expenditure (excluding salaries) of LCSD's museums in 2013-14 is set out below:

Museum	Total Estimated Recurrent Expenditure in 2013-14
Art Museums ^{Note 1}	\$46.48 million
History Museums ^{Note 2}	\$77.91 million
Heritage Museums ^{Note 3}	\$72.11 million
Hong Kong Science Museum	\$51.71 million
Hong Kong Space Museum	\$31.57 million

Note 1: Including Hong Kong Museum of Art and Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware.

Note 2: Including Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum, Law Uk Folk Museum and Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery.

Note 3: Including Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB198

Question Serial No.

2472

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the current acquisition policy of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL), please provide the following information:

- (a) How much was and will be spent on the acquisition of new books each year in the past three financial years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the coming year (i.e. 2013-14)?
- (b) Please list, by language (i.e. Chinese, English or others) and category (e.g. social sciences, culture, history, etc.), the expenditure involved and the number of new books acquired in the past financial year (i.e. 2012-13).
- (c) What criteria are used by the HKPL for book acquisition?
- (d) Relevant data shows that the sales of certain books are affected if they can be borrowed for free from libraries. In this connection, will the HKPL plan to introduce from abroad the concept of “public lending right”, requesting libraries to pay a certain amount to the author or publisher for every book they lend, so as to better protect intellectual property rights? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The expenditure on the acquisition of new library materials in the past three financial years were \$85.30 million (2010-11), \$86.22 million (2011-12) and \$88.67 million (2012-13) respectively. The budget for 2013-14 is about the same level as of previous years.
- (b) The number of new library items acquired (by language) and the expenditure incurred in 2012-13 are provided in the table below. Breakdown of the expenditure by category is not available.

Type	No. of new items acquired (2012-13)	Expenditure (2012-13)
Chinese Books	536 000	\$23.31 million
English Books	210 000	\$29.30 million
Non-print Materials	71 500	\$10.79 million
Others: (1) Newspapers and Periodicals	5 000 titles	\$16.08 million
(2) E-resources	60 databases and 6 e-book collections	\$9.20 million

- (c) The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) follows the principles laid down in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Public Library Manifesto in acquiring library materials for the establishment and continued development of a balanced and diversified library collection to meet the community's needs for information, research and self-learning. The reading needs and interest of the community are assessed having regard to the statistics on library usage, demographic data of individual districts, suggestions from readers and professional organisations, as well as the views collected from focus groups.
- (d) In line with the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto, the HKPL is committed to providing a library stock for free and equitable access by the general public for the pursuit of knowledge and meeting their reading needs. As proclaimed in the "Position on Public Lending Right" and "Background Paper on Public Lending Right", the International Federation of Library Association and Institutions (IFLA) is of the view that (i) lending by publicly accessible libraries often assists in the marketing of copyright works and encourages sales; (ii) the proposition that use of copyright work through public libraries detracts from primary sales is unproven. In fact, the IFLA has reservation on "public lending right" as it jeopardizes free access to the services of publicly accessible libraries.

HKPL shares IFLA's view that lending by publicly accessible libraries could assist in the marketing of copyright works and encourage sales. The wide range of extension activities organised by public libraries contribute to the promotion of reading and literary arts. In 2012, a total of 20 660 extension activities were arranged by the HKPL with 19.4 million participants. Authors and celebrities were invited to these activities which in turn help promote sales of the copyright works. In recognition of HKPL's role in promoting reading and introducing good books and authors to the public, most publishers are ready to supply library materials to HKPL for public's free access.

Since the introduction of "public lending right" in Hong Kong may restrict free circulation and free access to library materials, and may have negative impact on the free flow of information and knowledge to the public, it would be more appropriate and beneficial for HKPL to maintain its existing practice to provide a platform for free literary exchange and free access to library materials.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB199

Question Serial No.

2476

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration has indicated that it would continue to encourage national sports associations (NSAs) to develop feeder programmes. It would also allocate resources and work with Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation to identify talented athletes and ensure that no athletes are denied opportunities to develop their sporting potential due to the financial difficulties of their families. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) Regarding the feeder programmes, what is the expenditure earmarked in the estimates for 2013-14 for the 42 NSAs and two sports associations for disabled athletes? What are the mechanism and criteria to assess the effectiveness of the provision?
- (b) What measures are taken by the Administration to support the development of sports other than those of the 42 NSAs? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Regarding the support for young student athletes from families with financial difficulties, what are the details of the specific work plan and what is the provision earmarked in the estimate for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The Feeder System Scheme (the Scheme) aims to help “national sports associations” (NSAs) identify and nurture young potential athletes and provide them with regular opportunities to participate in training and competition thereby improving their chances of performing well at a higher level. In 2013-14, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has earmarked about \$16 million for the Scheme to support 42 NSAs and two sports associations for persons with disabilities. The Department will assess the effectiveness of the Scheme in terms of achievement of performance targets set by the NSAs, including the organising of feeder programmes, recruitment of squad members, and athletes’ achievements in international competitions.
- (b) In 2013-14, apart from the above 44 NSAs and sports associations, the LCSD will further extend the Scheme to cover five more NSAs. Around \$0.8 million has been earmarked for this purpose.
- (c) As regards the provision of support to students from low-income families to realise their sporting potential, the Home Affairs Bureau, in co-operation with the Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation, is working out the details of the scheme and assessing the likely financial requirements.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB200

Question Serial No.

2477

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Administration has all along been encouraging collaboration among different sectors in the community to promote sports development in Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) A breakdown of the amounts of subvention granted to individual national sports associations in 2012-13. What areas of work will the subvention be used for? What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure proper use of the subvention?
- (b) What are the plans and programmes to promote community sports? What is the estimated expenditure for the 2013-14 financial year? What are the details of the plans?
- (c) Does the Administration have any plans to take measures in collaboration with the Education Bureau to encourage schools to open their sports facilities and venues outside school hours as a support for the development of sports in the community? If so, what are the plans and the estimated expenditure for the 2013-14 financial year? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations through the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The subvention provided to NSAs covers personnel, office and programme expenses. Programme expenses include “national”, youth and regional squad training, training programmes in the community, local competitions, school sports programmes, community sports clubs projects, participation in international events, training of officials and attendance at overseas meetings. A breakdown of the subventions granted to individual NSAs in 2012-13 is at the Annex.

To ensure that the subvention allocated to NSAs is used in a proper and accountable manner, LCSD enters into annual Subvention Agreements with the individual NSAs. Under the Agreements, NSAs have the obligation to use the subvention to implement the planned programmes in strict accordance with the requirements stated in the Agreements. 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 give consent to the disclosure of all information relevant to the subvention funding as and when necessary.

NSAs are required to submit quarterly 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 conducts regular on-site inspections of the subvented programmes as well as periodic quality assurance inspections to ensure the quality of programmes provided by the NSAs, the adoption of proper accounting procedures and their compliance with the terms of the Subvention Agreements.

- (b) To promote sport in the community, LCSD plans to organise about 38 200 programmes in 2013-14 for some 2 470 000 participants at an estimated cost of \$158 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports training courses and competitions as well as major events such as the Hong Kong Games and Sport For All Day. To encourage more regular and wider participation in sport, LCSD will continue to provide the public with diversified sports activities including: parent-child training programmes on social dance, badminton and Ultimate; popular programmes suitable for the young people, such as cycling, canoeing and long distance running; and less formal and less physically demanding activities such as dance, fitness, and fitness walking. LCSD will, in collaboration with District Councils, NSAs, non-government organisations and schools continue to enhance its efforts to promote “Sport for All” in the community.
- (c) In collaboration with the Education Bureau (EDB), LCSD encourages schools to open up their sports facilities after school hours for community sports activities. EDB has issued circulars to remind aided schools of the Government’s policy to encourage schools to open up their facilities to community organisations to foster collaboration between schools and the community. Joint efforts have been made by EDB and LCSD in organising meetings and briefings for school councils to solicit their support for making their school premises available for hiring by community organisations after school hours. EDB and LCSD have also prepared a set of “Frequently Asked Questions” to address the common concerns of schools in opening up school facilities, such as security issues, and maintenance of facilities and public liability, and have sent this to school councils for reference. LCSD also holds School Sports Programmes such as sports demonstrations and training courses in school campuses utilising school sports facilities. LCSD has been carrying out the above promotional work as part of its regular activities and thus no separate provision has been made.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 2.4.2013

Subvention to National Sports Associations in 2012-13

	Name of National Sports Association	Subvention Amount (\$)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,754,138
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	5,667,511
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	15,139,191
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	4,086,631
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	10,131,442
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	2,907,105
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	855,974
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association	1,214,223
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union	3,060,310
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	1,869,907
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,962,858
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association	7,543,630
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	3,272,163
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,828,509
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,922,050
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	5,663,139
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	12,089,499
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Company Limited	1,496,682
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,562,744
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	5,267,442
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	5,475,505
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association	2,451,809
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	946,126
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,825,853
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,661,055
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	495,107
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	718,190
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	2,314,113
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	4,809,684
30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	2,914,045
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association	1,262,144
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	2,674,711
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	1,985,464
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	7,173,899
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	4,375,997
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,101,699
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,939,305
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	2,598,165
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	834,805
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,028,008
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,659,043
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	691,234
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	6,355,548
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	6,353,382
45.	Hong Kong Squash	11,303,622
46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9,800,206

	Name of National Sports Association	Subvention Amount (\$)
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	14,716,592
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	2,119,491
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	8,021,498
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	4,689,570
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	4,010,578
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,213,522
53.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	885,828
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	5,650,736
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	687,698
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	867,058
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	8,201,298
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,003,515

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

HAB201

Question Serial No.

2479

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

To encourage public participation in sports, the Administration has indicated that it would align the fees and charges for recreation and sports facilities and services in the urban areas and the New Territories at the lower of the two levels. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the usage rates of sports facilities or venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), by district, in the past five financial years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13);
- (b) the revenues and expenditures of the sports facilities or venues of the LCSD in the past five financial years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13); and
- (c) the expected impact of the adjustment of fees and charges on the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

- (a) The usage rates of sports facilities managed by LCSD in the past five years are at Annex I to Annex IX.
- (b) The revenues and expenditure of the sports facilities managed by LCSD in the past five years are at Annex X.
- (c) It is expected that the alignment of fees and charges of the sports facilities and services will not have a significant impact on the expenditure.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

Usage of Sports Centres (Arena) in the Past Five Years

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008 [@]	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hong Kong					
Eastern	91%	89%	88%	84%	85%
Southern	74%	70%	69%	68%	70%
Central and Western	83%	81%	79%	80%	81%
Wan Chai	89%	88%	86%	86%	87%
Kowloon					
Yau Tsim Mong	84%	83%	82%	83%	83%
Sham Shui Po	81%	78%	78%	78%	77%
Kowloon City	79%	78%	76%	76%	76%
Wong Tai Sin	78%	76%	75%	75%	77%
Kwun Tong	79%	76%	75%	76%	77%
New Territories					
Islands	56%	49%	54%	56%	59%
Kwai Tsing	82%	81%	79%	79%	81%
Tsuen Wan	85%	83%	83%	81%	84%
Tuen Mun	82%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Yuen Long	81%	82%	82%	82%	80%
Sha Tin	93%	91%	87%	86%	87%
Tai Po	82%	83%	80%	79%	81%
North	86%	85%	82%	81%	83%
Sai Kung	84%	81%	81%	81%	82%
TOTAL	80%	79%	78%	78%	79%

Remarks

- @ The higher than usual usage rates in 2008 were due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the "Free Admission Scheme" in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Annex II to Reply Serial No HAB201

Usage of Sports Grounds in the Past Five Years

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hong Kong					
Eastern	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	91%	95%	90%	100%	100%
Kowloon					
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kowloon City	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
New Territories					
Islands	93%	93%	93%	92%	90%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	99%	100%	100%	98%	98%
Tuen Mun	98%	98%	100%	100%	100%
Yuen Long	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	93%	94%	98%	97%	97%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
North	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	86%	86%	91%	95%	100%
TOTAL	97%	98%	98%	99%	99%

Annex III to Reply Serial No HAB201

Usage of Artificial Turf Soccer Pitches in the Past Five Years

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hong Kong					
Eastern	85%	86%	83%	80%	82%
Southern	71%	74%	73%	72%	54%
Central and Western	-	-	81%	76%	80%
Wan Chai	79%	74%	68%	75%	77%
Kowloon					
Yau Tsim Mong	84%	88%	88%	86%	84%
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	78%	84%
Kowloon City	82%	81%	78%	74%	74%
Wong Tai Sin	71%	70%	68%	68%	70%
Kwun Tong	78%	76%	77%	77%	75%
New Territories					
Islands	72%	76%	78%	75%	79%
Kwai Tsing	-	-	70%	70%	70%
Tuen Mun	54%	56%	57%	59%	57%
Sha Tin	72%	70%	71%	70%	67%
Tai Po	69%	69%	64%	67%	68%
North	83%	81%	80%	78%	77%
Sai Kung	61%	55%	56%	58%	60%
TOTAL *	75%	75%	73%	73%	73%

Remarks

- * Six additional artificial turf soccer pitches, of which two were converted from natural turf pitches, were completed in the past five years to meet the strong public demand for football facilities. As a result of the substantial increase in the number of sessions available for hiring at artificial turf pitches (270 sessions per month per pitch as compared to 60 sessions per month per natural turf pitch), the overall average usage rate of these pitches during non-peak hours has decreased (while the total number of sessions hired has increased). Nevertheless, the average usage rate of artificial turf pitches at peak hours was about 93% in 2012 which reflects a continued strong public demand for such facilities.

Annex IV to Reply Serial No HAB201

Usage of Tennis Courts in the Past Five Years

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008 @	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hong Kong					
Eastern	81%	76%	74%	74%	76%
Southern	73%	77%	72%	71%	76%
Wan Chai	81%	79%	78%	77%	79%
Kowloon					
Yau Tsim Mong	67%	65%	63%	65%	69%
Sham Shui Po	65%	60%	57%	56%	58%
Kowloon City	62%	59%	61%	64%	69%
Wong Tai Sin	60%	57%	53%	53%	56%
Kwun Tong	59%	53%	53%	52%	53%
New Territories					
Islands	28%	22%	17%	17%	17%
Kwai Tsing	45%	44%	43%	43%	44%
Tsuen Wan	48%	47%	46%	45%	46%
Tuen Mun	48%	33%	36%	38%	38%
Yuen Long	55%	43%	44%	46%	48%
Sha Tin	55%	56%	57%	56%	56%
Tai Po	57%	57%	59%	56%	57%
North	53%	46%	47%	44%	45%
Sai Kung	63%	57%	54%	65%	65%
TOTAL	63%	58%	58%	58%	60%

Remarks

@ The higher than usual usage rates in 2008 were due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the "Free Admission Scheme" in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Annex V to Reply Serial No HAB201

Usage of Squash Courts in the Past Five Years

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008 [@]	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hong Kong					
Eastern	62%	60%	64%	62%	65%
Southern	50%	38%	38%	39%	45%
Central and Western	56%	50%	46%	49%	51%
Wan Chai	39%	45%	37%	36%	37%
Kowloon					
Yau Tsim Mong	58%	53%	54%	55%	57%
Sham Shui Po	61%	54%	46%	46%	48%
Kowloon City	42%	34%	31%	35%	37%
Wong Tai Sin	55%	53%	51%	55%	55%
Kwun Tong	53%	42%	42%	44%	44%
New Territories					
Islands	39%	28%	27%	30%	30%
Kwai Tsing	64%	58%	59%	61%	62%
Tsuen Wan	80%	77%	76%	78%	78%
Tuen Mun	63%	53%	56%	58%	59%
Yuen Long	64%	54%	56%	57%	58%
Sha Tin	72%	66%	65%	67%	71%
Tai Po	55%	49%	47%	50%	54%
North	81%	80%	77%	78%	75%
Sai Kung	74%	68%	65%	64%	62%
TOTAL	60%	54%	52%	54%	55%

Remarks

@ The higher than usual usage rates in 2008 were due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the “Free Admission Scheme” in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Annex VI to Reply Serial No HAB201

Usage of Bowling Greens in the Past Five Years

Name of Venue	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008 @	2009	2010	2011	2012
Island East Sports Centre (Eastern District)	45%	38%	37%	39%	42%
Victoria Park (Eastern District)	29%	24%	22%	22%	22%
Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre (Southern District)	50%	48%	46%	49%	51%
Wu Shan Recreation Ground (Tuen Mun District)	28%	24%	26%	31%	31%
Siu Lek Yuen Road Playground (Sha Tin District)	47%	33%	34%	35%	33%
Tai Po Waterfront Park* (Tai Po District)	27%	22%	19%	23%	19%
Hang Hau Man Kuk Lane Park # (Sai Kung District)	-	-	-	15%	27%
TOTAL	38%	31%	30%	32%	31%

Remarks

@ The higher than usual usage rates in 2008 were due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the "Free Admission Scheme" in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

* Bowling greens of natural turf

The venue was open for public use in November 2011.

Annex VII to Reply Serial No HAB201

Usage of Holiday Camps in the Past Five Years

Name of Venue	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008 @	2009	2010	2011	2012
Lady MacLehose Holiday Village (Sai Kung District)	80%	69%	76%	70%	71%
Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre (Tsuen Wan District)	86%	85%	79%	82%	83%
Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre (Sai Kung District)	97%	93%	86%	83%	85%
Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village (Eastern District)	73%	61%	69%	68%	67%
TOTAL	84%	79%	77%	76%	76%

Remarks

- @ The higher than usual usage rates in 2008 were due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the “Free Admission Scheme” in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Annex VIII to Reply Serial No HAB201

Usage of Water Sports Centres in the Past Five Years

Name of Venue	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Chong Hing Water Sports Centre (Sai Kung District)	80%	84%	89%	89%	88%
Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre (Southern District)	84%	93%	91%	103%	101%
St. Stephen's Beach Water Sports Centre (Southern District)	78%	90%	84%	87%	81%
Tai Mei Tuk Water Sports Centre (Tai Po District)	97%	96%	97%	105%	101%
The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre (Sai Kung District)	76%	76%	76%	76%	71%
TOTAL	84%	87%	88%	91%	89%

Annex IX to Reply Serial No HAB201

Attendance of Public Swimming Pools in the Past Five Years

District	2008@ (nos)	2009 (nos)	2010 (nos)	2011 (nos)	2012 (nos)
Hong Kong					
Southern	215 085	158 888	147 744	166 676	156 322
Central and Western	306 742	215 604	195 855	241 135	606 522
Wan Chai	901 950	810 865	814 497	772 391	693 767
Eastern	888 459	659 733	631 998	766 155	814 831
Kowloon					
Sham Shui Po	1 120 933	759 483	592 835	724 081	850 936
Yau Tsim Mong	667 844	967 158	951 910	1 021 782	1 038 240
Kowloon City	719 737	479 376	456 204	494 930	515 103
Wong Tai Sin	885 600	571 362	572 411	613 970	647 708
Kwun Tong	640 993	415 062	358 996	416 508	469 043
New Territories					
Islands	22 696	14 072	12 626	211 248	245 955
Tuen Mun	530 593	363 246	360 332	372 351	407 041
Yuen Long	688 163	525 003	523 052	598 228	773 749
Tsuen Wan	638 053	542 022	548 666	593 954	613 321
Kwai Tsing	718 790	449 726	445 589	467 242	472 049
North	502 888	384 990	393 371	417 787	426 399
Tai Po	349 766	251 487	237 619	270 195	272 747
Sha Tin	1 199 347	871 495	837 251	901 107	928 998
Sai Kung	671 834	471 660	473 957	490 692	538 575
TOTAL	11 669 473	8 911 232	8 554 913	9 540 432	10 471 306

Remarks

- @ The higher than usual attendance in 2008 was due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the "Free Admission Scheme" in commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Revenue and Expenditure of Sports Facilities of the
Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the Past Five Years**

	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (Projected)	
	Total revenue \$ Million	Total cost \$ Million	Total revenue \$ Million	Total cost \$ Million	Total revenue \$ Million	Total cost \$ Million	Total revenue \$ Million	Total cost \$ Million	Total revenue \$ Million	Total cost \$ Million
Sports Centres	157.87	508.08	187.17	502.30	183.14	522.38	196.46	575.92	208.04	635.61
Sports Grounds (including football pitches)	31.10	324.39	32.06	342.16	33.50	345.57	36.30	367.86	35.77	381.09
Tennis Courts	28.78	127.14	32.95	116.46	35.94	117.89	36.85	120.61	36.80	125.44
Squash Courts	20.19	107.95	25.54	108.92	24.11	111.26	25.38	118.13	25.59	121.99
Bowling Green	2.15	10.93	2.51	9.91	2.63	10.21	2.72	10.72	2.96	11.70
Holiday Camps	14.95	107.52	13.33	105.81	17.55	107.47	17.97	115.93	17.02	119.64
Water Sports Centres	8.93	25.90	9.40	27.44	9.79	28.87	9.66	28.04	9.66	29.76
Public Swimming Pools	70.19	838.11	121.68	828.85	112.81	851.67	130.83	972.59	143.32	1,063.50

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

HAB202

Question Serial No.

2538

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the community greening, landscape and tree management work under Programme (2) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, please provide the following information:

- (a) the staff establishment for the above work by rank and function;
- (b) the tree maintenance measures taken by the Department in response to the occasional reports of fallen trees in recent years; and
- (c) a breakdown of the manpower and expenditures for tree maintenance in 2011-12 and 2012-13, and the estimated budget for 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

- (a) The staff establishment for community greening, landscape and tree management work under Programme (2) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is tabulated at the Annex.
- (b) LCSD accords top priority to public safety and carries out tree risk assessment (TRA) on trees located in areas with high traffic and pedestrian flows at least once a year. For Old and Valuable Trees (OVTs), TRA will be conducted at least twice a year. Regular tree maintenance works include fertilizing, pruning, weeding, staking, cultivation of soil as well as control of pests and diseases. The Department will take appropriate and immediate mitigation measures such as propping, reduction pruning and crown bracing if any tree defects are observed. If no viable option to rectify the defects is available, and if a tree poses a risk to the public, the Department will remove it.

LCSD has since 2010 implemented a 5-year training programme with a view to upgrading the professional qualifications of its tree management staff. So far, 3 800 staff have received arboricultural or horticultural training, and some have attained the qualifications of International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborists; Certified Tree Risk Assessors; degree, diploma or national certificate in Arboriculture. Furthermore, the Department has purchased resistographs and tomographs to detect the extent of internal decay and the structural integrity of trees.

- (c) The staff establishment for tree maintenance work in LCSD has been 210 for the past three years (2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14). The expenditure on horticultural maintenance was \$128 million and \$141 million in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2013-14 is \$157 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

**Staff establishment for community greening, landscape and tree management work
under Programme (2) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

	Community Greening	Landscape Management	Tree Management
Senior Leisure Services Manager	1	1	-
Leisure Services Manager	2	1	6
Assistant Leisure Services Manager I	2	1	11
Senior Amenities Assistant	-	-	11
Amenities Assistant I	-	-	17
Amenities Assistant II	-	-	33
Senior Artisan	-	-	33
Artisan	-	-	66
Workman I	-	-	33
Total:	5	3	210

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

HAB203

Question Serial No.

2635

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the 2013-14 Budget, please provide the following information:

- a. the number of posts to be deleted and created in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) by Programme, rank and function in the 2013-14 financial year.
- b. the establishment and strength in the 2012-13 financial year and the estimation for the 2013-14 financial year by Programme and rank.
- c. the number of non-civil service contract staff employed in the 2012-13 financial year and the estimated number of non-civil service contract staff to be employed in the 2013-14 financial year by the LCSD by Programme, rank, function and length of contract.
- d. the expenditure involved in the 2012-13 financial year and the estimated expenditure for the 2013-14 financial year of the LCSD by three categories of service contracts, namely “non-civil service contract staff”, “agency workers” and “outsourced services”.

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

- a. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to create 253 new non-directorate posts in 2013-14 for (a) the management of newly commissioned leisure and cultural facilities including an indoor velodrome-cum-sports centre at Tseung Kwan O, a new visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street, a new Annex Building to the Ko Shan Theatre, two new mobile libraries, parks and three public beaches to be re-opened in 2013; (b) the replacement of some non-civil service contract positions which have long-term service needs; and (c) the enhancement of existing leisure, cultural and support services.

These new posts cover 13 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Cultural Services Assistant, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Supplies Supervisor, Special Driver, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.

The number of posts to be created and deleted in 2013-14 by Programme is set out below:

Programme	Creation (a)	Deletion (b)	Net increase in posts (c)=(a)-(b)
(1) Recreation and Sports	107	-3	104
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	32	-2	30
(3) Heritage and Museums	8	-3	5
(4) Performing Arts	16	-2	14
(5) Public Libraries	108	-8	100
Total:	271	-18	253

- b. The establishment of LCSD as at 1 March 2013 and the projected establishment as at 31 March 2014 by Programme are set out below:

Programme	Establishment as at 1 March 2013	Projected establishment as at 31 March 2014
(1) Recreation and Sports	4 055	4 181
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	1 910	1 952
(3) Heritage and Museums	634	649
(4) Performing Arts	840	854
(5) Public Libraries	1 292	1 398
Total:	8 731	9 034

As at 1 March 2013, LCSD had 8 123 civil service staff.

These posts and staff cover different departmental grades (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). A breakdown on the civil service staff by Programme is not available as the Department does not keep the staff records by Programme.

- c. As at 1 March 2013, there were 998 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff in LCSD. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure or cultural venues and offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services. Information on NCSC staff by Programme is not available as the Department does not keep the staff records by Programme. Since the number of NCSC staff varies from time to time during the year, the Department is also unable to provide an estimate of the NCSC staff required in 2013-14.

About 94% of the existing NCSC staff are employed under contract of one year or less. The maximum duration of the contract for NCSC staff is two years.

d. (i) Expenditure for the employment of NCSC staff

The estimated expenditure for the employment of NCSC staff in 2012-13 is about \$291.6 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 unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the employment of NCSC staff in 2013-14.

(ii) Expenditure for the engagement of agency workers

The estimated expenditure for the engagement of agency workers in 2012-13 is about \$14.5 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 ad hoc and irregular nature for the engagement of agency workers, the Department is unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the engagement of agency services in 2013-14.

(iii) Expenditure for outsourced services

The estimated expenditures on major outsourced services such as cleansing, security, venue management and horticultural maintenance in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are about \$980 million and \$1,115 million respectively. The anticipated increase in expenditure in 2013-14 is mainly due to the need to provide outsourced services for the new leisure and cultural facilities expected to be commissioned in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB204

Question Serial No.

1612

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the programme “Horticulture and Amenities”, will the Department inform this Committee:

- (a) whether there are any targets set for the survival rates of new plantings? If so, please provide a breakdown by type. If not, what are the reasons?
- (b) what are the detailed statistics on the number of participants in greening activities, which exceeds 1 250 000 every year?
- (c) whether there are any precautionary measures for collapse of trees during a typhoon? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

- (a) Given that the growth and survival of new plants are subject to a wide range of factors, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) does not set survival rates for new plants. Nonetheless, when contractors carry out new planting, they are required to replace dead or damaged plants during the establishment period (usually three months after completion of planting work) at their own cost upon notification by LCSD.
- (b) Detailed statistics on the number of participants in greening activities in 2012 are set out at the Annex.
- (c) Before the typhoon season each year, LCSD staff responsible for tree management increase the frequency of inspection of all trees under their purview, and implement precautionary measures on trees that may be vulnerable to damage, with a view to minimising the risks of trees collapsing. Precautionary measures include: thinning out dense canopies to reduce wind resistance; and staking young and newly planted trees to strengthen their resistance against strong winds. Priority will be given to Old and Valuable Trees and trees located in areas with high traffic or pedestrian flows. LCSD also co-ordinates with its contractors to ensure that sufficient manpower and vehicles are deployed and the agreed strategies implemented for prompt and timely remedial action after the passage of a typhoon.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

Number of participants in Greening Activities in 2012

Activities	Number of Participants
Greening Activities	
Hong Kong Flower Show 2012	562 917
Activities at the Green Education and Resource Centre	33 515
Community Planting Day	4 726
Community Garden Programme	10 410
Various activities under the Green Volunteer Scheme	7 328
Outreaching Green Promotional Activities	41 871
Greening Hong Kong Activities Subsidy Scheme	100 871
Best Landscape Award for Private Property Development 2012	261
Greening School Subsidy Scheme	231 140
One Person, One Flower Scheme	371 840
Sub-total:	1 364 879
Educational Activities	
Horticulture courses	1 841
School guided visits	5 263
Horticulture seminars and talks	5 060
Conservation courses	177
Sub-total:	12 341
Total :	1 377 220

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

HAB205

Question Serial No.

1613

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

There are views from the public that the number of books in simplified Chinese characters is increasing in the public library stock. In this connection, will the Department inform this Committee:

1. what is the current proportion of books in simplified Chinese characters to books in traditional Chinese characters in public libraries?
2. whether the proportion of books in simplified Chinese characters is increasing? If so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?
3. whether there are any specific requirements for or restrictions on the purchase of books in simplified Chinese characters? If so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The proportion of books in simplified Chinese characters acquired by the public libraries in the past five years is on average about 9% of the total number of Chinese books acquired during the period, without noticeable increase or decrease year on year.

The Hong Kong Public Libraries follows the principles laid down in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Public Library Manifesto in acquiring library materials for the establishment and continued development of a balanced and diversified library collection to meet the community's needs. The reading needs and interest of the community are assessed by making reference to the statistics on library usage, demographic data of individual districts, suggestions from readers and professional organisations, as well as the views collected from focus groups. The quantity of books in simplified Chinese characters to be acquired is dependent on the publishing trend and the availability of suitable titles to fill the subject gaps of the library stock.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 19.3.2013

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

HAB206

Question Serial No.

3253

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has stated that the number of non-directorate posts would be increased by 253 to 9 022 posts as at 31 March 2014. Please inform this Committee of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to create 253 new non-directorate posts in 2013-14 for (a) the management of newly commissioned leisure and cultural facilities including an indoor velodrome-cum-sports centre at Tseung Kwan O, a new visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street, a new Annex Building to the Ko Shan Theatre, two new mobile libraries, parks and three public beaches to be re-opened in 2013; (b) the replacement of some non-civil service contract positions which have long-term service needs; and (c) the enhancement of existing leisure, cultural and support services.

These new posts cover 13 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Manager (Cultural Services), Curator, Cultural Services Assistant, Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Supplies Supervisor, Special Driver, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I. The estimated salary provision for the 253 new posts in 2013-14 is \$57.5 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB207

Question Serial No.

0442

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under the Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organised 372 zoological activities in 2012. Regarding the zoological gardens managed by the Department, will the Administration provide the following information:

- a. At present, the rare animals and plants (e.g. pandas) given to Hong Kong as gifts by the Mainland are all cared by fee-charging parks or amusement parks. Given the high admission fees of the parks, some of the grass-roots families cannot afford to view these rare animals and plants. Will the Government consider moving such animals and plants to the zoological gardens managed by the LCSD so that members of the public and tourists can view them for free? If the above arrangement is endorsed, what will be the additional operation cost for these zoological gardens each year?
- b. If the Government does not consider arranging such a move, will it review its current policy on the management of these animals and plants so that they can be viewed by the public for a modest fee or free of charge? What will be the expenditure involved in reviewing or adjusting the management policy?
- c. Will the Government provide a list of the rare animals and plants given by the Mainland as gifts?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- a. Rare and endangered animals such as giant pandas must be kept in a suitable environment similar to their natural habitat and be taken care of by husbandry and veterinary professionals. At present, no Government-run facilities, including the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens, have the necessary facilities, environment and professional caregivers to accommodate the rare animals entrusted to Hong Kong by the Mainland. On the other hand, the Ocean Park Corporation (OP), a non-profit making organisation, has the purpose-built facilities and expertise required for accommodating and providing professional husbandry for the animals. As the Administration considers that entrusting the task of taking care of the rare animals to OP is an appropriate arrangement, we have no plan to put them under the direct care of the Government.

Although members of the public have to pay a fee for admission to OP, the Park provides concessionary arrangements to facilitate visits by the elderly, the disabled and people from low

income groups. Free admission is offered to Hong Kong residents under the age of three or aged 65 or above, holders of a “Registration Card for People with Disabilities” and residents visiting OP on their birthdays. Individuals on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and their family members, as well as member organisations of the Social Welfare Department can buy admission tickets at a discounted rate of \$20 each. In addition, OP provides sponsorship to students with financial difficulties so that they can participate in activities organised by the Ocean Park Academy Hong Kong free of charge and visit the animals there.

- b. As mentioned in (a) above, the Administration has no plan to take over the care of the rare animals currently accommodated at OP.
- c. According to our records, the only rare species that the HKSAR Government has received from the Central Government is the giant panda. We have received four giant pandas so far, An An and Jia Jia in 1999, and Le Le and Ying Ying in 2007. We note that there are other protected species currently kept at OP arising from direct arrangements between OP and relevant Mainland authorities. We do not have records of rare plants given to Hong Kong as gifts from the Mainland government.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB208

Question Serial No.

3036

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- Regarding the sports venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, please provide the following information since 2012 by type of venue:
 - (a) the number of hours involved in booked sessions which were not taken up by the hirers;
 - (b) the number of hours involved in “no-show” sessions as mentioned in (a) above which were eventually taken up by other users on the spot (referred to as the “stand-by” mechanism).
- Regarding “the opening of more new artificial turf pitches in coming years” as mentioned in the Estimates, please list the turf pitches by District Council district and opening year.

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

From July to September 2011, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) conducted a 3-month study to analyse the records kept by its sports centres, tennis courts and soccer pitches with a view to compiling the “no-show” rates of these facilities. According to the study, the “no-show” rates of the natural and artificial turf football pitches booked by individual hirers were 31% and 37% respectively; and 85% and 87% of the “no-show” sessions at natural and artificial turf football pitches respectively were taken up by “stand-by” users after 10 minutes. As regards the arenas of sports centres and tennis courts, the “no-show” rates of these facilities were 8% and 17% respectively, and 84% and 60% of their “no-show” sessions were taken up by “stand-by” users respectively. As the current Leisure Link computerised booking system (LLS) of the LCSD does not keep records of the “no-show” sessions of individual sports venues, the Department is unable to provide the “no-show” rates of the sports facilities in 2012. Nonetheless, the relevant data will be captured by the LLS upon completion of the LLS enhancement projects in 2013-14.

Details of the new artificial turf pitches to be completed and opened in the coming four years are set out at the Annex.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

**New artificial turf pitches to be completed
in the coming four years**

I. Venues under planning for conversion to artificial turf pitches

District	Venue	Size	Expected Completion Date
Eastern	1. Quarry Bay Park Pitch No. 2 #	7-a-side	March 2013
Kwun Tong	2. Shun Lee Tsuen Park #	7-a-side	May 2013
Wan Chai	3. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 8 (current rugby pitch to be converted to football/rugby pitch) ^	11-a-side	Mid April 2013
Kwun Tong	4. Kowloon Bay Park (football/rugby pitch)^	11-a-side	January 2014
Wong Tai Sin	5. Morse Park Mini-soccer Pitch ^	7-a-side	May 2014
North	6. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground #	7-a-side	September 2014
Sha Tin	7. Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground #	11-a-side	December 2014
Tai Po	8. Kwong Fuk Football Ground #	11-a-side	December 2014
Sha Tin	9. Hin Tin Playground ^	11-a-side	July 2015
Sai Kung	10. Po Tsui Park #	11-a-side	September 2015
Wan Chai	11. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 2 ^	11-a-side	Early December 2015
	12. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 3 ^	11-a-side	
	13. Happy Valley Recreation Ground Pitch No. 4 ^	11-a-side	
Eastern	14. Quarry Bay Park Pitch No. 1 #	7-a-side	May 2016

Remarks : ^ converted from natural turf

converted from older generation artificial turf

II. New artificial turf pitches under construction

District	Venue	Size	Expected Completion Date
Yuen Long	1. Open space in Area 117 Tin Shui Wai	11-a-side	Mid 2014
Kwun Tong	2. Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	7-a-side	Late 2014

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

HAB209

Question Serial No.

0588

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the engagement of agency workers, please provide the following information:

	2012-13 (the latest position)
Number of contracts with employment agencies	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()
Duration of service 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 to \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• under \$6,240	()
Length of service of agency workers	
• 15 years or above	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• under 1 year	()
Percentage of agency workers against the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of payments to employment agencies against the total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()
Number of workers working 5 days per week	()
Number of workers working 6 days per week	()

() Change in percentage as compared with 2011-12

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Information on the agency workers engaged by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for 2012-13 is set out below.

(a) Number of agency workers, agency contracts, length of agency contracts and duties of the agency workers

	Position as at 1.1.2013
No. of agency workers	86 (-39.4%)
No. of agency contracts	60 (-40%)
Length of agency contracts	4 to 9 months

() Change in percentage as compared with 1.1.2012

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 Hong Kong Flower Show 2013, music programmes, special exhibitions, etc.;
- (ii) assisting in data collection and processing work, e.g. data verification and input, etc.; and
- (iii) filling short-term manpower gap pending the appointment of civil servants and/or Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff.

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”). The numbers of T-contract staff engaged as at 1 January 2012 and 1 January 2013 were 62 and 61 respectively. They were engaged 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 (thereafter 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

	<u>2012-13</u> (Estimated)
Expenditure for engaging agency workers	\$14.5 million (-50.8%)
Percentage of expenditure for engaging agency workers over the total departmental staff cost	0.5% (-58.3%)

() Change in percentage as compared with 2011-12

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

The range of the monthly salaries of the agency workers engaged by the Department as at 1 January 2013 is set out below. They all met the statutory requirements under the Minimum Wage Ordinance.

Monthly salary	No. of agency workers as at 1.1.2013
\$30,001 or above	0 (0%)
\$16,001 - \$30,000	3 (-57.1%)
\$8,001 - \$16,000	83 (-18.6%)
\$6,501 - \$8,000	0 (-100%)
\$6,240 - \$6,500	0 (0%)
Under \$6,240	0 (0%)
Total	86 (-39.4%)

() Change in percentage as compared with 1.1.2012

(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

As at 1 January 2013, agency workers represented 0.9% over the total number of staff in the Department, which was a 40% decrease as compared with the position as at 1 January 2012.

(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 1 January 2013, 72 (83.7%) of the 86 agency workers worked five days a week. The remaining 14 (16.3%) worked on a six-day week or other shift duty patterns having regard to the operational requirements of the venues/offices.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB210

Question Serial No.

0589

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the engagement of outsourced workers, please provide the following information:

	2012-13 (the latest position)
Number of outsourced service contracts	()
Total payments to outsourced service providers	()
Duration of service contract for each outsourced service provider	()
Number of outsourced workers engaged through outsourced service providers	()
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• under \$6,240	()
Length of service of outsourced workers	
• 15 years or above	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• under 1 year	()
Percentage of outsourced workers against the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of payments to outsourced service providers against the total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()
Number of workers working 5 days per week	()
Number of workers working 6 days per week	()

() Change in percentage as compared with 2011-12

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:

	2012-13 (the latest position)
Number of outsourced service contracts	217 (-4%)
Total payments to outsourced service providers (in \$million) – (Note 1)	980 (+8.5%)
Duration of service contract for each outsourced service provider – (Note 2)	2–3 years
Number of outsourced workers engaged through outsourced service providers – (Note 3)	10 400 (+5%)
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology) (Note 4)	
Cleansing	5 994 (+2%)
Security	2 810 (+13%)
Horticultural Maintenance	1 068 (-0.5%)
Venue Management	518 (+22%)
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers – (Note 5)	
• \$30,001 or above	0 (-)
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	0 (-)
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	150 (-3%)
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	10 240 (+5%)
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	0 (-)
• under \$6,240	0 (-)
Length of service of outsourced workers	
• 15 years or above	Not available (Note 6)
• 10 to 15 years	
• 5 to 10 years	
• 3 to 5 years	
• 1 to 3 years	
• under 1 year	
Percentage of outsourced workers against the total number of staff in the Department – (Notes 3 & 7)	107% (+3%)
Percentage of payments to outsourced service providers against the total staff costs of the Department	36.7% (+0.8%)
Number of workers with paid meal break	Not available
Number of workers without paid meal break	(Note 6)
Number of workers working 5 days per week	Not available
Number of workers working 6 days per week	(Note 6)

() Change in percentage as compared with 2011-12

- 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 increase in the number of outsourced workers for security and venue management contracts arose mainly from the requirements of new venues (e.g. Yau Ma Tei Theatre).
- (5) The figures represent the numbers of workers under different wage range of LCSD outsourced services contracts in which the numbers of working posts to be manned by contractors have been specified.
- (6) Since LCSD is not the employer of the outsourced workers, the department does not have the information requested.

- (7) The total number of staff in the department covers both civil servants and non-civil service contract staff employed by LCSD.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB211

Question Serial No.

2957

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

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 the following information:

	2012-13 (the latest position)
Number of NCSC staff	()
Details of the positions held by NCSC staff	
Payroll costs of NCSC staff	()
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• below \$6,240	()
Length of service of NCSC staff	
• over 15 years	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• under 1 year	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully appointed as civil servants	()
Number of NCSC staff who failed to be appointed as civil servants	()
Percentage of NCSC staff against the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of staff costs for NCSC staff against the total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	()
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days per week	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days per week	()

Number of NCSC staff applying for paternity leave	()
Number of NCSC staff granted approval for paternity leave	()

() Change in percentage as compared with 2011-12

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) for 2012-13 is set out below.

(a) Number and duties of NCSC staff

As at 1 January 2013, there were a total of 986 NCSC staff in LCSD, which has decreased by 7.2% as compared with the position as at 1 January 2012.

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

	<u>2012-13</u> (Estimated)
Staff cost of NCSC staff	\$291.6 million (-3.1%)
Percentage of staff cost of NCSC staff over the total staff cost of LCSD	10.9% (-9.9%)

() Change in percentage as compared with 2011-12

(c) Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff

<u>Monthly salary</u>	<u>No. of NCSC staff as at 1.1.2013</u>
\$30,001 or above	89 (+29%)
\$16,001 - \$30,000	236 (-5.6%)
\$8,001 - \$16,000	636 (-11.9%)
\$6,501 - \$8,000	25 (+13.6%)
\$6,240 - \$6,500	0 (0%)
Under \$6,240	0 (0%)
Total	986 (-7.2%)

() Change in percentage as compared with 1.1.2012

As at 1 January 2013, 97% of the NCSC staff receive monthly salaries above \$8,000, of whom 33% receive salaries above \$16,000. Staff with salaries between \$6,501 to \$8,000 are all youth trainees employed on NCSC terms for four to six months with a monthly allowance of \$6,510 to receive training on work in swimming pools/beaches. Their monthly allowance will be adjusted following the revision of the statutory minimum wage with effect from 1 May 2013.

(d) Length of employment of NCSC staff in years

	No. of NCSC staff as at 1.1.2013
Over 15 years	0 (0%)
10 years to less than 15 years	358 (0%)
5 years to less than 10 years	141 (-32.2%)
3 years to less than 5 years	153 (+33%)
1 year to less than 3 years	152 (-33%)
Less than 1 year	182 (+17.4%)
Total	986 (-7.2%)

() Change in percentage as compared with 1.1.2012

Majority of the NCSC staff who have worked for five years or more in LCSD are employed by public libraries who are being gradually replaced by civil servants with the phased implementation of the new mode of delivery of frontline and support services.

The number of NCSC staff with five years of service or more has been reduced significantly from 951 as at 1.1.2007 to 499 as at 1.1.2013 following the replacement of NCSC positions with civil service posts in the past years. LCSD will continue to bid resources for converting NCSC positions with long-term service need to civil service posts. It is anticipated that the number of NCSC staff with long service will gradually reduce in the coming years.

(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 2006, LCSD has received a total of 852 qualified applications from its NCSC staff. Out of the 852 qualified NCSC candidates, 646 have been found suitable for appointment to the grades concerned, among whom 531 have been offered appointment as civil servants as at 1 March 2013. The recruitment exercises for Assistant Librarian and Assistant Manager, Cultural Services which were launched in August 2012 and December 2012 respectively are not yet concluded. The suitability of NCSC candidates for appointment as civil servants will be determined upon completion of these recruitment exercises.

(f) Percentage of NCSC staff over the total number of staff in the Department

As at 1 January 2013, NCSC staff accounted for 10.4% of the total number of staff in LCSD, which marked a 7.1% decrease as compared with the position as at 1 January 2012.

(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 2013, LCSD employed a total of 986 NCSC staff. The working hours of 873 staff (88.5%) are expressed in gross working hours and 113 staff (11.5%) in net working hours. The NCSC staff are

remunerated on a 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 2013, 515 (52.2%) of the 986 NCSC staff worked five days a week. The remaining 471 (47.8%) worked on a six-day week or other shift duty patterns having regard to the operational requirements of the venues/offices.

(i) Paternity leave for NCSC staff

As at 1 March 2013, a total of 4 applications for paternity leave were received from our NCSC staff. All these applications were approved.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB212

Question Serial No.

2221

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the use of free outdoor pitches under this Programme, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the usage rates of free pitches by type in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13);
- (b) the numbers of free outdoor pitches and fee-charging pitches newly built in the 18 districts, by type and district, in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13);
- (c) the ratio between the numbers of free outdoor pitches and fee-charging pitches to be built in the 18 districts, by type and district, in the next five years (i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18). If so, what are the details of the decision? If not, what are the reasons?
- (d) whether the Administration will consider adjusting the numbers of free outdoor pitches and fee-charging pitches when providing new venues.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

- (a) As most of the free outdoor hard-surfaced soccer pitches do not have resident staff and they can be used by walk-in players without booking, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) does not have usage statistics for such pitches.
- (b) The numbers, types and location of the free outdoor hard-surfaced soccer pitches and fee-charging soccer pitches built in the past five years are at Annex I.
- (c)(d) In developing new sports facilities including free outdoor hard-surfaced soccer pitches and fee-charging soccer pitches, LCSD makes reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines and takes into account factors including the availability of suitable sites and resources, views of District Councils, public demand for the facilities and the usage of existing facilities. The Department has not set a ratio between the numbers of free outdoor hard-surfaced soccer pitches and fee-charging soccer pitches. In the past five years more free pitches than fee charging pitches have been built.

LCSD plans to provide three free outdoor hard-surfaced soccer pitches and two fee-charging artificial turf soccer pitches in the next five years, details of which are at Annex II.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

**Number of Free Hard-surfaced Soccer Pitches and Fee-charging Soccer Pitches
Built in the Past Five Years (2008 to 2012)**

Year	Free Hard-surfaced soccer pitches	Fee-charging soccer pitches	Remarks
2008	NIL	NIL	
2009	5	2	<p><u>Free hard-surfaced soccer pitches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 7-a-side pitches at Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground (Southern) • 1 5-a-side pitch at Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch (Islands) • 1 5-a-side pitch at Shing Mun Valley Park (Tsuen Wan) • 1 7-a-side pitch at Sau Ming Road Park (Kwun Tong) <p><u>Fee-charging soccer pitches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 11-a-side natural turf pitches inside the athletics tracks at Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground (Sai Kung)
2010	3	5	<p><u>Free hard-surfaced soccer pitches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 5-a-side pitch at Fat Tseung Street West Playground (Sham Shui Po) • 1 7-a-side pitch at Tung Chung North Park (Islands) • 1 7-a-side pitch at San Tin Soccer Pitch (Yuen Long) <p><u>Fee-charging soccer pitches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 7-a-side artificial turf pitch at Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park (Central & Western) • 1 7-a-side natural turf pitch at Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch (Kwun Tong) • 2 11-a-side artificial turf pitches at Po Kong Village Road Park (Wong Tai Sin) • 1 11-a-side artificial turf pitch at Tsing Yi Northeast Park (Kwai Tsing)
2011	1	0	<p><u>Free hard-surfaced soccer pitches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 7-a-side pitch Sha Lo Wan Soccer Pitch (Islands)
2012	1	0	<p><u>Free hard-surfaced soccer pitches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 7-a-side pitch at Shau Kei Wan Service Reservoir Playground (Eastern)

**Free Outdoor Hard-surfaced Soccer Pitches and Fee-charging Soccer Pitches
to be Built in the Next Five Years from 2013-14 to 2017-18**

District	Free Outdoor Hard-surfaced Soccer Pitches		Fee-charging Artificial Turf Soccer Pitches	
	Number	Tentative Completion Date	Number	Tentative Completion Date
Kwun Tong	2 (7-a-side soccer pitches)	2014	1 (7-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch)	2014
Yuen Long	1 (7-a-side soccer pitches)	2014	1 (11-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch)	2014

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

HAB213

Question Serial No.

1153

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question: It is mentioned in the Brief Description to explain the financial provision for Community Development that there is a Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT). What are the details of CSNT? Please provide the following information related to CSNT in each of the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) –

- (a) What was the financial provision allocated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to CSNT?
- (b) How many cases were served under each of the three types of CSNT services, namely outreaching support, casework and group work services?
- (c) How many street sleepers, ex-mentally ill persons and ex-offenders were served?
- (d) How many cases were successfully re-integrated into the community?
- (e) If it is shown after the review that CSNT is very effective, will SWD extend its contract? If yes, what will be the estimated annual expenditure involved in funding CSNT?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The CSNT commenced operation in July 2003 to serve ex-offenders, ex-mentally ill persons and street sleepers in West Kowloon with the aim to re-integrate them into the community through outreaching, support, casework and group work services.

- (a) The full-year funding allocation from 2008-09 to 2012-13 for the CSNT are as follows –

	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Actual)	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13 (Revised Estimate)
Full-year funding allocation (\$ million)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7

- (b) The total numbers of target vulnerable individuals newly reached, cases handled and groups organised in the past five years are as follows –

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to Dec 2012)
Total no. of target vulnerable individuals newly reached in a year	466	465	414	415	290
Total no. of cases handled in a year	241	207	290	272	334
Total no. of groups organised in a year	10	13	10	10	7

- (c) The numbers of ex-offenders, ex-mentally ill persons and street sleepers newly reached in the past five years are as follows –

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to Dec 2012)
Ex-offenders	143	101	78	76	47
Ex-mentally ill persons	37	83	61	32	21
Street sleepers	64	79	64	107	108

- (d) The percentages (%) of cases reported to have improved network with the community, and the unemployed cases successfully engaged in employment, retraining, etc in the past five years are as follows –

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to Dec 2012)
% of cases reported to have improved network with the community in a year	90	96	93	96	97
% of unemployed cases successfully engaged in employment, retraining, etc in a year	57	42	37	45	59

- (e) SWD will review the service performance of the CSNT upon the expiry of the three year contract on 30 June 2015. The renewal of its service contract and provision will be subject to its performance and the policy endorsement of the Home Affairs Bureau.

Name in block letters:

Patrick T K Nip

Post Title:

Director of Social Welfare

Date:

2.4.2013

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

HAB214

Question Serial No.

2105

Head: 703 – Buildings

Subhead (No. & title): 3050RG - District open space, sports centre and library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The approved estimate for “District open space, sports centre and library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O” is \$749.2 million, the actual expenditure up to 31 March 2012 is \$29 million plus. While the balance of the approved estimate is \$719 million plus, the revised estimate of 2012-13 is only \$113 million, and the estimate of 2013-14 is \$205 million plus.

What is the pay-out schedule of the remaining part of the approved estimate? How can the works progress be expedited to provide services to local residents as soon as possible? Could the Administration provide details of resource allocation for each of the facilities included in the project? If not, what is the reason?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

Construction of “District open space, sports centre and library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O” (the Project) commenced in September 2011 and is scheduled to be completed in late 2014. The revised estimate for 2012-13 is \$113 million. The estimated expenditure of \$205 million for 2013-14 is mainly for the substructure and superstructure works. The remaining estimated expenditure of \$401.8 million will be incurred in 2014-15 and beyond for the remaining works, procurement of furniture and equipment, and payment of consultancy fees. We will continue to monitor the project progress and to expedite the works where possible.

The Project includes the construction of a district open space, a sports centre, a district library and other ancillary facilities. Under the relevant contract, the overall expenditure is broken down by types of work (e.g. piling, building services and building works). A breakdown by facilities is not available. The costs of certain works types such as site investigation, sustainable design and greening cannot be readily subdivided and distributed among individual facilities.

Name in block letters: K K LEUNG

Post Title: Director of Architectural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB215

2106

Head: 703 – Buildings

Subhead (No. & title): 3055RG - Sports centre, community hall and district library in Area 14B, Sha Tin

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The approved estimate for “Sports centre, community hall and district library in Area 14B, Sha Tin” is \$1.084 billion, the revised estimate of 2012-13 is only \$5 million, while the estimate of 2013-14 is \$100 million.

What is the pay-out schedule of the remaining part of the approved estimate? How can the works progress be expedited to provide services to local residents as soon as possible? Could the Administration provide details of resource allocation for each of the facilities included in the project? If not, what is the reason?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

Construction of the “Sports centre, community hall and district library in Area 14B, Sha Tin” (the Project) commenced in December 2012 and is scheduled to be completed in February 2016. The revised estimate for 2012-13 is \$5 million. The estimated expenditure of \$100 million for 2013-14 is mainly for the foundation and superstructure works. The remaining estimated expenditure of \$979 million will be incurred in 2014-15 and beyond for the remaining works, procurement of furniture and equipment, and payment of consultancy fees. We will continue to monitor the project progress and expedite the works where possible.

The Project includes the construction of a sports centre, a community hall, a district library and other ancillary facilities. Under the relevant contract, the overall expenditure is broken down by types of work (e.g. piling, building services and building works). A breakdown by facilities is not available. The costs of certain works types such as site investigation, sustainable design and greening cannot be readily subdivided and distributed among individual facilities

Name in block letters: K K LEUNG

Post Title: Director of Architectural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB216

3084

Head: 703 – Buildings

Subhead (No. & title): 3421RO - District open space in Area 37, Tseung Kwan O

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The approved estimate for “District open space in Area 37, Tseung Kwan O” is \$140 million plus, the actual expenditure up to 31 March 2012 is \$82 million plus. While the balance of the approved estimate is \$58 million plus, the revised estimate of 2012-13 is only \$15 million, and the estimate of 2013-14 is \$9.5 million plus.

What is the pay-out schedule of the remaining part of the approved estimate? How can the works progress be expedited to provide services to local residents as soon as possible? Could the Administration provide details of resource allocation for each of the facilities included in the project? If not, what is the reason?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

Construction of the “District open space in Area 37, Tseung Kwan O” (the Project) commenced in December 2009 and was completed in July 2011. The facilities have been opened for public use since November 2011. The revised estimate for 2012-13 is \$15 million. The estimated expenditure of \$9.5 million for 2013-14 is mainly for the settlement of final account, procurement of furniture and equipment and payment of consultancy fees. We will monitor the finalisation of the project account.

The Project includes the construction of district open space and other ancillary facilities. Under the relevant contract, the overall expenditure is broken down by types of work (e.g. site works and site formation, building services, building works and landscape works). A breakdown by facilities is not available. The costs of certain works types such as site investigation, sustainable design and greening cannot be readily subdivided and distributed among individual facilities.

Name in block letters: K K LEUNG

Post Title: Director of Architectural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB217

Question Serial No.

2333

Head: 705 – Civil Engineering

Subhead (No. & title): 5258RS - Development of a bathing beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What is the current progress of developing a bathing beach at Lung Mei? What is the estimated cost for translocation of the marine species? What is the estimated number of species which will be eliminated due to the works or change in the environment? Is fund allowed for further environmental assessment? If yes, what is the schedule?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The Director of Environmental Protection is considering a petition to cancel the Environmental Permit (EP) for the project.

A contractor to be engaged by the Civil Engineering and Development Department will carry out the translocation of the three fish species of conservation importance as required under the EP, under the supervision of a qualified fish specialist monitored by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. With the implementation of these measures, we do not expect the project to cause any adverse residual impact.

The estimated cost of the translocation work, including the ecological monitoring, is about \$1.5 million. Ecological monitoring will be carried out before the translocation work and at six-monthly intervals thereafter until one year after completion of the beach construction.

Name in block letters: C K HON

Post Title: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date: 2 April 2013

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

HAB218

Question Serial No.

1709

Head: 707 – New Towns and Urban
Area Development

Subhead (No. & title): 7014CX - Rural Public
Works Programme

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding Subhead 7014CX under this Head, would the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) the number of objections to the construction of a cycle parking area in Yung Shue Wan received in the past three years from 2010 to 2012;
- (b) whether the Administration has given any response to the objections. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) the expenditure involved in the construction works of the cycle parking area and the expected date of completion.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

- (a) The Plan and the Scheme of the Construction of Cycle Parking Area near Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier, Lamma Island were gazetted in January 2012 under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) for public consultation. 104 objections were received during the statutory objection period from 6 January 2012 to 6 March 2012.
- (b) Reply letters were sent to objectors to explain relevant aspects of the project and clarify any misunderstanding to enable objectors to understand the proposal. We have also invited objectors to attend meetings in order to better address their concerns.
- (c) The estimated project cost was about \$15 million in early 2012. The works are expected to commence in the second half of 2013, and to be completed by early 2015.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB219

Question Serial No.

3368

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 work plan for the Administration to oversee the operation of the Youth Square? What is the estimate in this respect in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Youth Square Management Unit (YSMU) of the Home Affairs Bureau oversees the daily operation and services provided by the management and operation services contractor. The Youth Square Management Advisory Committee (MAC) was also set up in 2009 to advise the Bureau on the overall strategy and objectives, themes and programmes, rental policies, and to monitor the performance of the management contractor of the Youth Square. The contractor reports to the MAC regularly on its performance.

The YSMU comprises one Senior Executive Officer, one Executive Officer I, one Assistant Clerical Officer and one non-civil service contract staff. The total estimated staffing expenditure is about \$1.9 million a year. Apart from the YSMU, an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and one Chief Executive Officer are also involved in overseeing the operation of the Youth Square and supervising the YSMU among other duties.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB220

Question Serial No.

3372

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) What is the total number of youth uniformed groups receiving support from the Government at present? What is the expenditure incurred?
- (b) Is “Young National Pioneers(國民小先鋒)” included in the list of Government supported groups? If yes, what were the expenditure incurred over the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? Will the estimate increase in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, the level of recurrent subvention was \$47.07 million for the 11 uniformed groups.
- (b) “Young National Pioneers” is not included in the list of subvented uniformed groups.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 22.3.2013

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

HAB221

Question Serial No.

3377

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 promotion of civic education outside schools by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) in 2013-14, what are the details of work involved? How much expenditure will be incurred?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

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-governmental 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. To support CPCE in its continuing effort in this regard, an estimated provision of about \$20.3 million in 2013-14 has been reserved for this purpose.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB222

Question Serial No.

3379

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:

What are the respective amounts of subvention received by the nine major performing arts groups in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13)? Does the Administration plan to increase the number of groups under this category? Please provide details of the work involved and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau is currently providing annual subvention to nine major performing arts groups (MPAGs). We do not have any plan to increase the number of the MPAGs in 2013-14. The details of the subvention provided to these groups in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 are as follows:

	Subvention for 2010-11 (\$)	Subvention for 2011-12 (\$)	Subvention for 2012-13 (\$)
Hong Kong Philharmonic	62,075,830	62,075,830	68,283,413
Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	53,143,963	53,143,963	58,458,359
Hong Kong Sinfonietta (HKS)	20,663,088	20,663,088	22,729,397
Hong Kong Repertory Theatre (HKRT)	29,947,000	29,947,000	32,941,700
Chung Ying Theatre Company (CYTC)	10,081,905	10,081,905	11,090,096
Zuni Icosahedron	10,450,558	10,450,558	11,495,614
Hong Kong Dance Company	31,415,452	31,415,452	34,556,997

	Subvention for 2010-11 (\$)	Subvention for 2011-12 (\$)	Subvention for 2012-13 (\$)
Hong Kong Ballet	32,192,050	32,192,050	35,411,255
City Contemporary Dance Company (CCDC)	14,194,000	14,194,000	15,613,400
Total	264,163,846	264,163,846	290,580,231

In addition, a total grant of \$14.6 million was approved for projects undertaken by the HKS, HKRT, CYTC and CCDC under the 2012 Contestable Funding Pilot Scheme for the MPAGs. Of the \$14.6 million, the funding disbursed in 2012-13 is \$13.1 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB223

Question Serial No.

3380

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:

Are there measures to encourage major performing arts groups supported by the Government to make wider use of the works of local artists, writers or composers in their productions? What are the details and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

We encourage the performing arts groups, including the major performing arts groups (MPAGs), to groom local artistic talents and promote industry development. One of the areas for evaluating their performance is their contributions to the grooming of local talents by way of providing professional development opportunities to local artists and creative practitioners including through employment, training, internship, mentoring and commissioning their work. One of the main themes adopted for the Contestable Funding Pilot Scheme launched in 2012 also includes the grooming of local talents. Other than the above, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has also been providing opportunities for local artists and arts groups to engage in artistic creation, capacity building and audience building through various year-round cultural programmes, thematic arts festivals, Venue Partnership Scheme, audience building and arts education activities, as well as community arts programmes.

Moreover, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) also supports local artists and arts groups through a variety of grant schemes and projects that provide them with funding and venue support, showcase their talents and enhance their professional development. The annual subvention provided by the Government to HKADC is \$95.8 million in 2013-14 and another \$30 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund is also earmarked each year for HKADC to implement / fund projects which could support local arts groups and artists.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB224

Question Serial No.

3386

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) In 2013-14, how much resources will the Bureau commit to review its policy on private recreational leases (PRLs), including the lease conditions, the frequency of borrowing venues from private clubs by outside organisations, and the promotion of these clubs' lending arrangements? What are the details of the review?
- (b) Given that most of the PRLs have expired, what is the latest development of the renewal arrangements for the various PRLs at present? According to the Administration's work plan, will these PRLs be renewed this year?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Bureau is assessing the scope of the review and will determine accordingly the resources required in 2013-14. The review will take into account factors such as our sports development policy, land use, public expectations, and the interests of PRL lessees, their members and other stakeholders.
- (b) For PRLs that expired in 2011 and 2012, the Administration is now at an advanced stage of the lease renewal process. According to our work plan, most of these PRLs will be renewed this year.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 21.3.2013

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

HAB225

Question Serial No.

3403

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:

What are the details of the Home Affairs Bureau's work programme for the development of a Multi-purpose Sports Complex at Kai Tak in 2013-14? What is the expenditure involved? Has the scale of the project been altered in the past year? If so, what has been changed and what will be the resources or expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

We are studying the procurement and financing options for delivering the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak, taking account of non-binding expressions of interest (EOI) received from the private sector and other interested stakeholders. We will shortly publish a summary of the views received during the EOI exercise, and we will also start a study to advise on detailed financial models for the procurement and financing of the MPSC in order to finalise the way forward for the project.

We have not changed the scale of the MPSC project in the past year.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB226

Question Serial No.

3405

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) What are the details of the Administration's work in seeking "continued support from the business sector and event organisers to sponsor the purchase of tickets for allocation free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds"? What are the number of sports events and expenditure involved?
- (b) Please advise the number of tickets distributed to people from less privileged backgrounds in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), and the prices of the tickets.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The events for which we arranged the distribution of free tickets to people from less privileged backgrounds in the past three years, and the value of the tickets are as follows –

Event name	Year	Date of event	Total no. of tickets for less privileged	Value per event ticket	Total ticket value
Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2010-11	25 - 27 March 2011	100	\$1,250	\$125,000
	2011-12	23 - 25 March 2012	100	\$1,500	\$150,000
	2012-13	22 - 24 March 2013	250	\$1,500	\$375,000
FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix – Hong Kong	2010-11	20 - 22 August 2010	1 380	\$20	\$27,600
	2011-12	19 - 21 August 2011	1 320	\$45 (average)	\$59,400
Hong Kong Cricket Sixes	2011-12	28 - 30 October 2011	640	\$100	\$64,000
	2012-13	27 - 28 October 2012	100	\$430 (average)	\$43,000

Event name	Year	Date of event	Total no. of tickets for less privileged	Value per event ticket	Total ticket value
Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2010-11	18 - 21 November 2010	140	\$120	\$16,800
	2011-12	1 - 4 December 2011	200	\$200 (average)	\$40,000
	2012-13	15 - 18 November 2012	280	\$250 (average)	\$70,000
Hong Kong DanceSport Festival	2010-11	27 - 28 November 2010	1 405*	/	/
	2011-12	11 - 12 June 2011	2 000*	/	/
	2012-13	20 - 21 October 2012	1 615	\$20	\$32,300
Hong Kong Open Badminton Superseries	2010-11	6 - 12 December 2010	500*	/	/
	2011-12	15 - 20 November 2011	820*	/	/
	2012-13	20 - 25 November 2012	800*	/	/
Hong Kong BMX Golden League	2011-12	2 - 4 March 2012	300	\$88	\$26,400
HKFC International Soccer Sevens	2012-13	18 - 20 May 2012	300	\$20	\$6,000
Club Crew World Championships cum Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races	2012-13	5 - 7 July 2012	385*	/	/
Football match of Kitchee vs. Arsenal	2012-13	29 July 2012	500	\$200	\$100,000
Hong Kong Masters (Equestrian)	2012-13	28 February - 2 March 2013	250	\$275 (average)	\$68,750
		Year 2010-11	1 620 1 905*	/	\$169,400
		Year 2011-12	2 560 2 820*	/	\$339,800
		Year 2012-13	3 295 1 185*	/	\$695,050

Event name	Year	Date of event	Total no. of tickets for less privileged	Value per event ticket	Total ticket value
		Total	7 475 5 910*		\$1,204,250
		Grand Total	13 385		

* Number of tickets with no face value allocated to people from less privileged backgrounds.

The total number of tickets distributed to people from less privileged backgrounds for the above sports events was 13 385, with a total ticket value of \$1,204,250.

The tickets are sponsored by companies and event organisers, and the administrative work is handled by Home Affairs Bureau staff. There is no additional expenditure involved.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB227

Question Serial No.

3406

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 Cantonese opera has been inscribed onto the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, what are the details of the Administration's work in promoting Cantonese opera this year? What is the expenditure involved? Will any resources be earmarked for the study of providing permanent performance venue(s) for the Cantonese opera sector?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

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.

It is estimated that an expenditure of about \$41 million will be spent by the Government in 2013-14 to support the development of Cantonese opera through performances, audience building and arts education programmes, preservation work and exhibitions implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and support provided to Cantonese opera organisations under the Department's Venue Partnership Scheme, the Cantonese opera training programmes under the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and the Cantonese opera projects supported by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. In addition, the Cantonese Opera Development Fund (CODF) will continue to support projects and new initiatives for the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera. It is estimated that about \$9 million will be provided from the CODF in 2013-14 to support various Cantonese opera projects.

On performance venues for the sector, the Yau Ma Tei Theatre, which opened in July 2012, is being used as a cradle to nurture Cantonese opera new talents. The existing Ko Shan Theatre (of 1 031 seats) is a dedicated venue for Cantonese opera performances. An annex to the Ko Shan Theatre is being built to provide a new theatre of 600 seats and is expected to be completed this year. Furthermore, the first phase of the Xiqu Centre of the West Kowloon Cultural District (comprising a 1 100-seat theatre) is planned to be completed in 2016.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB228

Question Serial No.

3408

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:

Regarding the Home Affairs Bureau's plan to launch a trial scheme in 2013–14 to provide arts space at suitable industrial premises to artists and arts groups at concessionary rent, what is the scale of the Scheme? How many artists and arts groups stand to benefit from the Scheme? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To provide young artists and budding arts groups with more room to pursue their artistic creation, the Government has earmarked a capital funding of \$8.72 million for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to renovate and make available arts space (about 10 000 square feet) for artists in an industrial building in Wong Chuk Hang. In the coming year, HKADC will undertake renovation works and operate a scheme to enable new and budding artists to lease the units for arts creation at a concessionary rate. HKADC is working on the details of the scheme.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB229

Question Serial No.

3464

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:

How many consultancy studies have the Government commissioned since the proposal to develop a Multi-purpose Sports Complex at Kai Tak was announced? Please provide details of these studies, including their titles, contents, objectives, commencement and completion dates and progress, as well as the amounts of consultancy fees involved and the publication channels of the consultancy reports.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Government has commissioned the following four related consultancy studies since the announcement of the proposal to develop a Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak in the 2006-07 Policy address:

Title of consultancy studies	Content and Objectives	Commencement and Completion dates	Progress of studies	Consultancy fees (\$)	Publication Channel of reports
Kai Tak Development Engineering Study Design & Construction of Advance Works – Investigation, Design and Construction Preliminary Planning for the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex	To prepare Conceptual Plans and to determine the preferred concept	June 2007 – March 2008	Completed	1,750,000	The study was for internal reference and provided a basis for future planning of the project.

Title of consultancy studies	Content and Objectives	Commencement and Completion dates	Progress of studies	Consultancy fees (\$)	Publication Channel of reports
Provision of consultancy services to facilitate the preparation of the Technical Feasibility Statement (TFS) and carry out related studies for the MPSC at Kai Tak	To carry out related preliminary studies for the MPSC project and provide study reports for the Architectural Services Department's internal reference	May 2009 (commencement date)	Completed except for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study	12,821,046	The study was for internal reference
Event Profile and Economic Impact Assessment of the MPSC at Kai Tak and Other Major Sporting Venues in Hong Kong	To identify potential new international or local events and conduct an economic impact assessment for the MPSC project	January 2010 – October 2010	Completed	1,420,000	The study was for internal reference and provided a basis for future planning of the project.
Procurement and Financing Options for the development of the Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak	To identify procurement and funding options and assess their suitability for the MPSC project	September 2011 (commencement date)	Substantially completed	1,380,000	A copy of the executive summary is available on the Home Affairs Bureau's website.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB230

Question Serial No.

4706

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) Has the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) offered any opportunities for youngsters to serve in under-privileged areas in the Mainland in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? If yes, what are the programme details, the under-privileged areas in the Mainland covered, types of services offered, stipends provided and expenditure involved?
- b) HAB indicates that in 2013-14, it will provide opportunities for youngsters, with a token stipend, to serve in under-privileged areas in the Mainland under the “Service Corps”. What are the programme details, the under-privileged areas in the Mainland chosen, types of services offered, estimated stipend amount and estimated overall expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

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 subsidise young people aged between 18 and 29 to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland during an academic year.

HAB will cover the cost in accommodation, transportation, insurance and a stipend for each Corps member. To equip the delegates and assist them in coping with the service requirement, suitable training and professional counseling services will be provided. Each Corps member receives a monthly stipend of RMB 3,000 and an award of \$5,000 upon satisfactory completion of service. The place of service for phases I to III is Shaoguan, Guangdong and delegates provide teaching assistance at local primary and secondary schools.

For the first three Phases of Service Corps carried out in 2011 to 2013, the number of delegates and expenditures are as follows:

	Service Period	Number of delegates	Expenditure
Phase I	September 2011 to January 2012 (1 semester)	15	\$0.8 million
Phase II	February to July 2012 (1 semester)	9	\$1.3 million
Phase III	September 2012 to July 2013 (2 semesters)	16	\$2.08 million (estimated)

The estimated expenditure for Phase IV from September 2013 to July 2014 (2 semesters) is \$2.8 million. Building on the experience of the first three phases of Service Corps, we aim to recruit more youth participants for Phase IV. The recruitment will be conducted shortly.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG
Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs
Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB231

Question Serial No.

4709

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 indicates that in 2013-14, it will support youth development activities through the district network of the Commission on Youth (CoY). What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

Since 1 January 2011, the 18 Districts Summer Youth Programme Committees have been re-organised into 18 Districts Youth Programme Committees (DYPCs). They collaborate with the Commission on Youth (CoY) in organising year-round youth development activities that are in line with the theme and direction set by the CoY with a view to helping youths cultivate a positive approach to life and fulfill civic duties. The Home Affairs Bureau earmarks about \$8 million in 2013-14 for organising youth activities in collaboration with DYPCs.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB232

Question Serial No.

4711

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) What activities has the Commission on Youth (CoY) organised in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? What are the respective content details, expenditure incurred and number of youth participants?
- b) What activities will the CoY organise in 2013-14? What are the respective content details, estimated expenditure and estimated number of youth participants?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- a) Details of the activities organised by CoY from 2010-11 to 2012-13 are appended below-

	Activities	Expenditure	No. of youth participants
2010-11	International Youth Exchange Programme, Youth Exchange Sessions, ICAC Interactive Drama*, UG Day 2010* and Hong Kong Secondary School Model United Nations Conference 2010*	About \$2.7 million	About 23 000
2011-12	International Youth Exchange Programme, Youth Exchange Sessions, Beijing/Hebei Study Tour, Summer Exchange Programme, Leadership Training and Volunteer Service Programme, Inter-district Youth Soccer Competition, Junior Police Call Fight Crime Summer Camp*, ICAC Interactive Drama*, UG Day 2011*, Hong Kong Secondary School Model United Nations Conference 2011*, Celebrities Seminar Series* and Youth Workshops*	About \$7.5 million	About 53 000
2012-13	International Youth Exchange Programme, Youth Summit 2012, Youth Exchange Sessions, Summer Exchange Programme, Leadership Training Programme, 18 Districts Cheering Team Competition and Outstanding Youth Commendation Scheme, Outstanding Youth Activities Commendation Scheme and ICAC Interactive Drama*	About \$7.8 million	About 49 000

*activities co-organised by CoY with other organisations

b) The CoY has not endorsed the 2013-14 workplan yet. However, it is anticipated that the expenditure and number of youth participants for the activities organised by CoY will be similar to past years.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB233

Question Serial No.

4713

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) Has the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) provided any resources for the promotion of national education over the past five years (from 2008-09 to 2012-13)? If yes, please provide the programme details, the expenditure incurred and target groups for each national education activity.
- b) HAB says that in 2013-14, it 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 the youth; what are the details, programme plans, estimated dates, target groups and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau works closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth in promoting national education among the general public, particularly the youth. The relevant expenditures and estimate are:

Year	Amount (\$)
2008-09 Actual Expenditure	16.2 million
2009-10 Actual Expenditure	18.6 million
2010-11 Actual Expenditure	34.3 million
2011-12 Actual Expenditure	32.3 million
2012-13 Revised Estimate	24.1 million

The programmes and activities included provision of sponsorship to community organizations to organize youth study tours to the Mainland and to organise local promotional activities, promotion on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications enhancing understanding of various aspects of our country (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

The estimated provision in 2013-14 for promoting national education is \$26.3 million. Programmes and activities are yet to be planned by the concerned organisations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB234

Question Serial No.

4715

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) To enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people, how many Mainland study tours has the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) organised over the past five years (from 2008-09 to 2012-13)? Please provide the destination, programme content, theme, number of youth participants, date and expenditure incurred of each tour.
- b) The HAB says that in 2013-14, it will enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland. Please provide the destination, programme content, theme, estimated number of youth participants, date and estimated expenditure incurred of each tour.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) had jointly organised four Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Tours with the Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao from 2008-09 to 2012-13. The tours, first launched in 2009, aimed to enhance Hong Kong young people's understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage; promote mutual understanding and communication among the young people of three places. Details are appended below-

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total number of participants	About 190	About 160	About 150	About 110
Place of visit	Guangdong Province, Macao and Hong Kong	Hunan Province, Guangdong Province, Macao and Hong Kong	Guangxi Province, Guangdong Province, Macao and Hong Kong	Fujian Province, Guangdong Province, Macao and Hong Kong
Date (No. of days)	12 to 20 July 2009 (9 days)	13 to 21 July 2010 (9 days)	12 to 21 July 2011 (10 days)	16 to 25 July 2012 (10 days)
Expenditure*	\$0.42 million	\$0.32 million	\$0.75 million	\$0.47 million

* Note: The programme was operated on the principle of reciprocity among Home Affairs Bureau, the Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao. The hosting party will be responsible for the costs of food, accommodation, local transportation and other programme fees for the visiting delegation. The expenses for the Guangxi Province and Fujian Province which were outside the three hosting places, were shared by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao on a pro-rata basis.

HAB will continue to organise the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Tour in 2013-14. The tour is scheduled to be held in summer 2013 but other details have not been finalized. It is anticipated that the content, scale and expenditure of the tour will be more or less the same as previous years.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB235

Question Serial No.

4717

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 (HAB) and the Commission on Youth (CoY) held the Youth Summit 2012 at Youth Square on 24 November 2012. What are the theme, discussion topics, total number of participants, number of youth participants and expenditure details?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The theme of "Youth Summit 2012" was "Voices of the Youth - Our Ideal...", with four sub-themes for discussion, namely "Our Ideal Career", "Our Ideal Home", "Our Ideal Education" and "Our Ideal Caring Community". Of the some 450 participants (including speakers and guests), 370 were young people. The expenditure was about \$2 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB236

Question Serial No.

4758

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) Please provide an overview of cases where facilities under private recreational leases (PRLs) have been opened to youth organizations, sports clubs or schools for organizing activities in 2012-13. Please also specify the dates, time and details of such activities.
- (b) The Bureau has suggested that it will step up the publicity efforts in promoting its policy on PRLs and the arrangements for outside organisations to use these venues. Please provide details of the Bureau's promotional efforts in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the expenditure incurred each year.
- (c) In 2012-13, what amount of resources has the Bureau allocated for the review of the policy on PRLs? What was the expenditure involved? Please tabulate the number, rank, salary and duties of staff responsible for this policy.
- (d) In 2013-14, what amount of resources will be allocated for reviewing the policy on PRLs? What is the estimated expenditure involved? Please tabulate the estimated number, rank, salary and duties of staff responsible for this policy.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

We are aware that outside bodies regularly approach the holders of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) in 2012-13 to seek the use of the lessees' facilities. We do not have the details of the related activities as under the current lease conditions, lessees are not required to provide such information. When renewing PRLs, we will add new lease conditions requiring lessees to submit records of outside bodies' use of their facilities.

As regards the implementation of enhanced publicity, we have uploaded onto the Internet information about the facilities available to outside bodies, reminded outside bodies of such provisions and published newspaper advertisements.

Staff of Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) have undertaken these tasks as part of their broader scope of duties. Apart from expenditure of \$78,204 for newspaper advertisements, there have been no additional resources allocated to this area in 2012-13. As yet we have not earmarked additional resources for conducting the review of PRL policy in 2013-14, and we envisage that the bulk of the work will be undertaken by HAB staff as part of their overall duties.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 11.4.2013

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

HAB237

Question Serial No.

4759

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 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau will conduct public education on gambling-related issues, provide counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as conduct research on the impact of gambling. What are the details and the estimated expenditure in this regard?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, around \$20 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.

We have planned to commission the next triennial study on Hong Kong people's participation in gambling activities in 2014-15.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB238

Question Serial No.

4760

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 Government formally established the \$7 billion Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) to provide a sustainable long-term source of financial support for the operation of the Hong Kong Sports Institute in 2012-13. Please provide details of the EADF, including its primary purposes and the estimated number of elite athletes who will benefit from it.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Elite Athletes Development Fund, with an initial seed capital of \$7 billion, is used to provide funding support to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) for the development of elite sport. Of the \$7 billion seed capital, \$6 billion is deposited with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, while the remaining \$1 billion is maintained as a "liquidity portion" in the form of time deposits to provide a cash reserve. An estimated 1 100 athletes have been supported under the elite training programme of the HKSI in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB239

Question Serial No.

4761

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 Bureau has provided financial support to athletes preparing for and participating in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and other major international sports events. What are the details of this initiative? Please specify the funding support for each sports event.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2012, we allocated about \$13.48 million to support Hong Kong athletes' preparation for and participation in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and other major international events. Details of the approved grants in 2012 are set out below –

	Project Name	Approved Amount (HK\$)
1.	Preparation for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games	3,051,577
2.	Preparation for the 6th East Asian Games	1,700,000
3.	Participation in the 3rd Asian Beach Games	1,950,000
4.	Participation in the London 2012 Olympic Games	4,350,000
5.	Participation in the London 2012 Paralympic Games	2,431,481
	Total	13,483,058

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB240

Question Serial No.

4763

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:

In 2013-14, will the Bureau allocate resources to meet the needs of serving and retired full-time athletes in training, retirement and career development support? If so, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In the financial year 2013-14, we will continue to support athletes' education and career planning through providing support for the following programmes –

- The HKSI will use part of the budgeted \$325 million allocation from the Home Affairs Bureau to provide assistance to elite athletes through the “Athletes Integrated Educational and Vocational Development Programme” which includes academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, career planning and vocational training. The estimated budget of the programme for 2013-14 is \$3.3 million.
- Through the Hong Kong Athletes Fund (HKAF) administered by the HKSI, grants are provided to individual athletes for educational and other academic training, including certificate, diploma and degree courses. Eligible athletes can apply for grants from the HKAF in June and July, and October and November each year. As the application cycle for 2013-14 has not yet commenced, details of expenditure are not available.
- The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) will continue to implement its “Hong Kong Athletes Career & Education Programme”, which was launched in 2008, to provide support to serving and retired athletes, including consultation services, scholarships, vocational training, language courses and job placement programmes. The SF&OC is now working on the plan and budget for the programme in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB241

Question Serial No.

4764

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) In 2012, the Bureau has allocated funding to district football teams to help them improve coaching and administration standards. Please provide details of this initiative, including the teams being funded, and the expenditure involved.
- (b) In 2013-14, will the Bureau continue to provide funding support to district football teams to help them improve coaching and administration standards? If so, what are the plans and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (c) In 2012, the Bureau has provided funding to the Hong Kong Football Association to help it to implement reforms aimed at promoting the long-term development of local football. Please provide details of this initiative and the expenditure involved.
- (d) In 2013-14, will the Bureau continue to provide funding to the Hong Kong Football Association to help it to implement reforms? If so, what are the plans and estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (e) In 2013-14, the Bureau will allocate resources to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong. What are the plans and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) For 2012-13, we have earmarked about \$5.93 million for the 18 district-based football teams under the Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams. The funding is used to support the teams in areas such as coaching, administration, transportation and equipment.
- (b) We have earmarked around \$6 million for allocation to the district-based football teams in 2013-14. The actual figure will depend upon the confirmation of the teams' division status at the end of the 2012-13 season and the proposed budget put forward by the teams.
- (c) We have earmarked \$20 million for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the Hong Kong Football Association's (HKFA) "Project Phoenix" for the long-term development of football in 2012-13.

- (d) We have earmarked \$20 million in 2013-14 for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the HKFA's "Project Phoenix".
- (e) As mentioned in (b) and (d) above, around \$6 million and \$20 million have been earmarked to support district-based football teams and the implementation of HKFA's "Project Phoenix" respectively in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB242

Question Serial No.

4765

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:

In 2012-13, the Bureau introduced the School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme to provide more opportunities for students to take part in sport, and to provide retired athletes with work experience in sports administration. Please advise on the details of the Scheme and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The “School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme” is a three-year pilot programme that started in September 2012. The programme aims to help promote a sporting culture in schools, to encourage students to take part in sports, and to provide a platform for retired athletes to gain working experience on the way to pursuing a “second career”. We have earmarked an allocation of \$13.5 million over three years to schools participating in this scheme to cover the pay packages of the coordinators and related programme expenses.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB243

Question Serial No.

4766

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:

In 2013-14, will the Bureau allocate additional resources to review the structure, functions and operation of all national sports associations and sports clubs? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

"National sports associations" (NSAs) and related organisations are autonomous bodies that are responsible to their members for the development of specific sports, operating in accordance with the rules and requirements of relevant international sanctioning bodies. In order to promote sport with the community, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to NSAs through the Sports Subvention Scheme, which requires NSAs to follow strictly a set of procedures and guidelines to ensure proper use of the subvention. LCSD will continue to monitor the NSAs' use of public funding and to facilitate improved governance of the NSAs as part of the ongoing work of the department. Accordingly, no additional resources needs to be allocated to this area in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB244

Question Serial No.

4768

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:

In 2013-14, the Bureau will seek support from the business sector and event organisers to sponsor the purchase of tickets for allocation free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds. What are the details of this initiative and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To date, we have identified the following events in 2013-14 for which free tickets have been or will be given away to people from less privileged backgrounds -

Event Name	Organiser	Event Date	Number of tickets already distributed/ to be distributed
Longines Hong Kong Masters 2013	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	28 February-2 March 2013	250
Cathay Pacific/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens 2013	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	22-24 March 2013	250
GAC Group 26 th Table Tennis Asian Cup 2013	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	12-14 April 2013	350

We expect that further events in 2013-14 will provide tickets for people from less privileged backgrounds. The tickets are sponsored by companies and event organisers, and the administrative work is handled by Home Affairs Bureau staff. There is no additional expenditure involved.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB245

Question Serial No.

4769

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:

- (a) Has the Bureau allocated resources for the promotion of arts education in 2012-13? If so, what are the details and the expenditure involved?
- (b) What amount of resources will be allocated for the promotion of arts education in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) The Bureau has stated that it will enhance the software in the arts and culture through arts programme development, audience building, arts education and manpower training in 2013-14. What are these arts programmes primarily? What are the details of the entire project and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

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, offers a wide range of arts education and audience building 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. The total budgets for Audience Building Office, the Art Promotion Office and the Music Office in 2012-13 and 2013-14 in programme-related costs are \$93.4 million and \$95.6 million respectively. Examples of these programmes are set out below.

- i. 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. Other arts education schemes include “Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students”, “Performing Arts Criticism Project for Senior Secondary Students” and the newly implemented “New Synergy Arts Animateur Scheme”.
- ii. 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 being implemented to introduce the arts to the community.

- iii. The Music Office provides instrumental music and ensemble music training for the youth at affordable fees. It also offers orchestral training, touring exchange, music appreciation programmes, music interflows, music camp, music workshops and outreach programmes to promote an interest in music among the public.

Besides, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) has been offering professional training in the fields 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. The annual subventions for HKAPA in 2012-13 and 2013-14 are \$277.1 million and \$283.0 million respectively.

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), which receives an annual subvention of \$95.8 million and an earmarked funding of about \$30 million from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2013-14, 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, and the “Community Arts Activities Enhancement Scheme” provides opportunities for the public to participate in and appreciate the arts.

- (c) In the 2013-14 year, the amount of estimated expenditure on supporting the development of the arts and culture exceeds \$3 billion. These funds will be used to implement various initiatives and activities, including performances, arts education and audience building programmes organized, presented or funded by HAB, LCSD and HKADC. In addition, \$30 million from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund is earmarked for supporting projects/ programmes recommended or implemented by the HKADC. HAB has also implemented the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme to disburse a provision of around \$30 million on an annual basis to promising arts groups and arts practitioners as well as larger scale and cross-year arts and cultural initiatives/activities so as to enhance their capacity development.

The aforementioned programmes and activities will help support the further development of cultural software, including programme development, arts education, audience building and grooming of talents.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB246

Question Serial No.

4770

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:

The Bureau has stated that it will strengthen its efforts in developing a cultural network with the Mainland and other places in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to strengthen cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland and other places.

We will continue to enhance cultural cooperation of the Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) through the cultural cooperation platform established jointly by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to discuss, implement and follow up on collaboration initiatives involving the three places. The next GPRD Cultural Cooperation Meeting will be held in Macao in May 2013. We will also continue to promote collaboration with other places in the Mainland and various authorities or organizations relating to the arts and culture such as the Ministry of Culture, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the National Museum of China, the Palace Museum and the National Library of China to enhance cultural exchange and cooperation with the Mainland.

We will continue to strengthen the promotion of cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Taiwan through the “Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee” (HKTCCC), established under the “Hong Kong – Taiwan Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Promotion Council”. The HKTCCC will organise the second “Hong Kong Week” in Taipei in 2013 to showcase Hong Kong's arts and culture to the Taiwan audience, and introduce to them the cultural characteristics of Hong Kong and the latest developments of our creative industries. In addition, the third Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Co-operation Forum will be organised in Hong Kong this year for the representatives of various cultural sectors of the two places to exchange views.

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 13 countries. We will continue to organize the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum this year. Moreover, we will continue to collaborate with cultural organisations and institutions around the world in organizing various cultural exchange activities such as inviting troupes from different countries to participate in annual international arts carnival and thematic arts festival to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts.

The estimated total expenditure of HAB and LCSD in 2013-14 for promoting cultural cooperation and exchange with Mainland, Taiwan and other places is about \$108.3 million.

HAB also promotes cultural exchange through the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). HKADC will continue to provide funding support for cultural exchange projects of local artists and arts groups and proactive projects which involve promotion of local artists and arts groups overseas. In 2013-14, the budget for these projects is about \$9.3 million.

The Arts Development Fund (ADF) administered by the HAB provided funding to 47 projects with a total grant of \$3.14 million in 2012-13 for supporting outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2013-14, HAB will continue to provide funding support under the ADF to support local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB247

Question Serial No.

4771

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:

The Bureau will work closely with the Advisory Committee on Arts Development in promoting local arts development in 2013-14. Please provide details of the plan, including the arts projects involved and their respective expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Advisory Committee on Arts Development (ACAD) advises the Secretary for Home Affairs on matters relating to arts development. Major areas of work for ACAD in 2013-14 include the following –

- (a) Introduced by the ACAD in 2011, the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) disburses an annual provision of around \$30 million to support larger scale and cross-year arts and cultural initiatives/activities so as to enhance capacity development for promising arts groups and arts practitioners as well as to encourage the community and private sector to sponsor the arts. 18 Grantees were selected in the first round funding exercise for implementation of quality proposals of various art forms from 2012 to 2014. A total of \$39 million is being disbursed to these Grantees by instalments. The second round funding exercise has been launched in November 2012 with application closed on 2 January 2013. The selection process is expected to be completed in around May 2013.
- (b) In 2013-14, the ACAD will continue to advise the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) on issues relating to the subvention of the major performing arts groups. In addition, it will advise on the implementation of the Contestable Funding Pilot Scheme for the nine major performing arts groups which aims to encourage the groups to come up with new initiatives that would help sustainable development financially and artistically, as well as to benefit the long term development of the arts and culture in Hong Kong. The second round of the Scheme will be launched in around mid 2013. An annual provision of \$13.6 million is earmarked for this Scheme. It will also advise on other issues relating to the funding of the performing arts sector in Hong Kong.
- (c) ACAD will continue to advise HAB on, inter alia, the strategies in the provision of arts education, including the coordination of work in the public sector, and on the engagement of stakeholders, etc. It will also advise HAB on how to strengthen the training of arts administrators at various levels of experience.

- (d) The ACAD provides advice to HAB on the assessment of applications under the Arts Development Fund (ADF) for advancing cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and other places. In 2012-13, some 47 projects of different art forms have been funded with a total grant of about \$3.14 million. In 2013-14, HAB will continue to provide funding support to local arts groups and artists for participation in cultural exchange activities under ADF on the advice of the ACAD.
- (e) The ACAD also advises on the strategies for supporting the development of visual arts in Hong Kong.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB248

Question Serial No.

4772

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:

- (a) The Bureau has stated that it will provide policy steer on the enhancement of public museum and library services in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) As of 2012-13, how many books are there in the public library system? How many of them are electronic or audio books? What is the number of electronic or audio books as a percentage of the whole library collection?
- (c) In 2013-14, will the Bureau allocate additional resources to expand the catalogue of electronic or audio books? If so, what are the plans and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) We strive to provide opportunities for wide participation in culture and the arts, and create an environment conducive to the diversified and balanced development of culture and the arts. Provision of quality museum and library services is an important component of this policy. In 2013-14, the total estimated recurrent expenditure involved in providing various types of museum services by Leisure and Cultural Services Department is \$613.5 million, while those relating to library services is \$935.9 million.
- (b) As at 31 December 2012, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) has a collection of 12.85 million items of library materials, comprising 11.13 million printed books and 1.72 million non-printed materials, of which about 90 000 are audio books (5% of the non-printed stock). The remaining non-printed materials comprise other audio references such as records and visual materials such as VCD, microfilm etc. The number of e-books maintained by HKPL is 140 000 which are electronic resources not counted towards the stock of library materials.
- (c) Similar to previous years, the HKPL has set aside about \$2 million for procuring e-books and audio books in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB249

Question Serial No.

4773

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:

The Bureau has stated that it will work closely with the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in its various initiatives to improve its facilities and services in the training of local performing arts talents in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, a subvention of \$283 million will be provided to the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) to support its training of local performing arts talents. The HKAPA will launch a degree programme in Cantonese Opera from the 2013/14 academic year and continue to improve its teaching facilities for the provision of four-year degree programmes. It will also continue to carry out its campus expansion and improvement projects at its Wanchai campus with the capital funding of \$444.8 million approved by the Legislative Council in 2012-13.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB250

Question Serial No.

4774

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:

The Bureau has 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 2013-14. What are the details of such collaboration and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Government will provide an annual subvention of \$95.8 million and earmark \$30 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2013-14 for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to continue to implement a variety of schemes and projects to support the development of new and budding artists and arts groups as well as the overall development of the arts sector. Some key programmes are highlighted below –

- (a) implementation of its on-going grant schemes, namely the One-year/Two-year Grant, Multi-Project Grant and Project Grant schemes to lend support to the development of small and medium-sized arts groups of various artforms. To give one-year/two-year grantees with meritorious performance the flexibility and capability to make longer term programme planning to achieve their artistic visions, the HKADC will re-introduce the Three-year Grant scheme in 2013-14, which will give arts groups a three-year funding commitment;
- (b) showcasing the talents of local artists and arts groups through HKADC's proactive projects, many of these programmes such as the Fresh Wave provide opportunities for new and budding artists and art groups to enhance their development;
- (c) supporting emerging artists through HKADC's Internship Schemes which provide local internship opportunities in the disciplines of drama, xiqu, music, dance and visual arts, as well as the Cultural Internship Scheme which sponsors local arts managers with leadership potential to participate in structured internship and training programmes in arts administration outside Hong Kong; and
- (d) providing venue support through its venue subsidy scheme and implementing a trial scheme to lease some units in an industrial building to new and budding artists for arts creation at a concessionary rate.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB251

Question Serial No.

4775

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:

- (a) What are the efforts made by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) in 2012-13 in respect of the planning of the infrastructure projects and the core arts and cultural facilities for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)? Please provide details of such efforts, including the work items and their respective expenditure.
- (b) HAB will work closely with the WKCD Authority in 2013-14 to ensure co-ordination with concerned government departments in the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects and the core arts and cultural facilities for the WKCD. What are the plans and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, HAB monitored the statutory planning process of the Development Plan (DP) for WKCD prepared by the WKCD Authority, the progress of design competitions for facilities in WKCD as well as the procurement process and expenditure for the WKCD project. The Bureau also liaised with relevant Government departments on matters relating to the project and sought funding of \$478 million from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for the design and site investigation of the public infrastructure works for phase 1 of the WKCD development.
- (b) In 2013-14, we will continue to monitor the progress of design competitions and design consultant selections, construction works within WKCD, as well as the procurement process and expenditure for the WKCD project. We will maintain close liaison with Government departments, WKCD Authority and other parties concerned on interface matters affecting the development of WKCD. We plan to seek funding approval in stages starting from mid-2014 for the construction of the government infrastructure works to tie in with the phased completion of the design and site investigation works.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB252

Question Serial No.

4777

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:

The Bureau has stated that it will launch international cultural cooperation initiatives in 2013-14, such as organising the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum to foster partnership between Governments in the Asian region. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To foster cultural cooperation and exchange in the Asian region, we have been organizing the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum (ACCF) in Hong Kong regularly since 2003. The Forum provides a platform for the cultural ministers in the region to exchange ideas and experience in respect of policy and measures for supporting the development of the arts and culture. We will organise the 8th ACCF in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Moreover, we will continue to collaborate with cultural organisations and institutions around the world in staging various cultural exchange activities such as inviting troupes from different countries to participate in annual international arts carnival and thematic arts festival to establish, maintain and expand networks with our overseas counterparts.

We have earmarked \$8 million in 2013-14 for launching international cultural cooperation initiatives including organizing the ACCF.

Together with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, we will continue to strengthen international cultural exchange and cooperation.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB253

Question Serial No.

4778

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:

The Bureau has stated that it will strengthen the training of arts administrators with different levels of experience in 2013-14, including providing internships, further studies and diversified professional training opportunities. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Government plans to provide an additional funding of \$150 million to strengthen the training of arts administrators at various level of seniority over the next five years. The Home Affairs Bureau is formulating an overall plan in consultation with the relevant advisory bodies and organizations, taking into account the experience gained in the implementation of current local and overseas internship / training schemes for arts administrators by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in collaboration with other relevant institutions / organizations. The detailed breakdown of expenditure will be worked out on the basis of the actual measures being formulated.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB254

Question Serial No.

5230

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:

Currently the only major help for maintenance recipients is the “attachment of income order”, which is nevertheless not legally binding on employers; thus rendering the “attachment of income order” ineffective. Are there any measures by the Government to help maintenance recipients (e.g. establishing a “Maintenance Payment Authority”)? If yes, what are the details and resources involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Administration has strived to improve the system of collection of maintenance payments and enforcement of maintenance orders. In the past, the Administration has carefully examined the suggestion of setting up a maintenance board. However, we consider that the setting up of a maintenance board to collect and enforce maintenance payments would unlikely bring, to either the maintenance payees or the taxpayers, any significant benefits over and above those which could be achieved by improving the existing system.

Measures that have been pursued by the Administration to improve the system of maintenance include: (i) relaxing the requirement for the Court to make Attachment of Income Orders to make the issuance procedure more flexible; (ii) imposing interest or even surcharge against defaulting maintenance payers; (iii) working on the proposed legislative amendments on relaxing the service requirements for the judgment summons to be serviced personally on the maintenance payers to combat the problem of maintenance payers evading service of the judgment summons; (iv) allowing designated government departments (i.e. Immigration Department, Transport Department and Housing Department) to release the addresses of maintenance payers against whom legal actions will be taken to sue for arrears in maintenance free-of-charge upon the request from legal professionals who could provide sufficient information; and (v) working on publicity and education programmes to strengthen public understanding of the responsibilities of maintenance payers, rights of maintenance payees and services available to maintenance payees for the arrears of maintenance.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB255

Question Serial No.

5231

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 Youth Summit and the district youth summits in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and the financial year 2013-14, what are the respective schedules and expenditure required?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Commission on Youth (CoY) had jointly organised the “Youth Summit” and the costs in 2010 and 2012 were about \$1.2 million and \$2 million respectively. The CoY has endorsed to hold the “Youth Summit” biennially. Hence, the next summit will likely be held in 2014-15.

HAB or CoY did not organise “District Youth Summit” for the period 2008-09 to 2012-13. Currently, we have no plan to hold it in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB256

Question Serial No.

5259

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) Please advise on the level of funding support for individual “M” Mark events in 2013-14.
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of the expenses for Project Phoenix. What are the funding criteria?
- (c) The Government’s sports policy is threefold: to promote sport in the community, to support elite sport, and to make Hong Kong a centre for major international sports events. What amount of resources are required for meeting each of these three goals? What will be the criteria for assessing the effectiveness of promoting sport in the community?
- (d) Please advise on the progress and cost of the study on the procurement and financing options for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex at Kai Tak. Will the final report be released to the public?
- (e) Please set out the funding amounts for various national sports associations in the previous financial year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

- (a) For “M” Mark events we budget on a calendar year basis, and in 2013, we plan to support the hosting of events in the sports of athletics, rugby, dancesport, swimming, badminton, squash, golf, cricket, volleyball, and equestrianism. We have budgeted \$14 million in total for supporting these events, however we do not yet have the detailed budget breakdown for the individual events that would require funding support.
- (b) In 2011-12, we released \$7.5 million to the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) to support the implementation of “Project Phoenix”. This included \$2.21 million for the engagement of a “change agent”, \$2.46 million for recruitment and administration consultancies, and \$2.83 million for the appointment of core staff for the management of the HKFA. The allocation of funding is subject to the advice of the Football Task Force, and must be related to the agreed programme for implementing “Project Phoenix”.
- (c) A breakdown of recurrent expenditure in 2012-13 by objectives is set out below –
 - (i) Development of community sport \$3,028 million
 - (ii) Support for elite sport \$ 312 million
 - (iii) Promotion of major sports events in Hong Kong \$ 35 million

The Community Sports Committee (CSC) under the Sports Commission has developed objective indicators to measure the effectiveness of the promotion of sport in the community. The Leisure and

Cultural Services Department (LCSD), on the advice of the CSC, has completed two related studies, the “Study on Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” and the “Physical Fitness Test (PFT) for the Community” in 2008 and 2012 respectively. Information on Hong Kong people’s participation in sport, their preferred sports activities, their levels of physical fitness and primary reasons for participating or not in sport and other physical activities have been collected from the studies. To keep track of the patterns of participation in sport and other physical activities and the physical fitness of Hong Kong people, LCSD will continue to conduct periodic studies and reviews.

- (d) A consultancy study on the construction and financing options for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC), which is at a cost of \$1.38 million, has been substantially completed, and a copy of the executive summary is available on the Home Affairs Bureau website.
- (e) Details of the amounts of subvention allocated to “national sports associations” in 2012-13 under the Sports Subvention Scheme are set out at the Annex.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 9.4.2013

Subvention to “national sports associations” in 2012-13

	Name of National Sports Association	Subvention (\$)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,754,138
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	5,667,511
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	15,139,191
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	4,086,631
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	10,131,442
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	2,907,105
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	855,974
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association	1,214,223
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union	3,060,310
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	1,869,907
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,962,858
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association	7,543,630
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	3,272,163
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,828,509
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,922,050
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	5,663,139
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	12,089,499
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Company Limited	1,496,682
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,562,744
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	5,267,442
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	5,475,505
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association	2,451,809
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	946,126
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,825,853
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,661,055
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	495,107
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	718,190
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	2,314,113
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	4,809,684
30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	2,914,045
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association	1,262,144
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	2,674,711
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	1,985,464
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	7,173,899
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	4,375,997

	Name of National Sports Association	Subvention (\$)
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,101,699
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,939,305
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	2,598,165
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	834,805
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,028,008
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,659,043
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	691,234
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	6,355,548
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	6,353,382
45.	Hong Kong Squash	11,303,622
46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9,800,206
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	14,716,592
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	2,119,491
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	8,021,498
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	4,689,570
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	4,010,578
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,213,522
53.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	885,828
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	5,650,736
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	687,698
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	867,058
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	8,201,298
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,003,515

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

HAB257

Question Serial No.

5262

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 the Community Care Fund (CCF), please advise on the followings:

- (i) When the CCF was established, it was planned that the Government would provide a funding of \$5 billion and appeal for a donation of \$5 billion from the business sector. To date, what is the pledged donation from the business sector and what is the actual amount of payment received? Does the Government have any plan to appeal for donation from the business sector?
- (ii) With the use of a table, please list the CCF programmes already implemented or being implemented, the provision reserved for the programme, and the amount of expenditure and the number of beneficiaries to date.
- (iii) Which programmes have been assessed to be effective? When will such programmes be included in the Government regular assistance programmes and services? What are the details?
- (iv) Before introduction of any CCF programme, does it need to seek approval or advice from the Legislative Council?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

- (i) The amount of donations pledged is about \$1.8 billion, some of which have been made by yearly instalments over three years. The actual amount of donations received (up to 28 February 2013) is around \$1.19 billion. The Government has no plan to appeal for donations from the business sector now but always welcomes the support of the community for the CCF through donations.
- (ii) Since its establishment, the CCF has rolled out 18 assistance programmes. In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in July 2011.

Details of the CCF programmes (as at 28 February 2013) are set out below -

Programme title	Funding provision reserved (\$ million)	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities / competitions	194.66 ¹	54.85	22 093 (persons)
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	121.21 ^{2 3}	91.42	959 (person-times)
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	529.21 ⁴	306.73	118 387 ⁵ (person-times)
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	1.05	0.18	128 (persons)
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	133.83	37.78	1 974 (person-times)
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (a one-off subsidy programme which has been completed)	1.73	1.73	825 (households)
(7) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning services and escorting services for medical consultations	15.26	2.20	1 144 (persons)

¹ Including the additional administration costs which are pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

² Including the administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

³ Including the increase in estimated expenditure for implementing this programme for a second year, which is pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁴ Including the estimated expenditure for implementing this programme in 2013-14, which is pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁵ This refers to 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title	Funding provision reserved (\$ million)	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing (a one-off subsidy programme which has been completed)	33.67	33.67	22 605 (households)
(9) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	68.15	16.63	1 435 (persons)
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	4.43	0.53	140 (households)
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs ⁶	4.29 ⁷	4.29	281 (person-times)
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	0.5	0.10	83 (persons)
(13) Subsidy for low-income elderly tenants in private housing	11.89	11.03	2 561 (persons)
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	68.75 ⁸	14.23	5 473 (persons)
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	100	1.65	84 ⁹ (persons)
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	67.2	0.62	41 (owners' corporations)
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	174.43	87.47	33 426 (persons)

⁶ This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

⁷ Excluding the administration costs incurred for this programme which are covered under those of programme (2) above.

⁸ Including the additional administration costs for 2012-13 and the estimated expenditure for implementing the programme in 2013-14, which are pending for approval by the Commission on Poverty.

⁹ 422 elders have been referred to participating dentists/ dental clinics for dental services under this programme.

Programme title	Funding provision reserved (\$ million)	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	12.60	0 ¹⁰	0 ¹⁰ (persons)
One-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families	1,500	1,215.83	198 920 (persons)

(iii) Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement CCF programmes will submit periodic progress reports to the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty for review of the programmes. The Government will take into account the outcome of evaluation and the advice of the CCF Task Force / Commission on Poverty in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service.

The programme providing subsidy to needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs has been incorporated into the regular assistance programme since 1 September 2012. The Government is also studying the incorporation of the following three programmes into the regular assistance programme:

1. Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families;
2. Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on CSSA Scheme; and
3. Training Subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services.

(iv) The Finance Committee of the LegCo approved an injection of \$5 billion into the CCF in May 2011. The Government has updated the LegCo on the progress of the CCF from time to time.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

¹⁰ The programme was rolled out recently in end January 2013. There are no statistics for the amount of expenditure and number of beneficiaries at the moment.

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

HAB258

Question Serial No.

5303

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:

1. The original aim of the Community Care Fund was to help the underprivileged through a dollar-to-dollar matching injection of funds between the Government and the business sector. Now the Government announces that it will inject an additional \$15 billion into the CCF and cease the fundraising effort with the business sector, but in fact it has not even met the \$5 billion fundraising target. Would the Government please explain whether the particular arrangement has violated the original aim of the CCF?
2. The CCF has launched many initiatives to plug the gaps in the safety net, and certain initiatives would be regularised after proving their effectiveness. The existence of the CCF, therefore, is an acknowledgement of gaps in policies. So why doesn't the Government plug those gaps in the long run, but making additional injection into the CCF instead? In addition, would the Government please inform us on the criteria of regularising CCF programmes and explain whether this meets the CCF's original aim.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

1. The objective of the Community Care Fund is to provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net, or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered. The CCF can also take forward measures on a pilot basis to help the Government identify those that can be considered for incorporation into the regular assistance and service programmes.

The CCF will roll out more assistance programmes to help the underprivileged, regardless of the amount of donations received from the business sector and the community. The proposed additional injection of \$15 billion will provide more financial resources for the Commission on Poverty to renew its efforts to alleviate poverty. The Government has no plan to appeal for donations from the business sector now, but always welcomes the support of the community for the CCF through donations.

2. With the additional injection of \$15 billion into the CCF, the CCF will continue to roll out assistance programmes with a view to achieving the above mentioned objective. Notably, the CCF will provide assistance to those who could not benefit from the relief measures set out in the Budget, i.e. those colloquially known as the "N have-nots"; plug the gaps in the existing system and launch more targeted assistance programmes and pilot projects to assist the needy; and continue to implement those programmes that are proven effective but are yet to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance, pending study of related policies.

Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement CCF programmes will submit periodic progress reports to the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty for review of the programmes. The Government will take into account the outcome of evaluation and the advice of the CCF Task Force / Commission on Poverty in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB259

Question Serial No.

5312

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:

Would the Government please advise this Committee on the number of domestic abuse victims among new immigrant applicants for the Community Care Fund's (CCF) programmes? What is the amount of subsidies granted?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

No subsidies are granted under Community Care Fund programmes to domestic abuse victims among new immigrants. Accordingly, the information about the number of domestic abuse victims is not available.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB260

Question Serial No.

5330

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:

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Chinese Temples Ordinance (“the Ordinance”), all Chinese temples are required to be registered. At present, how many registered Chinese temples are there over the territories? How many new Chinese temples registered each year since 2005? Did the Home Affairs Department (HAD) carry out any inspection and prosecution against the suspected irregularities of Chinese temples since 2005? If yes, what was the number of inspections and what is the amount of penalty in connection with prosecution? What was the expenditure involved? Since 2005, has the HAD found any temple falling within the definitions of the Ordinance but has not registered? If yes, does the HAD have a monitoring mechanism on this? What was the number of cases in which Chinese temples were operated without registration? Is there any figure on prosecution? If yes, what is the amount of penalty involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Since 2005, four Chinese temples were newly registered under the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153) (“the Ordinance”). Currently, there are a total of 347 registered Chinese temples.

The responsibility of monitoring registered temples rests with the Secretariat to the Chinese Temples Committee (“CTC”). No government expenditure or income is involved.

The Ordinance was enacted in 1928 according to the needs at that time, and social circumstances have changed substantially since then. CTC has not applied the provisions under the Ordinance to take actions against those temples operating without registration under the Ordinance since 2005.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB261

Question Serial No.

4062

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:

The Bureau provides secretariat support to the Community Care Fund (CCF), and co-ordinates cross-bureaux efforts to support the CCF. In the school year 2012-13, the CCF implemented After-school Care Pilot Scheme (the Pilot Scheme), providing after-school learning and support activities for P.1 to F.3 students from low-income families. In this respect, please provide the following information:

- (a) The numbers and respective districts of the schools / non-government organisations (NGOs) participating in the Pilot Scheme at present;
- (b) The amount of subsidy granted to each of the schools / NGOs participating in the Pilot Scheme; and
- (c) The numbers and respective classes of students joining the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

(a)

District	Number of schools	Number of non-government organisations (NGOs)	Sub-total
Kowloon City	2	0	2
Taipo	2	1	3
Central & Western	0	1	1
Yuen Long	5	5	10
Tuen Mun	7	4	11
North	0	5	5
Sai Kung	3	1	4
Shatin	1	4	5
Eastern	2	4	6
Yau Tsim Mong	2	4	6
Southern	0	0	0

District	Number of schools	Number of non-government organisations (NGOs)	Sub-total
Tsuen Wan	1	1	2
Sham Shui Po	0	3	3
Wong Tai Sin	2	2	4
Kwai Tsing	6	0	6
Islands	0	2	2
Wanchai	0	1	1
Kwun Tong	1	1	2
Total	34	39	73

(b)

Type	Number	Approved subsidy amount	Average subsidy amount (Note)
NGOs	39	\$13,537,687	\$347,120
Primary schools	23	\$9,823,209	\$427,096
Secondary schools	5	\$2,261,600	\$452,320
Special schools	6	\$1,922,878	\$320,480
Total	73	\$27,545,374	\$377,334

Note: The maximum approved subsidy for individual school / NGO is \$500,000.

(c)

Type	Number of Students	Class Level
Primary schools	2 181	P.1 – P.6
Secondary schools	691	S.1 – S.3
Special schools	134	P.1 – S.3
NGOs	2 467	P.1 – S.3
Total	5 473	

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB262

Question Serial No.

4954

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:

What was the expenditure of outbound visits organised under the name of the Bureau over the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? Please provide the information with the use of the following table.

Date of Visit	Reasons for Visit	Number of Entourage	Hotel accommodation and Expenses	Flight Ticket Class and Price	Total Expenses

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

From 2008-09 to 2012-13, the relevant information on duty visits outside Hong Kong conducted in the name of Home Affairs Bureau is provided below -

Dates of duty visits (Number of visits)	Reasons for Visits	Number of officers joining the visit	Hotel accommodation expenditure (A) (\$)	Flight Ticket expenditure (B) (\$)	Total expenditure (A) + (B) (\$)
2008-09 (32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending the 2008 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games and the related Organising Committee meetings • Attending meetings relating to Sichuan Reconstruction • Participating in study visits to Australia, Singapore and Japan 	1-14 officers per duty visit	191,102.10	924,958.00	1,116,060.10

Dates of duty visits (Number of visits)	Reasons for Visits	Number of officers joining the visit	Hotel accommodation expenditure (A) (\$)	Flight Ticket expenditure (B) (\$)	Total expenditure (A) + (B) (\$)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending forum • Attending meetings on cultural cooperation and exchanges 				
2009-10 (24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending International Conferences • Attending the opening / closing ceremonies of various functions in Singapore, China, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Vietnam and Bangkok • Attending the celebration ceremonies (e.g. the 60th Anniversary of the Foundation of the People's Republic of China) • Attending the meetings of the Co-ordination Working Group on Sichuan Reconstruction • Attending cultural exchange [e.g. International Indian Film Academy Awards Presentation Ceremony, Modern Dance Competition etc] 	1-7 officers per duty visit	56,879.61	361,143.14	418,022.75
2010-11 (40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending the Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Co-operation Meeting in Macau • Undertaking preparatory works in connection with 2010 Shanghai Expo and 2011 Xi'an International Horticultural Expo • Attending the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore; the Asian Games in Guangzhou 	1-14 officers per duty visit	141,914.94	448,157.00	590,071.94

Dates of duty visits (Number of visits)	Reasons for Visits	Number of officers joining the visit	Hotel accommodation expenditure (A) (\$)	Flight Ticket expenditure (B) (\$)	Total expenditure (A) + (B) (\$)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending the Opening Ceremony of the 4th All to China Games • Attending the meetings of the Coordination Working Group on Sichuan Reconstruction • Attending International Forum / Exhibitions and Officiating at various functions 				
2011-12 (33)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking the preparatory works in connection with the 2011 Xi'an International Horticultural Expo • Attending meetings on Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Cooperation • Attending opening ceremonies of various functions (e.g. 12th Asian Arts Festival, 7th National Intercity Games, 12th National Winter Games, etc.) • Participating in cultural exchanges • Attending 54th Venice Biennale (visual arts) in Venice • Attending meetings for launching the Service Corps programme and leading the Service Corps delegation to training 	1-14 officers per duty visit	129,017.42	348,120.82	477,138.24

Dates of duty visits (Number of visits)	Reasons for Visits	Number of officers joining the visit	Hotel accommodation expenditure	Flight Ticket expenditure	Total expenditure
			(A) (\$)	(B) (\$)	(A) + (B) (\$)
2012-13 (25) [Up to 1.3.2013]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games • Attending the opening receptions, performances and meetings in connection with the Hong Kong Week and the Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Co-operation Forum • Attending meetings in relation to the Service Corps programme and leading the Service Corps delegation to training • Participating in cultural exchange (e.g. International Museum Day, etc.) • Undertaking preparatory work in connection with the 2014 Qingdao International Horticultural Exposition 	1-8 officers per duty visit	591,243.97	242,954.00	834,197.97

Remarks:

(a) The above expenditure exclude the following: -

- (i) overseas subsistence allowance provided to participating officials for self-management of accommodation;
 - (ii) the expenditure which was sponsored by the hosting government for certain duty visits; and
 - (iii) duty visits arrangement in packages which cannot be broken down into hotel accommodation expenses and flight ticket expenses.
- (b) The arrangement of hotel accommodation was provided to officers concerned in accordance with the relevant Civil Service Regulations and guidelines.
- (c) Proper class of air passages was provided to officers concerned in accordance with the relevant Civil Service Regulations which take into account ranking of their offices, flying time, flight schedule and details.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 15.4.2013

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

HAB263

Question Serial No.

4971

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:

How many sports have been selected as elite sports this year and what is the level of funding support for each of them? Will the Bureau consider increasing the number of elite sports? If there is such a plan, what is the schedule for application of funds?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

There are currently 15 sports whose athletes are fully supported by the elite training programme at the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), namely: athletics, badminton, billiard sports, cycling, fencing, gymnastics, karatedo, rowing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tenpin bowling, triathlon, windsurfing and wushu. The levels of funding support provided to each sport are set out at the Annex.

Based on the performance of senior and junior athletes at major competitions, the Sports Commission will advise as to which sports should be eligible for support from the HKSI programme for the coming 4-year funding cycle from 2013 to 2017. We will allocate an appropriate amount of funding to the HKSI for 2013-14 to operate the elite training programme.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

**Funding support provided to respective elite sports
by the Hong Kong Sports Institute in 2012-13**

	Elite Sport	Actual Expenditure from April 2012 to February 2013 (\$ million)
1.	Athletics	6.28
2.	Badminton	11.14
3.	Billiard sports	6.68
4.	Cycling	16.91
5.	Fencing	13.74
6.	Gymnastics	4.72
7.	Karatedo	9.00
8.	Rowing	9.37
9.	Squash	8.93
10.	Swimming	7.84
11.	Table tennis	13.48
12.	Tenpin bowling	6.21
13.	Triathlon	4.70
14.	Windsurfing	9.03
15.	Wushu	8.20

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

HAB264

Question Serial No.

4972

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 Bureau has estimated that the “income generated from commercial activities” in 2013-14 will increase by \$3 million. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) How did the Bureau arrive at the above figure?
- (b) Please provide details of all the “commercial activities” that the Bureau has participated in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) using the table below:

Date	Activity name	Official(s) in attendance	Income

- (c) Please provide details of “commercial activities” that the Bureau will participate this year (i.e. 2013-14) using the table below:

Date	Activity name	Official(s) in attendance	Income

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The item “income generated from commercial activities (\$m)” and the figure quoted in the question are provided by the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) as one of their projected performance indicators for 2013-14. Compared to the amount of commercial income generated in 2012-13, i.e. \$7.4 million, the HKSIL estimates that more income would be generated in 2013-14, i.e. \$10.4 million, from various services, including the renting of sports and meeting facilities, organising sports courses, catering and carparking due to the completion of new facilities.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB265

Question Serial No.

4407

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 paragraph 116 of the Budget Speech that “I propose to inject an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF). This, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, is expected to generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. I believe that the Commission on Poverty (CoP) will make effective use of this injection to renew its efforts to alleviate poverty by plugging the gaps in the existing system, and continue to implement and enhance those programmes that have proved to be effective but have yet to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service programmes. It will also introduce new assistance programmes or pioneer projects”. Starting from 2013, the CCF has been incorporated into CoP's terms of reference and will be under the charge of the Chief Secretary, the Chairman of CoP. Will the Administration please advise this Committee what are the work and progress of appealing to the business sector for donation to CCF? Please also provide information on the donations pledged and the actual amount received to date (including the list of both individual and organisation donors). What are the updated accumulation and utilisation of money under the CCF? Has the \$5 billion seed money saved at the Hong Kong Monetary Authority been used? What will be the future operation and sustainability of the CCF after the injection of \$15 billion? Will the Administration suspend the work of appealing for donation from the business sector?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the injection of \$5 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF) in May 2011. The amount of donations pledged is about \$1.8 billion, some of which have been made by yearly instalments over three years. The actual amount of donations received (up to end February 2013) is around \$1.19 billion. The list of donors will be announced at an appropriate juncture, having regard to the wish of individual donors.

Up to end February 2013, the total payments (including disbursement and administrative expenses) made by the CCF were around \$690 million, excluding payments made under the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families. The deposit of \$5 billion placed with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority has not been used.

With the additional injection of \$15 billion, there will be additional investment returns generated to finance various assistance programmes. Apart from investment returns, the seed capital of the CCF could also be deployed in response to special needs that may arise, taking into account the cash flow requirements of the assistance programmes and future operation of the CCF in a financially prudent manner. Taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, the CCF will roll out appropriate programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families continuously.

The Government has no plan to appeal for donations from the business sector now but always welcomes the support of the community for the CCF through donations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB266

Question Serial No.

4410

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 the Home Affairs Bureau's matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will "conduct public education on gambling-related issues, provide counselling and treatment services for problem and pathological gamblers, as well as conduct research on the impact of gambling". In this regard, will the Administration please advise this Committee the annual expenditure of public education work over the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13); the number of persons receiving counselling and treatment each year and the expenditure involved; the research programmes on impact of gambling each year and the respective cost of such programmes; and the estimated provision for the above work in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Around \$15.4 million, \$15.3 million and \$13.0 million were spent on public education programmes on gambling-related issues, as well as the operation of four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively through the Ping Wo Fund (the Fund). According to the four centres, there were 9 678, 9 316 and 10 091 new cases requiring counselling and treatment services in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.

In 2013-14, around \$20 million of 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.

The triennial study on Hong Kong people's participation in gambling activities was last conducted in 2011-12 at \$1.2 million. We have planned to commission the next triennial study in 2014-15.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB267

Question Serial No.

4411

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 the Home Affairs Bureau's matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will "promote the development of social enterprises (SEs)". Will the Administration please advise this Committee the specific details of the above work; the annual expenditure involved over the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13); the updated number of SEs and percentage of SE's contribution to Gross Domestic Product and the number of people employed by SEs. Has the Administration set up any development indicators for SEs? If yes, what are the details of the indicators? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

In collaboration with the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee (SEAC), the Administration will launch the Social Enterprise Award Scheme (the Award Scheme) for the second time in 2013-14. The Award Scheme aims to give recognition to successful SEs which operate and create social impact in Hong Kong, with a view to encouraging them as well as other SEs to provide needed services for the community through entrepreneurial thinking and innovative approaches. The Administration will also implement other ongoing efforts including sponsoring the SE Summit, a series of training programmes and a business plan writing competition.

In 2011-12 and 2012-13, the annual expenditure incurred by the Home Affairs Bureau to support and promote the development of SEs was around \$7 million on average.

There is no registration system for SEs in Hong Kong but the Home Affairs Department maintains a Directory of Social Enterprises covering SEs which receive funding support under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Programme and other relevant schemes as well as SEs founded by the prominent charitable organisations in Hong Kong. At present, about 160 SEs are listed in the Directory.

In collaboration with the SEAC, the Administration will launch in 2013-14 a Research Study on the SE sector in Hong Kong. Amongst other things, the Study seeks to capture the current situation of the SE sector in Hong Kong including their mode of operation, scale, etc. The role of the Government in promoting the development of SEs is to create a favourable environment for SE development and to promote suitable facilitation measures to enhance the competitiveness of SEs in the market. We have no intention to set up development indicators for SEs at this stage.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB268

Question Serial No.

4412

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the policy areas (including culture, sports and community affairs, etc.) under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), will the Administration please advise this Committee the research studies conducted for these policy areas. Please also list the research studies conducted, the cost of each study and the organisation engaged to conduct the study over the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13). What are the research studies planned to be conducted in the coming two years (starting from 2013-14) and what is the estimated expenditure for each study?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The required information is as follows:-

Year	Name of Study	Cost/Estimated Expenditure	Research Organisations
2009-2012	Study on the manpower situation and needs of the arts and cultural sector in Hong Kong	\$1.10 million	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
2009-10 to 2012-13	The Research Study on a New Funding Mechanism for Performing Arts Groups in Hong Kong	\$5.08 million	GHK (Hong Kong) Limited and Creative Thinking-Positive Solutions Pty Ltd
2010-11	Financial and Economic Impact Assessment of the Proposed 2023 Asian Games in Hong Kong	\$1.36 million	GHK (Hong Kong) Ltd
2010-11	Telephone Survey of Public Opinion	\$0.17 million	Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
2011-12	Family Survey 2011	\$0.59 million	Policy 21 Limited

Year	Name of Study	Cost/Estimated Expenditure	Research Organisations
2011-12	Consultancy Study on Family Education	\$0.95 million	PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited
2011-12	Procurement and Financing Options for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak	\$1.38 million	PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services Ltd
2011-12 to 2013-14	Consultancy for enhancing the evaluation of assistance programmes under the Community Care Fund (CCF)	\$1.15 million (expenditure being recovered from the CCF)	Deloitte Consulting (Hong Kong) Ltd.
2012-13	“Views on Filial Piety among Youth in Hong Kong” Study	\$0.67 million	Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies, Lingnan University
2012-13	“Youth in Hong Kong – A Statistical Profile” cum “Trend Analysis of Data from Statistical Profile” Study	\$0.19 million	Social Sciences Research Centre, The University of Hong Kong
2012-13	“Competitiveness of Youth in Hong Kong” Study	\$0.88 million	Business, Economic and Public Policy Research Centre, Hong Kong Shue Yan University
2013-14	Family Survey 2013	\$0.63 million	Policy 21 Limited
2013-14	Provision of Consultancy Services for Review on Youth Square	\$1.35 million	Scott Wilson Limited
2013-14	Research Study on the Social Enterprise (SE) sector in Hong Kong – to Capture the Existing Landscape of the SEs in Hong Kong	Less than \$1.43 million	To be confirmed
2013-14	Detailed Financial Profile of the Procurement and Financing Options related to the MPSC at Kai Tak (to be confirmed)	Less than \$1.43 million	To be confirmed

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 15.4.2013

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

HAB269

Question Serial No.

4413

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:

An item under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” is “provide secretariat support to the Family Council in promoting the family core values”. Would the Administration please inform this Committee on the specific work and results of the Family Council (the Council) and the annual expenditure incurred in each of the past two years (2011-12 and 2012-13), as well as the Council’s working plan and estimated provision for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Family Council advocates cherishing the family and promotes family core values as a main driver for social harmony, and organises various programmes to promulgate family core values 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 on the Internet).

In 2011-12, apart from the on-going programmes under the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “Happy Family Info Hub”, the Family Council launched its first “Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme” which attracted enrollments from more than 1 000 companies. Besides, a series of family education packages and family-related researches were conducted to strengthen family education and promote the understanding of matters relating to the family. Funding was also provided to uniformed groups to organise family-related programmes. The expenditure involved in 2011-12 was about \$24 million.

In 2012-13, the Family Council, together with the Commission on Youth, the Elderly Commission and the Women’s Commission, launched the “Love and Respect Thy Elders” (LARTE) Campaign to encourage and mobilise every member of the family to respect the elders by putting “Love”, “Concern”, “Respect” and “Care” into practice. On family education and research, the Family Council produced a family education package on “Marital Relationship” and completed the Consultancy Study on Family Education. Funding is also provided to uniformed groups to organise family-related programmes. The estimated expenditure in 2012-13 is \$23 million.

We have been conducting regular opinion polls to gauge the effectiveness of the programmes and work of the Family Council through the Family Council’s website, i.e. the “Happy Family Info Hub”, which has an average monthly hit rate of about one million. Results of the polls conducted in 2012 indicated that 78% out of the 250 respondents were aware of the work and activities of the Family Council. The territory-wide promotion programmes organised in the past two years reached out to different sectors of the community and benefited the whole community in general.

In 2013-14, an amount of \$27.5 million is allocated to the Home Affairs Bureau to finance programmes and activities related to the Family Council, including organising activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “2013-14 Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme”, conducting family-related researches and maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”, as well as providing funding to uniformed groups to organise family-related programmes.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB270

Question Serial No.

4414

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:

An item under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” is “actively support non-governmental organisations to use part of the land granted to them by the Government to build hostels for youths”. Would the Administration please update this Committee on the progress of the task, such as the location, the number of hostel units to be provided, the dates of completion and commencement of service and the responsible non-governmental organization (NGO) of each hostel project? What are the numbers of youth hostel units to be provided and development expenditure to be incurred in each of the next five years (starting from 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Under the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS), the Government will provide capital funding to the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through the Capital Works Reserve Fund for developing the hostels and directly associated facilities as and when individual projects are ready, subject to the endorsement of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) and approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo).

To implement the YHS, the Home Affairs Bureau plans to start with two relatively more mature projects on a pilot basis. They are the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' (TWHGs) project at Hollywood Road and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' (HKFYG) project at Tai Po. It is estimated that TWGHs' project at Hollywood Road can provide about 200 places while the number of places to be provided by HKFYG's project at Tai Po is yet to be determined. The total construction cost of individual projects will vary, having regard to site-specific factors. We will set out the estimated cost of the relevant YHS project when we seek funding approval from the PWSC and FC of the LegCo. The NGOs will need to carry out pre-construction studies and go through the statutory town planning process before they may seek funding.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB271

Question Serial No.

4415

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 the Home Affairs Bureau's matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will "work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth in promoting national education among the general public, particularly the youth", and "promote national education outside schools by working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education". Regarding the above work, will the Administration please advise this Committee what are the specific details and expenditure involved over the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13)? How does the Administration assess the effectiveness of such work? What are the specific plans and estimated provision in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The relevant expenditure and estimates are appended below:

Year	Amount (\$)
2011-12 Actual expenditure	32.3 million
2012-13 Revised Estimate	24.1 million
2013-14 Estimate	26.3 million

The programmes and activities include provision of sponsorship to community organizations to organize youth study tours to the Mainland and to organise local promotional activities, promotion on the Basic Law, TV programmes and publications enhancing understanding of various aspects of our country (such as Chinese arts, culture and history), exhibitions, seminars and workshops. We continue to monitor the effectiveness of past and on-going efforts on promoting national education, and will review matters such as the scope of activities, the means, as well as the engagement of stakeholders and partnering organisations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB272

Question Serial No.

4416

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 the Home Affairs Bureau's matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will "enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland". Regarding the organisation of study tours to the Mainland, will the Administration please advise this Committee what are the details of study tours to the Mainland over the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13), including the organising bodies for each study tour, the purpose / number of participants / dates / duration of the tour, and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Home Affairs Bureau had jointly organised the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Tour with the Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao in 2011-12 and 2012-13. The tours aimed to enhance Hong Kong young people's understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage; promote mutual understanding and communication among the young people of three places. Details are appended below-

	2011-12	2012-13
Total number of participants	About 150	About 110
Place of visit	Guangxi Province, Guangdong Province, Macao and Hong Kong	Fujian Province, Guangdong Province, Macao and Hong Kong
Date (No. of days)	12 to 21 July 2011 (10 days)	16 to 25 July 2012 (10 days)
Expenditure*	\$0.75 million	\$0.47 million

*Note: The programme was operated on the principle of reciprocity among Home Affairs Bureau, the Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao. The hosting party will be responsible for the costs of food, accommodation, local transportation and other programme fees for the visiting delegation. The expenses for the Guangxi Province and Fujian Province which were outside the three hosting places were shared on pro-rata basis.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB273

Question Serial No.

4417

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 the Home Affairs Bureau's matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will "provide opportunities for youngsters, with a token stipend, to serve in under-privileged areas in the Mainland under the Service Corps". Will the Administration please advise this Committee of the number of young people granted with relevant allowance to serve in under-privileged areas in the Mainland in 2012-13? What are the locations of these under-privileged areas and what was the amount of allowance? What is the estimated financial provision and the number of young people subsidised in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

For the two phases of Service Corps carried out in 2012-13, the number of delegates and expenditures are as follows:

	Service Period	Number of delegates	Expenditure
Phase II	February to July 2012 (1 semester)	9	\$1.3 million
Phase III	September 2012 to July 2013 (2 semesters)	16	\$2.08 million

The expenditure includes a stipend for each Corps member, insurance, transportation, training and supplementary programmes and professional programme management fee. Corps members in Phase II and III serve primary and secondary schools in under-privileged areas in Shaoguan, Guangdong. Each Corps member receives a monthly stipend of RMB 3,000 and an award of \$5,000 upon satisfactory completion of service.

The estimated expenditure for Phase IV from September 2013 to July 2014 (2 semesters) is \$2.8 million. Building on the experience of the first three phases of Service Corps, we aim to recruit more youth participants for Phase IV. The recruitment will commence shortly.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB274

Question Serial No.

4418

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will “continue to plan for the development of sports facilities that will meet the needs of Hong Kong’s sports development, including the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the details of the work involved; the latest development plan and mode of construction and operation of the MPSC; the sports facilities to be provided; the estimated overall construction cost; and the expected commencement and completion dates of the project.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The consultancy study on the construction and financing options for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) been substantially completed.

We aim to finalise the procurement and financing options later this year, following an analysis of non-binding expressions of interest (EOI) in the development of the MPSC (including possible sports facilities to be provided) and a further study to advise on detailed financial models for the procurement and financing of the MPSC. We will assess the likely construction cost based on the outcome of the detailed financial study of the selected procurement and financing options for the MPSC.

The MPSC is expected to come into operation in 2019-20.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB275

Question Serial No.

4419

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will “seek continued support from the business sector and event organisers to sponsor the purchase of tickets for allocation free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the sports events for which tickets have been distributed free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13); the percentage of free tickets to the total number of tickets; the percentage of such tickets actually used to gain admission to the events; and the number of people benefited from this initiative.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The events for which we have arranged the distribution of free tickets to people from less privileged backgrounds in the past two years are as follows –

Event name	Year	Date of event	Total no. of tickets for less privileged
Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	2011-12	23 - 25 March 2012	100
	2012-13	22 - 24 March 2013	250
FIVB World Grand Prix – Hong Kong (Volleyball)	2011-12	19 - 21 August 2011	1 320
Hong Kong Cricket Sixes	2011-12	28 - 30 October 2011	640
	2012-13	27 - 28 October 2012	100
Hong Kong Open Championship (Golf)	2011-12	1- 4 December 2011	200
	2012-13	15 - 18 November 2012	280

Event name	Year	Date of event	Total no. of tickets for less privileged
Hong Kong DanceSport Festival	2011-12	11 - 12 June 2011	2 000
	2012-13	20 - 21 October 2012	1 615
Hong Kong Open Badminton Superseries	2011-12	15 - 20 November 2011	820
	2012-13	20 - 25 November 2012	800
Hong Kong BMX Golden League	2011-12	2 - 4 March 2012	300
HKFC International Soccer Sevens	2012-13	18 - 20 May 2012	300
Club Crew World Championships cum Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races	2012-13	5 - 7 July 2012	385
Football match of Kitchee vs. Arsenal	2012-13	29 July 2012	500
Hong Kong Masters (Equestrian)	2012-13	28 February - 2 March 2013	250
			Year 2011-12
			5 380
			Year 2012-13
			4 480
			Total
			9 860

The total number of tickets distributed to people from less privileged backgrounds for the above sports events in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was 9 860. We do not have information on the total number of tickets sold. The response from recipients was strong, and there were no reports of tickets distributed being unused.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB276

Question Serial No.

4423

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:

It is mentioned that the Bureau has “made changes to the “M” Mark Scheme to strengthen support for sports associations to host major international sports events, and continued promoting the Scheme through television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest and public exhibitions”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the details of the changes to the “M” Mark Scheme; the expenditure incurred by the “M” Mark Scheme in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13); the sports events that will be supported by the “M” Mark Scheme in 2013-14 and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) of the Sports Commission awards the “M” Mark to major international sports events hosted by “national sports associations” (NSAs). In the past two years, in order to encourage NSAs to host more major events in Hong Kong, we have extended the duration of funding support for “M” Mark events; increased the amount of funding available for events; provided a direct grant for new events for the purpose of marketing these events, and created a new category of funding support for world championships held in Hong Kong.

In 2011-12 and 2012-13, we approved the allocation of \$9.43 million and \$12.2 million respectively to support the staging of “M” Mark events.

In 2013-14, we plan to support the hosting of “M” Mark events in the sports of athletics, rugby, dancesport, swimming, badminton, squash, golf, cricket, volleyball, and equestrianism. We have budgeted \$14 million for supporting these events.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB277

Question Serial No.

4425

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will “in consultation with sports and other organisations, identify new sports events that could be staged in Hong Kong with a view to encouraging greater public interest in sport and promoting Hong Kong as an events capital”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of any sports events that have been initially identified to be staged in Hong Kong and the factors that have been considered in selecting them; and whether the Bureau will consider optimising its support for existing major sports events in Hong Kong (e.g. half marathons and less popular marathons, such as the China Coast Marathon organised by the Athletic Veterans of Hong Kong) with a view to drawing more foreigners and locals to these races and raising Hong Kong’s profile as an event capital.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

In 2013-14, we plan to support the hosting of major international events in the sports of athletics, rugby, dancesport, swimming, badminton, squash, golf, cricket, volleyball and equestrianism.

In considering whether or not to support such events, we consider the status and significance of the event, the impact on sports development, the likely extent of media coverage, and the popularity and community appeal of the event.

We have earmarked \$14 million to support sports events in 2013-14, and we regularly meet representatives of “national sports associations” and their affiliate organisations to explain the levels of support that we offer and encourage them to consider hosting new events.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB278

Question Serial No.

3686

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 over the past two financial years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13).

Name of consultant	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?

- (b) Please provide the following information for any consultancy projects for which provisions have been earmarked for this year (2013-14).

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 expected to be completed during this year, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?

(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 in the past two financial years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) are as follows -

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	Tender	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.	\$1.10 million	2009	Completed	The findings of the study will be used as reference for formulating policies and measures in supporting the development of the arts and culture in future.	The executive summary of the study is available on Central Policy Unit's website.
GHK (Hong Kong) Limited and Creative Thinking-Positive Solutions Pty Ltd	Selective tendering	The Research Study on a New Funding Mechanism for Performing Arts Groups in Hong Kong The study aims to review the objectives of public funding for the performing arts in Hong Kong, and draw up a comprehensive proposal on a sustainable funding mechanism for Government subvention of performing arts groups.	\$5.08 million	March 2010	Completed	The recommendations of the study are being followed up in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Arts Development.	The findings and recommendations of the study were reported to the Legislative Council and the Executive Summary of the Final Report has been uploaded to the website of HAB.

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?
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, The 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.
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	Completed	With the joint efforts of HAB, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Department of Health (DH) and the Education Bureau (EDB), an action plan has been formulated to follow up the recommendations of the study.	The findings and recommendations of the Study were released to the public through press release, news supplements and the LCSD website. Besides, letters were issued to the relevant stakeholders, including schools, District Councils, district organisations and corporations to draw their attention to the findings and recommendations of the study.

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 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	Completed	With the joint efforts of HAB, LCSD, DH and EDB, an action plan has been formulated to follow up the recommendations of the study.	The findings and recommendations of the Study were released to the public through press release, news supplements and the LCSD website. Besides, letters were issued to the relevant stakeholders, including schools, District Councils, district organisations and corporations to draw their attention to the findings and recommendations of the study.
MVA Hong Kong Limited	Open tender	Provision of Services for Household Survey on the PFT	\$1.88 million	March 2011	Completed		
The Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China	Open tender	Provision of Services on Conducting the Physical Fitness Test; Collecting and Inputting Data for the PFT	\$0.69 million	March 2011	Completed		
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Family Survey 2011 The objective is to collect information and data on the existing situation of families in Hong Kong	\$0.59 million	March 2011	Completed	In view of the useful observations gained, the Family Council decided to carry out similar survey on a biennial basis to keep track of the changes and development of Hong Kong families in terms of family structures, attitudes and values, etc.	Released to the public through the Family Council's 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)	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?
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy Study on Family Education The objective is to study the existing provision and promotion strategies of family education	\$0.95 million	March 2011	Completed	The Family Council will monitor the progress of the measures / proposed measures taken by relevant bureau / departments in promoting family education.	Released to the public through the Family Council's website.
Pricewaterhouse Coopers Advisory Services Ltd	Open tender	Procurement and Financing Options for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak	\$1.38 million	September 2011	In progress	The study approaches to completion. The Administration will consider the procurement and financing options having regard to the findings of the study.	Not applicable
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Provision of consultancy service on on-street promotional and trading activities	\$0.35 million	December 2011	Completed	The Steering Committee on District Administration chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs discussed the final report in January 2013.	The study is for internal reference and will provide the basis for further policy analysis / formulation.
Deloitte Consulting (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy for enhancing the evaluation of assistance programmes under the Community Care Fund (CCF)	\$1.15 million (Funding involved is \$0.115 million in 2011-12 and \$0.46 million in 2012-13) (Expenditure has been recovered from the CCF)	February 2012	In progress	Not applicable (because the project is in progress)	Not applicable

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?
Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies, Lingnan University	Invitation of quotations	“Views on Filial Piety among Youth in Hong Kong” Study	\$0.67 million	May 2012	In progress	Not applicable (because the project is in progress)	Not applicable
Business, Economic and Public Policy Research Centre, Hong Kong Shue Yan University	Invitation of quotations	“Competitiveness of Youth in Hong Kong” Study	\$0.88 million	June 2012	In progress	Not applicable (because the project is in progress)	Not applicable
Social Sciences Research Centre, The University of Hong Kong	Invitation of quotations	“Youth in Hong Kong - A Statistical Profile” cum “Trend Analysis of Data from Statistical Profile” Study	\$0.19 million	Sept 2012	In progress	Not applicable (because the project is in progress)	Not applicable

Note: Including consultancy studies that were commenced earlier than April 2011 but still conducted in the financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13.

(b) Consultancy projects for which provisions have been earmarked in 2013-14 -

Name of consultant	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 expected to be completed during this year, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Deloitte Consulting (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Invitation of quotations	Consultancy for enhancing the evaluation of assistance programmes under the CCF	\$1.15 million (Funding involved in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$0.575 million)	February 2012	In progress	Not applicable	The results will be taken into account by the Government departments and organisations entrusted to implement the CCF programmes in the evaluation of the programmes.
Scott Wilson Ltd.	Invitation of quotations	Provision of Consultancy Services for Review on Youth Square	\$1.35 million	January 2013	In progress	Not applicable	The study is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2013 and the findings will be incorporated into our report to LegCo's Public Accounts Committee.
Policy 21 Limited	Invitation of quotations	Family Survey 2013 The objective is to collect information and data on the existing situation of families in Hong Kong	\$0.63 million	March 2013	In progress	Not applicable	Not applicable

Name of consultant	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 expected to be completed during this year, will they be released to the public? If yes, through what channels? If no, what are the reasons?
To be confirmed	Invitation of quotations	Research Study on the Social Enterprise (SE) sector in Hong Kong - to Capture the Existing Landscape of the SEs in Hong Kong To outline the current situation of the local SEs; to ascertain the public perception of SEs; and to identify the best practices and innovative approaches in running an SE.	Less than \$1.43 million	April 2013 (i.e. the tentative date for appointment of consultant)	Under planning	Not applicable	To be decided in consultation with the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee.
To be confirmed	Open tender	Detailed Financial Profile of the Procurement and Financing Options related to the MPSC at Kai Tak	Less than \$1.43 million	To be confirmed	Under planning	Not applicable	Not applicable

- (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.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 15.4.2013

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

HAB279

Question Serial No.

3712

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:

With regard to 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:

- (a) Please set out in the table below the information on cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland in the past two years (2011-12 and 2012-13):

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project

- (b) Please set out in the table below the information on cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland for the current year (2013-14):

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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 be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project

- (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 (from 2010-11 to 2012-13) and for the current year?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (a) Information on major cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland directly involving the Home Affairs Bureau from 2011-12 to 2012-13 is as follows:

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange	To promote mutual understanding and communication among the youths from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and increase their understanding of the culture of the three places. Related to the Framework Agreement.	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao	Completed	Relevant information was uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net (www.prdculture.org). The manpower and expenditure involved were internally absorbed by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB).	Nil

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
Service Corps programme (Phase I to III)	<p>To develop Hong Kong young people's tenacity and potential, encourage them to serve others and contribute to the country, increase their understanding of the country, enhance their sense of national identity, and to promote volunteerism.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	<p>Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council, the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the Guangdong Provincial People's Government and the Shaoguan Municipal People's Government</p>	<p>Phases I and II completed and service of Phase III is expected to be completed in July 2013</p>	<p>Relevant information was uploaded to programme website (www.servicecorps.hk).</p> <p>The manpower and expenditure involved were internally absorbed by HAB.</p>	<p>Nil</p>
12 th and 13 th Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) Cultural Cooperation Meetings	<p>To enhance the cultural cooperation of GPRD, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have established a cultural cooperation platform for the three places to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	<p>Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>A press release was issued and the relevant information was uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net (www.prdculture.org).</p> <p>The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of HAB and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).</p>	<p>The meeting enhanced cultural cooperation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.</p>

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
Agreement on Cultural Exchange and Co-operation between Zhejiang Province and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	Under the agreement, both places will establish a communication mechanism for the discussion and formulation of implementation plans to further strengthen cultural co-operation and exchange. Not related to the Framework Agreement.	Zhejiang Provincial Department of Culture	Completed	A press release was issued. The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of HAB.	The signing of the agreement facilitated the cultural cooperation between Hong Kong and Zhejiang.
A Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Cooperation Project - Dance Theatre "Love Letters"	A collaboration project among Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macao under the GPRD mechanism. Related to the Framework Agreement.	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	The performance was held in Guangdong on 22 to 24 February 2013. It will tour to Hong Kong and Macao on 4 and 8 May respectively.	Information regarding Hong Kong's leg can be found on the website of LCSD. The production cost borne by Hong Kong was \$510,000.	N.A.
A showcase of Intangible Cultural Heritage of China	A gala performance of various art forms in promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage of China. Not related to the Framework Agreement.	Ministry of Culture and China National Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	Completed	Promotion to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage, etc. The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.	N.A.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
“Genesis and Spirit: A Showcase of Intangible Cultural Heritage of China” Exhibition	To raise public awareness of intangible cultural heritage in the Mainland and Hong Kong. Not related to the Framework Agreement.	Ministry of Culture and China National Center for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	Completed	General exhibition publicity was arranged. The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.	N.A.
Genesis and Spirit: The Cultural Legacy of Shu - A Gala Performance of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Sichuan	A gala performance of various art forms in promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage of Sichuan province. Not related to the Framework Agreement.	Ministry of Culture and Department of Culture Sichuan Province	Completed	Promotion through posters, leaflets, press release and etc. The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.	N.A.
“Genesis and Spirit: A Showcase of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Sichuan, China” Exhibition	To raise public awareness of intangible cultural heritage of Sichuan. Not related to the Framework Agreement.	Ministry of Culture and Department of Culture Sichuan Province	Completed	General exhibition publicity was arranged. The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.	N.A.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
2012 Hong Kong and Macao Visual Arts Biennial	<p>To enhance the cultural cooperation of Beijing, Hong Kong and Macao and to promote Hong Kong art and bring local artists' works to the region.</p> <p>Not related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	The Ministry of Culture, China Arts and Entertainment Group and China International Exhibition Agency and the Art Museum of China Central Academy of Fine Arts	Completed	<p>Publicity was provided by the China Arts and Entertainment Group and China International Exhibition Agency.</p> <p>Press release was issued in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The manpower and expenditure involved were absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.</p>	N.A.
A Showcase of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Cantonese Opera Masters	<p>Event of GPRD.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	Completed	<p>Publicity for the performances in Guangzhou and Macao were provided by the respective hosting organization.</p> <p>For the Hong Kong performance, promotion to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage, etc.</p> <p>Publicity expenses were absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.</p>	N.A.

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Cantonese Opera Day	<p>Event of GPRD.</p> <p>A Cantonese Opera Day is organized each year on the last Sunday of November in Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong.</p> <p>Related to the Framework Agreement.</p>	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region.	Every year on the last Sunday of November	<p>Promotion to public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news and webpage, etc.</p> <p>Expenses to be incurred in Hong Kong are absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.</p>	N.A.

(b) Information on major cross-boundary co-operation projects between Hong Kong and the Mainland directly involving HAB to be implemented in 2013-14 is as follows :-

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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 be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange	To promote mutual understanding and communication among the youths from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and increase their understanding of the culture of the three places. Related to the Framework Agreement.	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macao	An annual event to take place usually during summer holidays.	Relevant information will be uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net (www.prdculture.org). The manpower and expenditure involved will be internally absorbed by HAB.	Nil
Service Corps programme (Phase IV)	To develop Hong Kong young people's tenacity and potential, encourage them to serve others and contribute to the country, increase their understanding of the country, enhance their sense of national identity, and to promote volunteerism. Related to the Framework Agreement.	Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council, the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the Guangdong Provincial People's Government and the Shaoguan Municipal People's Government	To commence in September 2013 and to be completed by July 2014.	Relevant information will be uploaded to programme website (www.servicecorps.hk). The manpower and expenditure involved were internally absorbed by HAB.	Nil

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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 be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
A Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Cooperation Project - Dance Theatre "Love Letters"	A collaboration project among Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macao under the GPRD mechanism. Related to the Framework Agreement.	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	The performance was held in Guangdong on 22 to 24 February 2013. It will be performed in Hong Kong and Macao on 4 and 8 May respectively.	Information regarding Hong Kong's performance can be found on the website of LCSD. The production cost borne by Hong Kong was \$510,000.	N.A.
14 th 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 places to hold meetings, implement and follow up on the collaboration initiatives being put forward. Related to the Framework Agreement.	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	The meeting will be held in May 2013.	Press release will be issued and the relevant information will be uploaded to the Pearl River Delta Cultural Information Net (www.prdculture.org). The manpower and expenditure involved will be absorbed within the existing resources of HAB and LCSD.	The meeting will enhance cultural cooperation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

Name of projects	Specific details and purposes, and whether it was related to the Framework Agreement	Mainland departments or Organizations 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 be released to the public? If yes, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what were the reasons?	Details of the relevant legal or policy changes regarding the particular project
Genesis and Spirit : A Showcase of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Guizhou	A song and dance programme promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage of Guizhou province. Not related to the Framework Agreement.	Ministry of Culture and Department of Culture Guizhou	14 June 2013 at Sha Tin Town Hall and 15 June 2013 at Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Performances will be promoted to the public through posters, leaflets, press release, Facebook, webpage, etc. The manpower and expenditure involved will be absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.	N.A.
“Genesis and Spirit: Intangible Cultural Heritage of Guizhou” Exhibition (tentative title)	To raise public awareness of intangible cultural heritage of Guizhou. Not related to the Framework Agreement.	Ministry of Culture and Department of Culture Guizhou Province	June 2013 at the Hong Kong Central Library	General exhibition publicity will be arranged. The manpower and expenditure involved will be absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.	N.A.
Cantonese Opera Day	Event of GPRD. A Cantonese Opera Day is organized each year on the last Sunday of November in Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong. Related to the Framework Agreement.	The Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region	24 November 2013 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Will be promoted to the public through posters, leaflets, press release, e-news, Facebook and webpage, etc. Expenses to be incurred in Hong Kong will be absorbed within the existing resources of LCSD.	N.A.

- (c) The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) has signed Memoranda of Understanding with eight sports institutions on the Mainland to strengthen athlete training and other areas. The HKSI will continue to work with these institutions and organise exchange activities in 2013-14, using existing resources.

On the culture front, apart from the projects set out in the above tables, we will continue to enhance our cultural co-operation with the Mainland through visits and commissioning of other arts and cultural programmes as well as promoting collaboration amongst local arts groups and those in the Mainland. The manpower and expenditure involved have been absorbed by HAB's and LCSD's resources for the past three financial years, and HAB and LCSD will continue to absorb the manpower and expenditure involved in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 15.4.2013

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

HAB280

Question Serial No.

3718

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:

1. Please provide a breakdown of numbers of enquiries and requests for assistance to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the departments under its purview from people of different sexual orientations or gender identities over the past five years (2008-2012).
2. Regarding the different kinds of services currently provided, has the Home Affairs Bureau assessed the needs of people of different sexual orientations or gender identities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
3. Has HAB drawn up guidelines for frontline staff concerning the provision of services to people of different sexual orientations or gender identities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons and will HAB consider to drawn up some guidelines?
4. Has HAB provided training for frontline staff regarding the provision of services to people of different sexual orientations or gender identities? If yes, what are the details of training activities over the past three years (2010-2012)? If no, what are the reasons and will HAB consider to provide the training concerned?
5. Regarding the policy for the promotion of family core values, have the departments concerned and the Family Council discussed the needs of people of different sexual orientations or gender identities and related policies? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (1) In general, all services currently provided by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the departments under its purview are equally open to all members of the public. Although different services may have their own eligibility criteria, these eligibility criteria are irrespective of the sexual orientations or gender identities of the applicants. Accordingly, frontline staff would not and are not required to capture information about the sexual orientations or gender identities of the enquirers and service-requestors during the provision of services. Thus, we have no record on the number of enquiries and requests for assistance to HAB and the departments under its purview from people of different sexual orientations or gender identities over the past five years (2008-2012).

- (2) The services currently provided by HAB and the departments under its purview are equally open to all members of the public irrespective of their sexual orientations or gender identities. As such, our assessment on needs of people does not include such factors as different sexual orientations or gender identities.
- (3) As sexual orientations or gender identities has never been one of the considerations prior to the provision of our services, there is no need to draw up specific guidelines on this aspect for frontline staff for the time being.
- (4) In view of the nature of services provided and the training requirements raised by staff, we would organise different workshop / seminar / training course for staff. To enhance the staff awareness and understanding of gender-related concepts and issues, and enable them to apply gender perspectives at work, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organised the following in-house training activities related to gender awareness for staff of different grades and ranks in the past three years:

Organiser	Course Title	Speaker	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Training Section of LCSD	Seminar / Workshop on Anti-discrimination Ordinances	Speaker from Equal Opportunity Commission	25 participants	28 participants	53 participants
Training Section of LCSD	Seminar on Enhancing Gender Awareness	Labour and Welfare Bureau commissioned speaker	-	-	32 participants

Frontline staff is fully aware of the importance of fair treatment to all members of the public. We would continue to review the situation and provide appropriate training to frontline staff to meet the service need.

- (5) The Family Council has identified the following family core values which are the key elements to a healthy and happy family life, namely “Love and Care”, “Respect and Responsibility” and “Communication and Harmony”. The Family Council considers that these core values have captured the essence of the more commonly perceived concepts about family and are well-balanced for promotion and publicity purposes.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB281

Question Serial No.

4653

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

Programme: (7) Subvention: 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 persons who received legal advice and representation from the Duty Lawyer Scheme (DLS) has been slowly but steadily decreasing from 40 067 in 2006, 38 640 in 2007, 38 304 in 2008, 36 991 in 2009, 33 428 in 2010, 31 347 in 2011 to 30 417 in 2012, representing a decrease of 24% over the past seven years. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (i) of the number of persons who received legal advice from the DLS, the number of persons who received representation from the DLS, and the number of persons who received both for the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13);
- (ii) of what the Administration observes to be the reasons for the decrease in number of persons benefitting from the Duty Lawyer Scheme?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK, Dennis

Reply:

The service provided by the Duty Lawyer Scheme is demand-driven, which is affected by the number of persons being arrested and brought before a Magistrates' Court. The number of persons who received assistance from the Duty Lawyer Scheme (which comprised both legal advice and representation service) in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (up to 28 February 2013) were 33 206, 31 065 and 27 815 respectively. The number of beneficiaries fluctuates and we do not attempt to analyse the fluctuations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB282

Question Serial No.

3750

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 the Home Affairs Bureau's matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 that continuous support will be given to youth development activities through the district network of the Commission on Youth. Please advise what activities did the Commission on Youth organise over the past year (2012-13)? What is the expenditure incurred for such activities? Did the Administration make any assessment on the effectiveness of these activities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Commission on Youth has organised the International Youth Exchange Programme, Youth Summit 2012, Youth Exchange Sessions, Outstanding Youth Commendation Scheme, Outstanding Youth Activities Commendation Scheme, Summer Exchange Programme, Leadership Training Camp and Cheerleading Competition. The total estimated expenditure is about \$7 million. Most of the activities required evaluation from the youth participants whose feedbacks were positive.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB283

Question Serial No.

3751

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:

One of the Bureau's main responsibilities is to oversee the administration and investment strategy of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) with a view to supporting the development of Hong Kong's top athletes. What is the annual investment return of the EADF? Which sports were supported by the EADF's investment return? What is the current balance of the EADF? Are there specific plans to support the development of Hong Kong's top athletes? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The total seed capital of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) is \$7 billion, of which \$6 billion is deposited with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the remaining \$1 billion is maintained as a "liquidity portion" in the form of time deposits to provide a cash reserve. The total investment return generated in financial year 2012-13 is estimated to be about \$284 million. In 2012-13, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) provided support to elite athletes in the following sports: athletics, badminton, billiard sports, cycling, fencing, gymnastics, karatedo, rowing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tenpin bowling, triathlon, windsurfing, wushu, bodybuilding, dance sports, equestrian sport, judo, rock climbing, roller sports, rugby, tennis, short track speed skating and waterskiing. The current balance of the EADF is approximately \$6.94 billion. We have earmarked \$325 million for allocation to the HKSI in 2013-14 to support the development of Hong Kong's top athlete, in particular their training, competitive, educational and other needs.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB284

Question Serial No.

3752

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will continue to allocate resources to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong. In the past five years (as of 2012-13), what has the Administration done to promote the long-term development of football in Hong Kong? What was the expenditure involved? What specific policies will put in place in the year ahead (2013-14) to rejuvenate football? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2009, we commissioned a consultancy study to recommend options for the development of football in Hong Kong. The study suggested that the Government help the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) to implement a long-term development plan, known as "Project Phoenix". In this connection, in 2011 we granted the HKFA \$2.2 million to engage a "change agent" to draw up a revised governance structure, a development strategy and a business plan. In October 2011, the Sports Commission endorsed a proposal to earmark a total of \$60 million in time-limited funding, of which \$20 million is earmarked for allocation to the HKFA in 2013-14, to help the HKFA implement "Project Phoenix".

Separately, in 2011-12, we initiated the Funding Scheme for District-based Football Teams for a trial period of three years. We have allocated around \$4.38 million to the district-based football teams in 2011-12 and have earmarked about \$5.93 million for allocation to teams in 2012-13. For 2013-14, we estimate that we will allocate about \$6 million to the district-based teams.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB285

Question Serial No.

3757

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will work closely with the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority to ensure co-ordination with concerned government departments in the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects and the core arts and cultural facilities for the WKCD. In this respect, please inform this Committee of the details of the work. What are the expenditure and manpower involved? How is the project progressing? Has the Bureau assessed the estimated construction expenditure for all works projects in the next eight years (starting from 2013-14), or if additional resources are required?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2013-14, we will continue to monitor the progress of design competitions and design consultant selections, construction works within WKCD, as well as the procurement process and expenditure for the WKCD project. We will maintain close liaison with Government departments, WKCD Authority and other parties concerned on interface matters affecting the development of WKCD. The manpower and administrative expenditure involved will be internally absorbed by the Home Affairs Bureau.

The Development Plan (DP) for WKCD was approved by the Chief Executive in Council in January 2013. The appointed architect for Xiqu Centre (Phase 1) is working on the development of the schematic design. The M+ design competition and preparation work for the implementation of other projects are in progress. In 2012-13, we sought funding of \$478 million from Finance Committee for the design and site investigation of the public infrastructure works for phase 1 of the WKCD development. We plan to seek funding approval in stages starting from mid-2014 for the construction of the government infrastructure works to tie in with the phased completion of the design and site investigation works.

The planning and construction of the whole WKCD project will span over a decade well beyond 2020, during which changes in economic conditions and other relevant factors may affect construction costs. The WKCD project is now at its design and planning stage. More realistic cost estimates will be available when the detailed designs and implementation programme of the first batch facilities are confirmed.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB286

Question Serial No.

3760

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Bureau will enhance the software in the arts and culture through arts programme development, audience building, arts education and manpower training. What specifically will be done in these four areas? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2013-14, the estimated expenditure on supporting the development of the arts and culture exceeds \$3 billion. These funds will be used to implement various initiatives and activities, including performances, arts education and audience building programmes organized, presented or funded by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) as well as various schemes to support artists and arts groups.

In addition, \$30 million from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund is earmarked for supporting projects / programmes recommended or implemented by HKADC which could support local arts groups and artists. HAB has also implemented the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme to disburse a provision of around \$30 million on an annual basis to promising arts groups and arts practitioners as well as larger scale and cross-year arts and cultural initiatives / activities so as to enhance their capacity development. The aforementioned programmes and activities will help support the further development of cultural software, including programme development, arts education, audience building and grooming of talents.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB287

Question Serial No.

3763

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:

\$303.7 million, the revised financial provision for major performing arts groups in 2012-13 is lower than the original estimate of \$304.2 million by 0.2%. What are the reasons? What is the definition of a major performing arts group? What was the expenditure on supporting small and medium-sized arts groups in the past and will that be increased in the year ahead?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) currently provides a total annual subvention of \$290.6 million to nine major performing arts groups (MPAGs). They are, namely, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre, the Chung Ying Theatre Company, the Zuni Icosahedron, the Hong Kong Dance Company, the Hong Kong Ballet, and the City Contemporary Dance Company. In addition, HAB launched the Contestable Funding Pilot Scheme for the MPAGs in 2012. The annual funding earmarked for the Scheme is \$13.6 million. The approved funding involved in 2012-13 is \$13.1 million which has led to the slight decrease in expenditure.

Apart from providing funding for the MPAGs, the Government will also continue to support the small and medium arts groups. The Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) was introduced in 2011 to support larger scale and cross-year arts and cultural initiatives / activities, so as to enhance capacity development of promising arts groups and arts practitioners as well as to encourage the community and private sector to sponsor the arts. In the first round funding exercise, a total of 18 successful applicants at overall ceiling funding amount of \$39 million have been selected for implementation of quality proposals of various art forms from 2012 to 2014. The ACDFS will continue to be launched to disburse a provision of around \$30 million on an annual basis.

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) implements a variety of schemes and projects to support the development of new and budding artists and arts groups as well as the overall development of the arts sector. In 2012-13, the Government provided a subvention of \$109.7 million and also earmarked \$34 million from the Arts and Sports Development Fund for projects supported or implemented by the HKADC. In 2013-14, an additional \$1 million will be allocated specifically to enhance the One-year / Two-year Grant scheme of HKADC.

In addition, the Arts Development Fund (ADF) administered by HAB provides funding to support small and medium local arts groups and arts practitioners in undertaking outbound cultural exchanges to the Mainland and other countries. In 2012-13, 47 outbound cultural exchange projects of different art forms have been funded with a total grant of about \$3.14 million. In 2013-14, HAB will continue to provide funding support under the ADF to support local arts groups and artists to participate in cultural exchange activities.

Other than the above, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has also been providing opportunities for local artists and arts groups to engage in artistic creation, capacity building and audience building through various year-round cultural programmes, thematic arts festivals, Venue Partnership Scheme, audience building and arts education activities, as well as community arts programmes.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB288

Question Serial No.

3766

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:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council will launch a trial scheme in 2013-14 to provide arts space at suitable industrial premises to artists and arts groups at concessionary rent. What are the details of the Scheme? Have suitable industrial premises been identified already? What is the duration of the Scheme? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

To provide young artists and budding arts groups with more room to pursue their artistic creation, the Government has earmarked a capital funding of \$8.72 million for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to renovate and make available arts space (about 10 000 square feet) for artists in an industrial building in Wong Chuk Hang. In the coming year, HKADC will undertake renovation works and operate a scheme to enable new and budding artists to lease the units for arts creation at a concessionary rate. HKADC is working on the details of the scheme.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB289

Question Serial No.

3962

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 list every study tour to the Mainland to be sponsored and the estimated expenditure of each tour. How many study tours to the Mainland have been organised in the past five years (up to 2012-13)? What is the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Commission on Youth sponsors community organisations to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people through the “Community Participation Scheme for Organising Study Tours to the Mainland” (the Scheme). The number of projects and total sponsorship approved in the past five years are as follows :

Year	Projects	Sponsorship (\$)
2012-13	142	26 million
2011-12	135	22 million
2010-11	199	20 million
2009-10	192	16 million
2008-09	214	16 million

The vetting of applications under the Scheme 2013-14 is underway. Sponsorship to be granted is calculated with reference to the number of youth participants, duration of the study tour and the destination.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB290

Question Serial No.

3972

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 provision of secretariat support to the Family Council in promoting the family core values, please elaborate on the details, manpower, results involved and funding required for 2013-14. Will more funding be provided to enhance work in this respect? Please also advise on the number of beneficiaries and the funding required for the programme over the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Family Council advocates cherishing the family and promotes family core values as a main driver for social harmony. In 2013-14, the Family Council will continue to launch initiatives to promulgate family core values 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 on the Internet).

In 2013-14, an amount of \$27.5 million is allocated to the Home Affairs Bureau to finance programmes and activities related to the Family Council, including organising activities under the “Happy Family Campaign” and the “2013-14 Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme”, conducting family-related researches and maintenance of the “Happy Family Info Hub”, as well as providing funding to uniformed groups to organise family-related programmes.

The Family Council Secretariat is headed by the Secretary to the Family Council ranked at the Administrative Officer Staff Grade C level and supported by one Chief Executive Officer, one Senior Executive Officer, two Executive Assistants and an Assistant Clerical Officer.

The expenditure involved in launching the territory-wide programmes to promote family core values was about \$25 million and \$24 million in 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively, and the corresponding estimated expenditure in 2012-13 is \$23 million. The territory-wide promotion programmes organised in the past three years reached out to different sectors of the community and benefited the whole community in general. Besides, we have conducted regular opinion polls to gauge the effectiveness of the programmes and work of the Family Council through the Family Council’s website, i.e. the “Happy Family Info Hub”, which has an average monthly hit rate of about one million. Results of the polls conducted in 2012 indicated that 78% out of the 250 respondents were aware of the work and activities of the Family Council.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB291

Question Serial No.

3973

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 Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, please inform us on its total financial provision, as well as the respective salaries of the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Senior Executives.

Please also inform us on the Association's total financial provision, as well as the respective salaries of the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Senior Executives for the past five years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association (HKGGA) for their youth development programmes targeting at youth members. In 2013-14, the estimated recurrent subvention to HKGGA is \$11 million. From 2008 to 2013, the total recurrent subvention to HKGGA is \$50.92 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB292

Question Serial No.

3974

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 Agency for Volunteer Service, please inform us on its total financial provision, as well as the respective salaries of the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Senior Executives.

Please also inform us on the agency's total financial provision, as well as the respective salaries of the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Senior Executives for the past five years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to the Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) from volunteerism development perspective. In 2013-14, the estimated recurrent subvention to AVS is \$5 million. From 2008 to 2013, the total recurrent subvention to AVS is \$23.24 million.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB293

Question Serial No.

3976

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 provision to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association in the financial year of 2013-14, how many annual dinner parties and banquets held in hotels are involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for its youth development programmes only. There is no Government provision for annual dinner parties or banquets.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB294

Question Serial No.

3977

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 provision to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association in the financial year of 2013-14, how many banquets of various scales are involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for its youth development programmes only. There is no Government provision for banquets.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB295

Question Serial No.

3978

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 funding for the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for the financial year of 2013-14, has any provision been made for the Happy Bee and Golden Guide units or branches? Please also advise on the number of beneficiaries and funding required for the Happy Bee and Golden Guide units or branches over the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association (HKGGA) for conducting youth development programmes only. The Happy Bee and Golden Guide units are not related to youth development. Thus, no subvention has been granted for these non-youth units and we have no information on the number of beneficiaries and funding required.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB296

Question Serial No.

3979

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:

I have received complaints from the general public that the current Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association fails to meet the position's entry requirement of being a university graduate, and was promoted out of patronage, which set a bad example for current members of the Hong Kong Girl Guides. While the Government provides funding to such organisations, is there any mechanism monitoring their internal operations to ensure proper use of public funding?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

According to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association (HKGGA), no requirement is stipulated in their constitution and other governing rules regarding the academic qualifications of the Chief Executive of HKGGA. HKGGA is an independent non-governmental organization. The Government respects the autonomy of HKGGA and would not interfere in its internal operations.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB297

Question Serial No.

3980

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 inform us on the total provisions for the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association for 2013-14 and further elaborate on the details of the item, as well as the manpower and deliverables involved. In addition, please also inform us on the programme's number of beneficiaries and provision required for the past three years (up to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau grants recurrent subvention to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association (HKGGA) for their youth development programmes targeting at youth members. The funding allocation for and the youth membership of HKGGA is listed below –

Financial year	Youth membership *	Recurrent subvention (\$)
2010-11	44 910	10,130,000
2011-12	44 560	10,130,000
2012-13	42 850	11,000,000
2013-14	42 850	11,000,000 (to be granted)

*Source: HKGGA

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB298

Question Serial No.

4143

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 respect of the secretariat support provided to the Community Care Fund (CCF) by the Bureau, I would like to know the Bureau's arrangements, including the funding and establishment, and the percentage of the expenditure in the administration cost of CCF. Please list in a table format the annual expenditures involved in this regard since the establishment of CCF in 2011 and the estimate for this year (i.e. 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

As the co-ordinating bureau for the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Home Affairs Bureau provides a centralised secretariat for the CCF, comprising a team of 16 civil servants from the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Treasury Accountant, Accounting Officer, Clerical and Secretarial grades. The annual expenditure involved and other information are set out below -

Year	Annual expenditure (\$ million)	Annual expenditure as a percentage of the total administration costs of the CCF
2011-12	11.6	34%
2012-13	13.2 (estimated)	34% (estimated)
2013-14	14.7 (estimated)	Not applicable *

* The estimated total administration costs of the CCF for 2013-14 are not available.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB299

Question Serial No.

4150

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:

The objective of the Community Care Fund (CCF) is to introduce pilot programmes to meet new demands of the ever changing society. It is important that a programme considered necessary for the community should be recommended to be incorporated into the regular assistance programmes of the Government. There has been suggestion that the subsidy to meet lunch expenses at schools for students from low-income families should be included as a regular subsidy.

I would like to know how many of the 18 existing CCF assistance programmes (with their titles) have been or will be included in the Government regular assistance programmes and to be excluded from the future expenditure of the CCF?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Community Care Fund programme providing subsidy to needy Hospital Authority patients who marginally fall outside the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs has been incorporated into the regular assistance programme since 1 September 2012. The Government is also studying the incorporation of the following three programmes into the regular assistance programme:

- (i) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families;
- (ii) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme; and
- (iii) Training Subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB300

Question Serial No.

5444

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:

Among “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” is working with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) in promoting civic education outside schools. However, the CPCE’s theme for this year, “Cherish yourself and your family, Love Hong Kong and your country” reflects a very narrow-minded approach, with only “respect”, “responsibility” and “love” as core values and “respect and inclusiveness” as the focus of promotion, while the most fundamental values of “justice”, “equality”, “rights and responsibilities” in the “civic” concept are ditched.

In fact, before 2008 the title of Programme (2) was “Rights of the Individual”; however, it was eventually changed to “Social Harmony and Civic Education”, which reflects one-way and narrow-minded approach.

I am immensely worried by the regressive development of Programme (2) and would like to be informed on:

1. What is the provision amount for the joint Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)-CPCE activities under the above-mentioned theme of “Cherish yourself and your family, Love Hong Kong and your country” this year? What are the amount’s respective percentage in the provisions for CPCE and Programme (2)?
2. How does HAB define the criteria of the above-mentioned themes? Are there any indicative, substantial criteria and requirements to assess whether an applying programme meet the theme’s requirement?
3. What qualitative and quantitative criteria will HAB adopt to evaluate whether a programme is effective and meet its objectives? Has HAB consulted the Education Bureau to see if the above-mentioned themes run counter to the subject Liberal Studies which emphasizes critical and independent thinking?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

1. In 2013-14, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) sponsors projects which promote the topical theme of “Cherish yourself and your family, Love Hone Kong and your country” and core values such as “respect”, “responsibility” and “love” through the Community Participation Scheme (CPS). Besides, the CPCE grants funds to applications that support a wide variety of activities promoting core values, national education, the Basic Law, the rule of law and social justice, human rights education, or matters relating to civic education. We estimate that the total sponsorship to be approved under the CPS 2013-14 will be \$8.44 million.

2. Applicants for the CPS are required to indicate in their applications their project theme(s) and / or core values to be promoted by their proposals. In assessing the funding applications, the CPCE will consider various factors, including creativity, scale, means of publicity, etc of the proposed projects.
3. Upon completion of the sponsored projects, the sponsored organizations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects, with information on participant feedback, financial reports, etc. to facilitate assessment by the CPCE.

The representative of Education Bureau is one of the official members of the CPCE.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB301

Question Serial No.

5445

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:

Among “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14” is working 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 the youth. The community vociferously opposed the brainwashing national education last year and the school curriculum for national education had to be abandoned, but the HAB now takes the opposite direction and make it a “Matter Requiring Special Attention” this year.

Would the Administration please inform on:

1. What is the total provision for promoting national education? What is the amount's percentage in Programme (2)? What are the expenditures on this item in the past five years (up to 2012-13) and what are the changes in percentage terms?
2. Among these, what is the provision amount for national education targeting the youth? What is the amount's percentage in the entire national education programme? What are the expenditures on this item in the past five years and what are the changes in percentage terms?
3. What are the respective provision amounts from CPCE and CoY for this item? What are the amounts' percentage in the respective committee/commission's total provisions?
4. After last year's uproar over national education across the city, how does HAB define the criteria and are there any indicative, substantial criteria and requirements to assess whether national education programmes will meet society's consensus?
5. What qualitative and quantitative criteria will HAB adopt to evaluate whether a programme is effective and meet its objectives?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

(1)-(3)

The Home Affairs Bureau works closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth in promoting national education among the general public, particularly the youth.

The relevant expenditures and estimates are:

Year	Amount (\$)
2008-09 Actual Expenditure	16.2 million
2009-10 Actual Expenditure	18.6 million
2010-11 Actual Expenditure	34.3 million
2011-12 Actual Expenditure	32.3 million
2012-13 Revised Estimate	24.1 million
2013-14 Estimate	26.3 million

We do not keep record of the total expenditure of national education only for the youth.

(4)-(5)

HAB continues to monitor the effectiveness of past and on-going efforts on promoting national education, and will review matters such as the scope of activities, the means, as well as the engagement of stakeholders and partnering organisations. Applications will be assessed against a set of prescribed and published criteria, e.g. programme content, creativity, cost-effectiveness, scale, etc. Upon completion of the projects, the sponsored organizations are required to submit reports evaluating the effectiveness of the projects, with information on participant feedback, financial reports, etc. to facilitate assessment by the committees.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB302

Question Serial No.

5469

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:

Paragraph 149 of the Budget Speech stated that:

“To prevent cost recovery items being turned into heavily subsidised items, we need a systematic review. I shall ask all policy bureaux and departments to review their respective fees and charges, and submit plans for their revision for the coming one or two years. We shall first deal with fees that have not been revised for years and do not directly affect people's livelihood. Examples are fees for pesticide permits, riding establishment licences and temporary permits for exhibitions of animals and birds. We shall also deal with items which have low cost recovery rates such as fees for visas or licences for storage of dangerous goods. The Government will make appropriate fee revisions as and when necessary. There will not be substantial revisions at one go to avoid affecting people's livelihood. We shall also strictly control costs and reduce the need for increasing fees and charges as far as possible. I hope that the community will consider our proposals for fee revisions in a fair and objective manner.”

In this connection, please advise this Committee on whether the Government will consider charging the land rent of Hong Kong Golf Club (HKGC) at market rate with a view to recovering cost in 2013-14. If not, when will this be done? What is the prevailing market rent of the HKGC site?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The lease of the HKGC at Fanling is a private recreational lease (PRL).

We will review the policy regarding PRLs with relevant policy bureaux and departments after completion of the current round of lease renewals. Pending the outcome of the review and subject to the terms and conditions of individual leases, we have no plan to change the current lease arrangements. We do not currently have an estimate for the prevailing market rent of the site concerned.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 27.3.2013

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

HAB303

Question Serial No.

3885

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:

The Government will inject \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF) to support poverty alleviation work.

How effective are the various assistance programmes implemented since the establishment of CCF? What is the expenditure of each programme?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the programmes of the Community Care Fund (CCF) will submit periodic progress reports to the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty for review of the programmes. The Government will take into account the outcome of evaluation and the advice of the CCF Task Force / Commission on Poverty in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service.

The progress of the evaluation on the effectiveness and the amount of the expenditure of the 18 CCF programmes (as at end February 2013) are set out below –

Programme title	Progress of evaluation on the effectiveness of programmes	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/competitions	Evaluation will be conducted in due course and the progress will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.	54.85

Programme title	Progress of evaluation on the effectiveness of programmes	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	The evaluation results were reported to the former Steering Committee on the CCF in May 2012. Regularisation of the programme into the Government's regular assistance (i.e. the SF) is considered not suitable ¹ .	91.42 ²
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	The former Steering Committee on the CCF was briefed on the evaluation results in May 2012 and it supported the programme's regularisation by the Education Bureau. The Government is planning for the programme's incorporation into regular assistance programme.	306.73
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is evaluating the programme.	0.18
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	The evaluation results were reported to the CCF Task Force in February 2013. The programme would not be regularised.	37.78
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	The former Steering Committee on the CCF was briefed on the evaluation results in May 2012 and it supported the programme's regularisation by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The Government is planning for the programme's incorporation into regular assistance programme.	1.73

¹ This is because drugs supported by this programme are those not covered by the SF but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence with relatively higher efficacy, whereas drugs supported by the SF have already accumulated sufficient medical scientific evidence with proven clinical effectiveness. Having said that, when more clinical evidence and experience are gained for the drugs under this programme, dovetailing this programme with the SF is feasible.

² This includes the administration costs incurred for this programme and programme (11) below.

Programme title	Progress of evaluation on the effectiveness of programmes	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)
(7) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning services and escorting services for medical consultations	The evaluation results were reported to the CCF Task Force in February 2013. The programme would not be regularised.	2.20
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	The evaluation results were reported to the CCF Task Force in February 2013. The programme would not be regularised.	33.67
(9) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	The former Steering Committee on the CCF was briefed on the evaluation results in May 2012 and it supported the programme's regularisation by SWD, which is now being studied by the Government.	16.63
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	Evaluation will be conducted in due course and the progress will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.	0.53
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs	The former Steering Committee on the CCF was briefed on the evaluation results in May 2012 and it supported the programme's regularisation by HA. The programme has been incorporated into the SF's regular mechanism with effect from 1 September 2012.	4.29 ³
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	HAD is evaluating the programme.	0.10
(13) Subsidy for elderly tenants in private housing	The CCF Secretariat is evaluating this programme and programme (17) below, and considering to launch an integrated programme.	11.03

³ The administration costs incurred for this programme are included under those of programme (2) above.

Programme title	Progress of evaluation on the effectiveness of programmes	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	Evaluation will be conducted in due course and the progress will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.	14.23
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	The CCF Task Force has set up a working group to consider whether and how to revise the scope of the programme taking into account the progress of implementation and the experience gained.	1.65
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	Evaluation will be conducted in due course and the progress will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.	0.62
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	The CCF Secretariat is evaluating this programme and programme (13) above, and considering to launch an integrated programme.	87.47
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	Evaluation will be conducted in due course and the progress will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.	0 ⁴

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 17.4.2013

⁴ The programme was rolled out recently in end January 2013. There are no statistics on the amount of expenditure at the moment.

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

HAB304

Question Serial No.

3301

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:

Regarding government resources devoted to manpower training in respect of the six industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages (six industries), please provide details of the training programmes, training providers, number of persons trained and to be trained, as well as the expenditures and manpower involved in each industry for 2012-13 and 2013-14. Furthermore, what are the demand and supply of manpower situations in the six industries? If there is any shortage of manpower, what are the details? For the existing training programmes on offer, are they adequate to meet the market demand for manpower?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

The cultural industry comprises a wide array of sectors and sub-industry groups which involve different types of work and require different skill sets. As far as government resources are concerned, the University Grants Committee-funded institutions such as the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Baptist University, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts etc are offering a wide range of sub-degree, degree and postgraduate programmes on visual arts and performing arts. In addition, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and some other relevant organizations such as the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority are providing or sponsoring the provision of training / internship opportunities for grooming artists and arts administrators.

As the arts and cultural sector is growing rapidly, especially with the development of West Kowloon Cultural District project, it is expected that the demand for various types of artists and administrators will continue to grow. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and liaise with relevant institutions / organizations on efforts made to meet the growing demand.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB305

Question Serial No.

3573

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:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau will provide secretariat support to the Community Care Fund (CCF), and co-ordinate cross-bureaux efforts to support the CCF in mapping out and implementing programmes to provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties. Please inform this Committee the followings:

- a) details of cross-bureaux coordination efforts provided by the secretariat support services, including the number of banquets, cocktail receptions and dinner parties hosted for such purpose and the expenses incurred since its establishment;
- b) the manpower and financial provision to be allocated for the operations of the secretariat support services for 2013-14;
- c) a breakdown of assistance to people who have economic difficulties the CCF has given out since its establishment, including the number of recipients by gender as well as the number of elderly (aged over 65), disadvantaged student (pre-primary, primary and secondary), ethnic minority, new immigrant, physically handicapped, and mentally challenged recipients and the provision for each of the mentioned categories; and
- d) as the Government will inject \$15 billion into the CCF to alleviate poverty, what is the targeted number of people and provision for each category of the people mentioned in c) the Administration plans to assist?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

- a) As the co-coordinating bureau for the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Home Affairs Bureau provides a centralised secretariat for the CCF, which serves the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty on, among other things, collating community views, developing details of assistance programmes, allocating funding, monitoring the implementation of the programmes and evaluating the effectiveness of the CCF initiative. The total expenses incurred by the CCF Secretariat (up to end February 2013) are \$22.6 million which mainly cover staff costs and other operational expenses. No expenses on banquets, cocktail receptions and dinner parties have been incurred.

b) The CCF Secretariat comprises a team of 16 civil servants from the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Treasury Accountant, Accounting Officer, Clerical and Secretarial grades and 1 non-civil service contract staff. The expenditure for the CCF Secretariat in 2013-14 is estimated to be \$14.7 million which will be recovered from the CCF.

c) Since its establishment, the CCF has rolled out 18 assistance programmes which have benefited more than 100 000 people / households including children, elderly, persons with disabilities, patients, new arrivals and ethnic minorities. In addition, the CCF also rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011. Details of the assistance programmes and statistics that have been collated (as at end February 2013) are set out below –

Programme title	Subsidies paid (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries	Gender/ Elderly (aged over 65) / Disadvantaged student (pre-primary, primary and secondary)	Ethnic minority / New immigrant	Physically handicapped / Mentally challenged
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities / competitions	52.07	22 093 (persons)	not available / 0 / primary: 6 668; secondary: 15 425	not available / not available	not available / not available
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	86.49 ¹	959 (person-times)	not available / not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available

¹ This refers to the total approved subsidy on drug costs for the beneficiaries.

Programme title	Subsidies paid (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries	Gender / Elderly (aged over 65) / Disadvantaged student (pre-primary, primary and secondary)	Ethnic minority / New immigrant	Physically handicapped / Mentally challenged
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	306.2	118 387 ² (person-times)	not available / 0 / primary: 118 387 ²	not available / not available	not available / not available
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	0.13	128 (persons)	male: 16 persons; and female: 112 persons / not available / not available	ethnic minority / new arrival: 128 persons	not available / not available
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	35.03	1 974 (person-times)	not available / 0 / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	1.65	825 (households)	not available / not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(7) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning and escorting services for medical consultations	2.02	1 144 (persons)	not available / elderly (aged 65 or above): 1 144 persons / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	32.09	22 605 (households)	not available / not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(9) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	14.58	1 435 (persons)	not available / 0 / pre-primary: 1 435 persons	not available / not available	not available / not available

² This refers to 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title	Subsidies paid (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries	Gender/ Elderly (aged over 65) / Disadvantaged student (pre-primary, primary and secondary)	Ethnic minority / New immigrant	Physically handicapped / Mentally challenged
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action ³	0.39	140 (households) / 204 (persons)	male : 93 persons; and female : 47 persons / elderly (aged above 60): 9 persons / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs ⁴	4.29	281 (person-times)	not available / not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	0.03	83 (persons)	male : 11 persons; and female : 72 persons / not available / not available	ethnic minority / new arrival: 83 persons	not available / not available
(13) Subsidy for elderly tenants in private housing	10.24	2 068 (households) / 2 561 (persons)	not available / elderly (aged 65 or above): 2 561 persons / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	13.77	5 473 (persons)	not available / 0 / primary and secondary: 5 473	not available / not available	not available / not available

³ The gender and age distribution information refers to that of the applicants representing the households to make applications. Information of the beneficiaries is not available.

⁴ This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

Programme title	Subsidies paid (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries	Gender/ Elderly (aged over 65) / Disadvantaged student (pre-primary, primary and secondary)	Ethnic minority / New immigrant	Physically handicapped / Mentally challenged
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	0.51	84 (persons) ⁵	male: 22 persons; and female: 62 persons / elderly (aged 60 or above): 84 persons / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	0.14	41 (owners' corporations)	not applicable / not applicable / not applicable	not applicable / not applicable	not applicable / not applicable
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed ⁶	97.74	16 498 (households) / 38 711 (persons)	not available / not available / not available	not available / not available	not available / not available
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	0 ⁷	0 ⁷ (person)	not available / not available / not available	not available / not available	0 / not available
One-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families	1,193.52	198 920 (persons)	not available / not available / not available	not available / new arrival: 198 920 persons	not available / not available

d) Taking into account actual experience gained and views collected from the public and stakeholders, the CCF will roll out appropriate programmes to help the underprivileged and low-income families continuously, and consider the target beneficiaries and related expenditure.

⁵ Up to 28 February 2013, 422 elders have been referred to participating dentists/ dental clinics for dental services under this programme.

⁶ Information as at 8 March 2013.

⁷ The programme was rolled out in end January 2013. There are no statistics on the amount of subsidies paid and the number of beneficiaries at the moment.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 11.4.2013

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

HAB306

Question Serial No.

4266

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 item “actively support non-governmental organisations to use part of the land granted to them by the Government to build hostels for youths”;

1. Besides the two announced plans, how many youth hostel plans are yet to be announced by the Administration? What are the sites and the areas involved?
2. Regarding the number of youth hostel plans to be confirmed within a year and the number of hostel units to be provided, has the Administration set any targets? What is the estimated expenditure?
3. Has the Administration set any specific objectives to evaluate the effectiveness of the scheme? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

(1) and (3)

Under the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS), we plan to start with two relatively more mature projects on a pilot basis. They are the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' (TWGHs) project at Hollywood Road and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' (HKFYG) project at Tai Po. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will review the scheme based on the progress made in these two pilot projects, and continue our discussions with other non-Governmental organisations which have expressed interest to participate.

(2)

To implement the YHS on a pilot basis, HAB has commenced further discussions with TWGHs and HKFYG. It is estimated that TWGHs' project at Hollywood Road can provide about 200 places while the number of places to be provided by HKFYG's project at Tai Po is yet to be determined. The total construction cost of individual projects will vary, having regard to site-specific factors. We will set out the estimated cost of the relevant YHS project which will only be available after completion of pre-construction studies when we seek funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB307

Question Serial No.

4267

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 paragraph 116 of the Budget Speech that “I propose to inject an additional \$15 billion into the Community Care Fund (CCF). This, together with the original \$5 billion government injection, is expected to generate an annual investment return of over \$1 billion. I believe that the Commission on Poverty (CoP) will make effective use of this injection to renew its efforts to alleviate poverty by plugging the gaps in the existing system, and continue to implement and enhance those programmes that have proved to be effective but have yet to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service programmes. It will also introduce new assistance programmes or pioneer projects”. In this regard, please advise:

1. A detailed account of donations secured from various sectors of the community, such as the business sector, other than the Government since the establishment of the CCF;
2. A detailed account of assistance programmes implemented, including names of assistance programmes, the respective expenditures involved and the number of beneficiaries, since the establishment of the CCF;
3. After the injection of the \$15 billion, will the Government still actively ask for donation from various sectors? If yes, what are the details and objectives? If no, what are the reasons?
4. What criteria will the Administration adopt in determining which CCF measures will be regularised? What are the details?
5. Regarding the use of CCF, in addition to the existing consultation sessions, will the Administration develop any mechanism or proper processing procedures to enhance the transparency and allow public surveillance? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

1. Bank accounts have been opened to accept donations from the community for the Community Care Fund (CCF). The amount of donations pledged is about \$1.8 billion, some of which have been made by yearly instalments over three years. The actual amount of donations received (up to end February 2013) is around \$1.19 billion.

2. Since its establishment, the CCF has rolled out 18 assistance programmes. In addition, the CCF rolled out the programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families in October 2011, with an additional injection of \$1.5 billion as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in July 2011. Details of the CCF programmes (as at 28 February 2013) are set out below -

Programme title	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries
(1) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to subsidise primary and secondary school students from low-income families to participate in cross-boundary learning activities/competitions	54.85	22 093 (persons)
(2) Subsidy for patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for specified self-financed cancer drugs which have not yet been brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) safety net but have been rapidly accumulating medical scientific evidence and with relatively higher efficacy	91.42	959 (person-times)
(3) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families	306.73	118 387 ¹ (person-times)
(4) Financial assistance for ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland for taking language-related international public examinations	0.18	128 (persons)
(5) Special care subsidy for the severely disabled	37.78	1 974 (person-times)
(6) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)	1.73	825 (households)
(7) Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning services and escorting services for medical consultations	2.20	1 144 (persons)
(8) Subsidy for CSSA recipients living in rented private housing	33.67	22 605 (households)
(9) Training subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services	16.63	1 435 (persons)
(10) Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who would have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action	0.53	140 (households)

¹ This refers to 56 387 beneficiaries in 2011-12 and 62 000 beneficiaries in 2012-13. 62 000 is an estimated number of beneficiaries only.

Programme title	Amount of expenditure (\$ million)	Number of beneficiaries
(11) Subsidy for needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidised drugs ²	4.29	281 (person-times)
(12) Subsidy for non-school-attending ethnic minorities and new arrivals from the Mainland to enroll in language courses	0.10	83 (persons)
(13) Subsidy for low-income elderly tenants in private housing	11.03	2 561 (persons)
(14) After-school care pilot scheme	14.23	5 473 (persons)
(15) Elderly dental assistance programme	1.65	84 ³ (persons)
(16) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings	0.62	41 (owners' corporations)
(17) Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed	87.47	33 426 (persons)
(18) Provision of special subsidy to persons with severe physical disabilities for renting respiratory support medical equipment	0 ⁴	0 ⁴ (persons)
One-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families	1,215.83	198 920 (persons)

3. The CCF aims to roll out more assistance programmes to help the underprivileged as soon as possible regardless of the amount of donations received from the community. The Government has no plan to appeal for donations from the business sector now but always welcomes the support of the community for the CCF through donations.
4. Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement CCF programmes will submit periodic progress reports to the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty for review of the programmes. The Government will take into account the outcome of evaluation and the advice of the CCF Task Force / Commission on Poverty in considering the programmes to be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service.

² This programme has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme, i.e. the Samaritan Fund, with effect from 1 September 2012.

³ 422 elders have been referred to participating dentists/ dental clinics for dental services under this programme.

⁴ The programme was rolled out recently in end January 2013. There are no statistics for the amount of expenditure and number of beneficiaries at the moment.

The programme providing subsidy to needy HA patients who marginally fall outside the SF safety net for the use of SF subsidized drugs has been incorporated into the regular assistance programme since 1 September 2012. The Government is also studying the incorporation of the following three programmes into the regular assistance programme:

- (a) Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families;
 - (b) Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme flat owners on CSSA Scheme; and
 - (c) Training Subsidy for children who are on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services.
5. Apart from holding public consultation sessions, views and suggestions about the CCF and its programmes are received from time to time from various sectors and collected at focus group meetings held on specific issues. In addition, the Government has updated the LegCo on the progress of the CCF from time to time, and the statement of accounts of the CCF as audited by the Director of Audit are incorporated into the financial report of the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporation for tabling at the LegCo annually. The summary of discussion of meetings and information about the CCF and its programmes have also been uploaded to the CCF website.

To further enhance the CCF's transparency, the Government plans to report regularly to the Subcommittee on Poverty under the House Committee of the LegCo the implementation progress of CCF programmes every six months with a table setting out the information such as beneficiary statistics, disbursements, etc, which will also be uploaded to the CCF website for easy reference by the public.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 11.4.2013

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

HAB308

Question Serial No.

4268

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:

Regarding the Bureau's plan to "continue to plan for the development of sports facilities that will meet the needs of Hong Kong's sports development, including the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak",

- (a) What is the timetable for the development of the MPSC? What is the expenditure involved?
- (b) Will the Bureau adopt a Public-Private-Partnership approach in financing the project? If so, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

We aim to finalise our assessment of the preferred procurement and financing options for the MPSC later this year. We will assess the likely construction cost based on the outcome of a detailed financial study of the selected procurement and financing options. The MPSC is expected to come into operation in 2019-20.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 8.4.2013

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

HAB309

Question Serial No.

4269

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 (HAB) has planned to “seek continued support from the business sector and event organisers to sponsor the purchase of tickets for allocation free of charge to people from less privileged backgrounds”, while the Financial Secretary has mentioned in his Budget Speech that “we shall take the initiative to seek to host more mega events”. In this connection, how many free tickets to mega events have been provided to the HAB for distributing to people from less privileged backgrounds since the establishment of the Mega Events Fund (MEF)? How many events have been sponsored by the MEF? Please provide a breakdown of these events by name, the amount of funding granted by the MEF, ticket price and the number of attendance.

Event Name	Amount of MEF funding	MEF funding as a percentage of the total expenditure of the event	Ticket price	Number of free tickets provided to the HAB for distributing to people from less privileged backgrounds	Percentage of free tickets to the total number of tickets

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The Mega Events Fund (MEF) is administered by the Tourism Commission which is under the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau. The MEF supports the organisation of major arts, cultural, sports and entertainment events in Hong Kong, so as to strengthen Hong Kong's position as the events capital of Asia and attract visitors to Hong Kong. The organisers of events supported by the fund are not required to provide free admission tickets to people from underprivileged groups. Many of the MEF supported events are open events with free admission.

The Home Affairs Bureau distributes free tickets to people from less privileged backgrounds for major sports events awarded "M" Mark status by the Major Sports Events Committee of the Sports Commission.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB310

Question Serial No.

3895

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:

As the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) assist the Family Council (Council) in promoting family core values, are there any plans to help the Council study how low income and long working hours of employees affect family core values?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau, as the Secretariat of the Family Council, assists the Family Council in promoting family core values and supporting a pro-family environment. In the past, concerns about the impact of long working hours on families had been raised time and again in the course of deliberations by the Family Council, and the Administration was aware of the views and concerns expressed. Noting that the Administration has implemented the statutory minimum wage and completed the policy study on standard working hours, the Family Council will invite relevant bureaux and departments to present the measures and studies to facilitate the Government in the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting and strengthening the family.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB311

Question Serial No.

3896

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 (HAB) will work with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and the Commission on Youth to promote national education among the young people. Why would the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education promote national education?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau works closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education to promote civic education outside schools. Promotion of civic education includes national education, the Basic Law and core values such as respect, responsibility, care and love, human rights, equality and righteousness.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB312

Question Serial No.

3897

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 (HAB) seeks to enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among young people through organising study tours to the Mainland. In this regard, how can the Administration keep the participants away from the negative impacts of some Mainland phenomenon that is against our cultural traditions (such as the use of simplified Chinese characters and promotion of Putonghua at the expense of Cantonese)?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau organises a study tour for our youths to the Mainland to enhance their understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage. The thematic tour on culture includes visits to museums, historical as well as cultural spots of the Mainland and cultural exchanges between youths of Hong Kong and the Mainland. We encourage our young participants to understand Chinese culture by broadening their exposures through a wide variety of activities.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 25.3.2013

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

HAB313

Question Serial No.

3898

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:

How will the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) regulate non-governmental organisations (NGOs) regarding their charges and property management of youth hostels?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

In order to achieve the policy objectives, the Government will set parameters for participating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate and maintain the hostels. Under the parameters, the NGOs shall charge an affordable rental for the hostels, which should not exceed 60% of the market rent of flats with similar size in the nearby areas. Such rental will cover all the on-going costs required in running, operating and maintaining the hostels, such as management fee, cleaning fee, utilities, government rents and rates, etc. The NGOs should have due regard to the income level of the working youths in setting the rental level of a particular hostel. To ensure that the youth hostels are developed in accordance with Government's policy objectives and to avoid possible abuse, the rights and obligations of the NGOs and the Government will be governed by the land lease, a legal document plus a Deed of Undertaking in favour of Government.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB314

Question Serial No.

3922

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:

What mechanism has the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) put in place to ensure that the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) has stayed true to the principles of fairness and impartiality when holding competitions funded by public money and thus eliminated the possibility of collusion? How will HAB improve the transparency of HKADC's operation and in the election of its members so that the public may monitor its operation and ensure the proper use of public money?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) is an independent statutory body. It is subject to the "Prevention of Bribery Ordinance" and has put in place a set of code of conduct on the avoidance of conflicts of interest to avoid any conflicts of interest in undertaking its work, including the conducting of competitions or the granting of awards.

Moreover, various measures are adopted by HKADC to ensure fairness in assessment of contestants or entries in competitions and awards. Blind assessment is a commonly used method under which all entries given to the jury panel are not identified by name and no personal information is included. In the entire process, the panelists have no means of identifying the contestants and the works are judged solely by their quality and standard. In case it is necessary to reveal the name, background and experience of the contestants to the assessors during the assessment process, HKADC will require the assessors to declare interests in advance to prevent any potential conflict of interests.

Furthermore, HKADC always makes known to the public the criteria and mechanism for selecting winners of its competitions and awardees of its awards. From time to time, information about the work of the HKADC is given to the public through press conferences, media gatherings, website/facebook, press releases, publications and TV programmes. HKADC is required to submit its annual reports and audited accounts for tabling at the Legislative Council each year for public information.

Name in block letters: RAYMOND YOUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Date: 2.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION****HAB317**

Question Serial No.

3365

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title):Programme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home AffairsDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

How many social enterprises (SEs) under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme are in operation? Please tabulate the name, duration in the Programme, nature and description of business of these SEs. What are the details of work in the coming year and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, KennethReply:

A total of 96 social enterprises (SEs) funded by the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme are in operation. Details are given in the table below. In the coming year, the Home Affairs Department will continue to implement the ESR Programme to provide seed grants for eligible non-profit-making organisations to set up SEs. The expenditure involved will depend on the number of applications and grants approved.

Name of Social Enterprise	Nature of Business	Years of Operation Since Commencement of Project
Bread Bunch	Bakery	2
Glory Beauty & Spa	Beauty care services	6
Health and Beauty	Beauty care services	5
Bright Services Co. Ltd. - Convention & Exhibition Service	Business Support Services	5
Coalition Manpower Network	Business Support Services	3
Green Design	Business Support Services	6
Hong Kong Translingual Service	Business Support Services	3
Image 21 (Multi-media Workshop)	Business Support Services	4
Jabbok IT Solutions	Business Support Services	2
New Courier for Social Enterprise	Business Support Services	4
Too Proud Design	Business Support Services	Less than 1 year
Y-Power Project Management Ltd.	Business Support Services	1
Sky Blue Car Wash	Car beauty care services	4
Faithful Professional Auto Services	Car beauty care services	2
To Kwa Wan Faithful Professional Auto Services	Car beauty care services	4
Café Fusion	Catering	6
Fantastic Ladies Café	Catering	6

Name of Social Enterprise	Nature of Business	Years of Operation Since Commencement of Project
Garden View Lounge	Catering	2
Happy Veggies	Catering	2
Heart Café	Catering	3
Sweet Heart Café	Catering	5
Tai Kok Tsui Mrs. Mc	Catering	6
Tsuen Wan Fantastic Ladies Café	Catering	2
Waterfront Tea Stall	Catering	4
Yuen Long Fantastic Ladies Café	Catering	1
Activating in Tung Chung	Child care services	6
ADPL Recycling and Cleaning Services	Cleansing services	4
EasyHome Services	Domestic services	3
Helping Hand One-stop Service	Domestic services	6
Home Care Services for Discharged Patients	Domestic services	3
Professional Escort Service for the Elderly	Domestic services	6
Tai Po Homeeasy - One-stop Property Support Service Program	Domestic services	4
To Kwa Wan Homeeasy - One-stop Property Support Service Program	Domestic services	6
Versatile Home Services	Domestic services	6
Yuen Yuen Cheerful Family Service Company Limited	Domestic services	4
BiciLine Cycling Eco-Tour Social Enterprise	Eco-tour services	4
Dreamland	Eco-tour services	6
Live Nature	Eco-tour services	1
Sea-Land Market for Ecological Leisure in Tai Po Waterfront	Eco-tour services	6
Tai O Cultural and Ecological Integrated Resource Centre	Eco-tour services	6
Green Noty Farm	Farming	1
Yuen Yuen Green Wealth Social Enterprise	Farming	4
Rice Dumpling Production Project	Food production	4
Sunny Social Enterprise - Health Express Synergy	Food production	4
Tung Chung - YMCA Green Organic Farm	Leisure farming	4
Acupressure Express	Massage services	6
Health-link	Massage services	5
Leisure Zone	Massage services	5
New Home (Fuqiao) Healthcare Centre	Massage services	Less than 1 year
Serenity Wellness Massage Centre	Massage services	3
The Rivulet	Massage services	4
AS Production	Performance services	5
Magic Kingdom	Performance services	6
My Concept Event Management	Performance services	5
Project Dance Studio	Performance services	1
Funeral Care Ambassadors Training Project	Plan-ahead funeral services for the elderly	6

Name of Social Enterprise	Nature of Business	Years of Operation Since Commencement of Project
Chi Yat Enterprise	Recycling of waste plastics	Less than 1 year
ADPL Samhong Workers Mutual Aid Engineering Limited	Renovation services	6
Kam Wah Engineering Company	Renovation services	2
Leakage Proof Roofing Services	Renovation services	1
Care & Share Shop	Retail	6
Farmfresh 330	Retail	1
Good Family	Retail	4
Green Home	Retail	6
Greenshop	Retail	6
Healthy Cottage	Retail	6
Hung Fook Tong (Tuen Mun Ocean Walk)	Retail	2
In Art Work Station	Retail	5
LMC (Love Multi Culture - South Asian Boutique)	Retail	6
Lok Kwan Health Express	Retail	6
Power Rehab Hub	Retail	2
Rehab Express Direct Sales Service	Retail	6
SEE +	Retail	2
7-11 You and Me	Retail	5
TSTD Limited	Retail	3
Tung Wah Eastern Hospital Convenience Store	Retail	2
Wah Hong Gift Shop	Retail	4
Wah Hong Rehab Product Direct Sale Centre	Retail	1
Women Wealth Company Limited	Retail	3
Women Workers Cooperative Store (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	Retail	1
Friends of the Harp	Sales of musical instruments and training workshops	2
Grace Green Workshop	Sales of second-hand/donated products	3
Green Baby Garden	Sales of second-hand/donated products	3
Joyful Market	Sales of second-hand/donated products	Less than 1 year
Kwun Tong Community Sales Outlet	Sales of second-hand/donated products	6
Leisure Outlet	Sales of second-hand/donated products	5
Road to Green - Striving for a Young New World	Sales of second-hand/donated products	5
Salvation Army Digital Plus	Sales of second-hand/donated products	5
Tuen Mun Community Sales Outlet	Sales of second-hand/donated products	3
Tuen Mun Family Store	Sales of second-hand/donated products	6

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

HAB318

Question Serial No.

3378

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the details of initiatives for promoting the development of social enterprises this year apart from the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will earmark around \$6 million to promote the development of social enterprises (SEs). Measures include production of publicity materials such as posters and pamphlets, publication of feature articles and advertorials on newspapers / magazines to enhance public awareness of SEs, production of radio and TV programmes to encourage caring consumption, maintenance of a dedicated SE website to provide public information on SEs, arranging SEs to showcase their products and services in territory-wide and district fairs, and holding an annual district SE carnival to bring SEs into the community, etc. Further, we have implemented the SE Partnership Programme since 2008 to provide a platform to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership among SEs and different sectors. In addition, we also run a mentorship scheme to provide matching services for entrepreneurs and professionals to serve as mentors to SEs in need. In 2013, an award scheme will be organised to give recognition to organisations or individuals which/who have served as mentors or partners of SEs and to encourage cross-sector support for SEs.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB319

Question Serial No.

4856

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 that the Home Affairs Department will enhance the promotion of culture and arts at the district level in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Chief Executive announced in his 2013 Policy Address the plan to inject with effect from April 2013 an additional \$20.8 million per annum to the Community Involvement programmes to strengthen the support for District Councils (DCs) to promote arts and culture in 18 districts. DCs may determine the exact use of the dedicated allocation for activities organised by them and their committees, district organisations or relevant government departments (such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department), having regard to the needs of their districts.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB320

Question Serial No.

4857

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:

It is mentioned that in 2013-14 the Home Affairs Department will monitor closely the planning and implementation of minor works under the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Rural Public Works (RPW) Programme aims to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories by implementing minor works projects costing up to \$30 million each. In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will continue to implement some 160 on-going RPW projects approved in previous years. In addition, it is envisaged that about 65 new RPW projects will commence in 2013-14. The estimated expenditure of the on-going and new projects in 2013-14 will be about \$120 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB321

Question Serial No.

4858

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:

It is mentioned that in 2013-14 the Home Affairs Department will oversee the implementation of works projects endorsed by District Councils under the District Minor Works (DMW) programme. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The District Minor Works (DMW) Programme aims to improve the local facilities, living environment and hygienic conditions in the 18 districts by implementing minor works projects costing up to \$30 million each. In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will continue to implement some 280 on-going DMW projects approved in previous years. In addition, it is envisaged that about 500 new DMW projects will commence. The estimated expenditure of on-going and new DMW projects in 2013-14 is about \$340 million. The District Officers in HAD will assist the District Councils to implement DMW projects. HAD also has a Works Section and an inter-departmental standing committee to oversee the implementation of the DMW projects in 18 districts.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB322

Question Serial No.

4862

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As regards the implementation of the Signature Projects Scheme, how will the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and District Offices support the districts in carrying out the projects? Will there be public consultation on the projects in the districts? Will HAD deploy manpower and resources for the implementation of this new initiative?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

District Councils (DCs) would ensure that the Signature Projects Scheme (SPS) projects proposed would be able to address district needs, and would be reasonably large-scale, visible, sustainable and producing lasting impact in the districts.

All DCs are invited to consult their stakeholders on SPS projects as appropriate. The DCs are undergoing this process at present with a view to drawing up their proposals.

To support the work on SPS, the Home Affairs Department will set up a Central Team comprising architects, engineers and executive officers, etc. A total of five civil service posts time-limited for three years will be created to support the Central Team. We will also deploy internal staff resources and plan to employ 58 non-civil service contract staff in 2013-14 to support the Central Team, District Offices and relevant works departments in the implementation of SPS projects. A Signature Projects Scheme Steering Committee chaired by the Director of Home Affairs will be formed to monitor the implementation of signature projects in 18 districts and trouble-shoot individual projects on a need basis.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB323

Question Serial No.

4866

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

Programme: (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned that the Home Affairs Department will give advice to bureaux and departments in conducting public consultation on development proposals in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

While the bureaux and departments concerned would take the lead in conducting public consultation and addressing public concerns on relevant development projects under their respective purviews, the Home Affairs Department assists bureaux and departments in gauging public views on such projects, upon request. The 18 District Offices would offer advice to the bureaux and departments concerned regarding the holding of briefing sessions, community fora, focus group discussions, meetings, roving exhibitions and consultations with District Councils, Rural Committees and other concerned committees or organisations, etc. The related costs are absorbed in the operational expenses of the Department.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB324

Question Serial No.

4867

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

Programme: (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned that the Home Affairs Department will assist in ensuring that the planning of major infrastructural projects takes account of local views and sentiments in 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

While the bureaux and departments concerned would consult relevant District Councils on major infrastructural projects, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) would assist them in collating and assessing local views and likely implications of the projects on the community. District Officers (DOs) would collect public views through their district networks and contacts such as Area Committees, Rural Committees, local resident organisations, etc. HAD and DOs maintain close liaison with different sectors of the community as part of their core and regular duties. The related costs are absorbed in the operational expenses of the Department.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB325

Question Serial No.

4899

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:

- (a) In 2012-13, what resources did the Home Affairs Department (HAD) allocate for providing support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs)? What are the details and expenditure?
- (b) In 2013-14, what resources will the HAD provide for NAs and EMs? What are the details, plans and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) implemented a number of existing and enhanced support services for new arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and ethnic minorities (EMs), comprising –
- (i) \$7.9 million for existing support services for NAs, including district-based integration programmes (such as adaptation courses, mutual help networks, employees' training, volunteer service, community visits, etc.), activities for prospective settlers from the Mainland to help them better understand the local environment before coming to live here, an ambassador scheme to help NAs by arranging those with similar background and experience to reach out to them and make referrals to government departments where necessary, publication of a service handbook for NAs, and conducting surveys on service needs of NAs;
- (ii) \$27.1 million for existing support services for EMs, including the provision of four support service centres for EMs (in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long), district-based integration programmes, an ambassador scheme, two community support teams, three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali and Urdu), language and cross-cultural learning programmes, mobile information service at the airport, publishing guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu) on information of public services for EMs and implementing the Harmony Scholarships Scheme; and
- (iii) \$5.4 million for enhanced support services for EMs, including the setting-up cost and part-year provision for operating an additional support service centre and two sub-centres in Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively, and part-year provision for operating two additional radio programmes (i.e. Hindi and Thai).

- (b) In 2013-14, HAD will continue the support services provided to NAs and EMs. The total expenditure for the support services for NAs will remain at \$7.9 million, while that for EMs will increase from \$32.5 million in 2012-13 to \$35.4 million in 2013-14, mainly due to the full-year effect of the enhancement measures set out in paragraph (a) (iii) above.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB326

Question Serial No.

4901

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2013-14, what resources will the Home Affairs Department allocate to strengthen the support for property owners and residents of private buildings (including old buildings)? What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will continue to strengthen support services for owners and residents of private buildings, including implementation of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme to provide one-stop advisory service for owners of buildings which do not have an owners' corporation (OC), or any form of owners / residents organisations, or engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called "three nil" buildings) in conducting management audit for the fire services, electrical and other facilities of the buildings, assisting in forming OCs, applying for various subsidies or loan schemes, and following up on the maintenance works and matters relating to tenders; organisation of structured training for members of management committees of OCs; recruitment of owners and residents as Resident Liaison Ambassadors in "three-nil" buildings for promoting better management of their buildings; and provision of free professional advice to help resolve disputes amongst owners and residents, etc. The total estimated expenditure is \$16.4 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB327

Question Serial No.

4902

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2013-14, what resources will the Home Affairs Department allocate to promote public participation in community affairs and district activities? What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To promote community building, the Home Affairs Department organises and encourages public participation in various community involvement activities organised by District Councils, District Offices and partner organisations. In 2013-14, over 40 000 activities will be organised, including district festivals, building management related activities and services, carnivals and events to promote culture and sports, etc. The total provision allocated to “Programme (2): Community Building” amounts to \$942.4 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB328

Question Serial No.

5247

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

At present, no sub-office of District Office is set up in the outlying islands, including Lamma Island, Lantau Island, Peng Chau and Cheung Chau. Will the Administration consider setting up an office on Lantau Island? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Please also tabulate, for comparison, the average number of visitors and the effectiveness indicators of the Islands District Office in Central and all other District Offices throughout the territory in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

At present, the Islands District Office has two sub-offices on Lantau Island, one in Mui Wo and the other in Tung Chung. There is also one sub-office in Cheung Chau. These sub-offices also serve as public enquiry service centres (PESCs). The average annual number of visitors of the PESCs of the Islands District Office vis-à-vis the total number of the 18 District Offices in the past five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13 is tabulated below –

District	Average annual number of visitors to PESCs from 2008-09 to 2012-13
Islands (Cheung Chau, Mui Wo and Tung Chung PESCs)	40 275
Average of all 18 Districts	106 477

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB329

Question Serial No.

4064

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for improving building management and assisting private buildings in the formation of owners' corporations (OCs). Please tabulate the information in the form below:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number of private domestic buildings (four storeys or more) in the territory					
Total number of domestic buildings (four storeys or more) aged 30 years or above in the territory					
Buildings without an OC in the territory					
Buildings (aged 30 years or above) without an OC in the territory					
Buildings with an OC in the territory					
Buildings without OCs, management companies nor resident organisations					
OCs formed with the assistance of the HAD in the year					
Staffing level required for the year					
Expenditure involved for the year					

- (b) How will the Administration expedite its work in assisting private buildings in the formation of OCs?
- (c) Has the Administration provided sponsorship to non-profit making organisations to assist private buildings in the formation of OCs? If yes, what are the number of sponsored programmes and the amount of sponsorship? If no, what are the reasons? Are there any new plans?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

(a) Figures required are set out below –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number of private domestic buildings (four storeys or more) in the territory	18 900	19 000	19 100	19 200	19 300
Total number of domestic buildings (four storeys or more) aged 30 years or above in the territory	10 000	10 500	11 100	11 500	11 800
Buildings without an owners' corporation (OC) in the territory ^{Note}	23 500	23 300	23 000	22 800	22 600
Buildings (aged 30 years or above) without an OC in the territory ^{Note}	11 700	11 800	12 400	12 600	12 800
Buildings with an OC in the territory	15 800	16 300	16 600	17 100	17 600
Buildings without OCs, management companies nor resident organisations	7 000	6 900	6 700	6 700	6 500
OCs formed with the assistance of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in the year	219	315	253	192	161
Staffing level required for the year	110	110	115	118	120
Expenditure involved for the year (in \$ million)	44.7	48.3	49.9	51.0	57.8

Note: Including some buildings which may not be able to form OCs in accordance with the Building Management Ordinance such as small houses in New Territories villages, town houses and other private buildings under single ownership.

(b) and (c) Management and maintenance of the buildings are the responsibilities of property owners. There are various forms of effective building management such as engaging property management companies and setting up resident organisations. Formation of OCs is one of the effective forms of building management.

In order to further strengthen the support to owners of old private buildings, HAD, besides setting up Building Management Liaison Teams at the district level to provide tailor-made services for the residents, has introduced a number of building management initiatives since 2011, including implementation of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) by commissioning professional property management companies (PMCs) to provide one-stop services for owners of buildings which do not have an OC or any form of owners/residents organisations or engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called "three nil" buildings).

Under the BMPASS, the scope of services provided by PMCs to the owners include conducting management audit for the fire services, electrical and other facilities of the buildings, forming OCs, applying for various subsidies or loan schemes, following up on the maintenance works and matters relating to tenders, etc. So far, the PMCs have paid more than 6 400 household visits, completed the management audit reports for all 1 200 targeted buildings, and formed or re-activated about 100 OCs. The PMCs are now assisting the OCs to apply for various financial assistance schemes and to appoint Authorised Persons/contractors for the maintenance works.

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

HAB330

Question Serial No.

4075

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:

(a) Regarding the premises of Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities (EMs):

- (i) During 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will continue to provide support services for EMs. Are there any rental subsidies for the five Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities (support service centres)?
- (ii) Since rent has risen sharply in recent years, has HAD made adjustments in relation to rent, as needs required, when drawing up or renewing funding arrangements with the non-profit-making organisations? Are rental expenses met on an accountable basis?
- (iii) The support service centres have to be conveniently located with a considerable level of people flow and require sufficient space for activities and classes. They are faced with high rents. In order that support service centres would not have to be relocated frequently due to lack of funds and EMs in the districts would be provided with services at a rather permanent location, will the Administration reserve land or space for support service centres when planning community land use in the long run? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

(b) Regarding translation service:

At present, translation service is available at one support service centre only. This cannot meet the needs of EMs whose population is increasing. EMs in Hong Kong, especially Nepalese and Pakistani, and women and elderly in particular, are faced with huge language barrier and in dire need of translation service, particularly on-site interpretation service, to meet their basic daily needs such as consulting community medical practitioners. Will HAD allocate more resources to expand existing services to cater for their needs? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

(c) Regarding coordination of the needs of the community and support on mainstream services in the districts:

At present, the support service centres mainly provide language classes and various development-oriented integration programmes, which cannot fully address EMs' needs for social services such as services for the elderly and the disabled and family counselling service. Moreover, information leaflets on most mainstream services are in Chinese, it is difficult for EMs to have access to mainstream services due to ineffective dissemination of information caused by limited resources, language barrier and lack of community networks. Will HAD coordinate and deploy resources in districts with a larger population of EMs (such as Yau Tsim Mong and Yuen Long) so that integrated family service centres, child care centres, integrated teams of children and youth services, youth

outreaching social work teams and social centres for the elderly providing mainstream services in the districts can procure translation service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? Or will HAD provide funding for the support service centres to employ EM staff? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

(a) (i) and (ii)

At present, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) commissions six non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate five support service centres and two sub-centres for ethnic minorities (EMs). Rental expenses have been included in the operating grant of these centres, and are met on an accountable basis. We will take into account actual rental expenses and rental market situation when drawing up or renewing grant arrangements with the operators of the centres.

(iii)

Currently, centre operators are given the flexibility to identify appropriate premises to operate the centres. HAD will keep in view the availability of vacant government premises suitable for operating the centres, and offer assistance where necessary.

- (b) At present, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau is responsible for the overall policy on equal opportunities on the ground of race as well as the Race Discrimination Ordinance. They issued in April 2010 the Administrative Guidelines on Promotion of Racial Equality to provide general guidance to relevant government bureaux and departments and public authorities to promote racial equality, and ensure equal access by EMs to public services in key areas concerned, and to take this into account in their formulation, implementation and review of relevant policies and measures. Against the above background, if there is any need for translation or interpretation services, the relevant bureaux or departments may procure such services in accordance with the established rules and procedures. For example, the Hospital Authority has commissioned a contractor to provide interpretation service for EM patients. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has arranged interpretation service for EM welfare service users as appropriate. HAD has also commissioned an NGO to operate interpretation / translation service to provide assistance to EMs to access to government services. The relevant government departments and organisations will review the service need from time to time.
- (c) All Hong Kong residents in need, irrespective of their race, enjoy equal access to social welfare services as long as they can fulfill the relevant eligibility criteria. As part of the Service Performance Monitoring System, service units under SWD and NGOs are required to ensure that service users have clear and accurate information about how to enter and leave the service, and that the entry policy should be non-discriminatory. At present, key service brochures/leaflets have been translated into six EM languages including Urdu, Hindi, Nepalese, Tagalog, Indonesian and Thai and are placed in service units and/or uploaded onto SWD's website to facilitate easy access and reference. SWD has created an eye-catching shortcut icon "Information for Ethnic Minorities" in the homepage to facilitate easy access to relevant service information in different ethnic languages by the public. There are government-funded support service centres and sub-centres for EMs in districts where the proportion of EMs is higher, e.g. Yuen Long, Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong.

When providing social welfare services to EMs, SWD arranges interpretation service as appropriate and has upgraded the telephone devices to those with conference call and hand-free / speaker functions of its service units to facilitate the provision of interpretation service through telephone calls. Besides, some service units have been installed with web cameras linking with the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minorities Residents which facilitate three-way video conference among service users, government officers and interpreters where appropriate.

Individual NGOs may consider using interpretation services of various sources. They have the autonomy and flexibility to deploy their resources, including provisions from the Administration, or tap existing community resources to procure / obtain interpretation services or employ staff of EMs.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB331

Question Serial No.

4536

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the five support service centres for ethnic minorities in Hong Kong, please provide a breakdown of the funding, manpower establishment and number of service recipients by race for the past three years (2010 to 2012).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Since 2009, the Government has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate four support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs) in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long to provide various tailor-made support services for EMs with a view to facilitating their early integration into the community. The support services have been transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau to the Home Affairs Department (HAD) since April 2011.

To enhance the support services for EMs, HAD has set up an additional support service centre in Yau Tsim Mong and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung since December 2012.

The support service centres and sub-centres are –

- (a) HOPE Centre run by International Social Service HK Branch (Wan Chai);
- (b) CHEER Centre run by Hong Kong Christian Service (Kwun Tong);
- (c) SHINE Centre run by Christian Action (Tuen Mun);
- (d) YLTH Centre run by Yuen Long Town Hall (Yuen Long);
- (e) HOME Centres run by New Home Association (Yau Tsim Mong Centre and Sham Shui Po Sub-centre); and
- (f) TOUCH Sub-centre run by Neighbourhood Advice Action Council (Tung Chung).

Breakdown of funding and manpower establishment since April 2011 is set out in Annex A. The number of service recipients by race is set out in Annex B.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

**Breakdown of the funding and manpower establishment
of support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs) under Home Affairs Department (HAD)¹**

Centre	2011-12 Actual expenditure (\$)	2011-12 Actual number of staff² (as at 31.3.2012)	2012-13 Revised Estimates (\$)	2012-13 Actual number of staff² (as at 28.2.2013)
(a) HOPE Centre (Wan Chai)	3.27 million	11 staff (10 full-time, 1 part-time)	3.22 million	11 staff (10 full-time, 1 part-time)
(b) CHEER Centre (Kwun Tong)	3.75 million ³	28 staff (27 full-time, 1 part-time)	7.00 million	29 staff (28 full-time, 1 part-time)
(c) SHINE Centre (Tuen Mun)	4.16 million ⁴	21 staff (16 full-time, 5 part-time)	5.24 million	21 staff (16 full-time, 5 part-time)
(d) YLTH Centre (Yuen Long)	4.62 million	20 staff (17 full-time, 3 part-time)	4.95 million	20 staff (16 full-time, 4 part-time)
(e) HOME Centre (Yau Tsim Mong) and Sub-centre (Sham Shui Po)	Not applicable	Not applicable	4.14 million ⁵	20 staff (19 full-time, 1 part-time)
(f) TOUCH Sub-centre (Tung Chung)	Not applicable	Not applicable	1.23 million ⁶	7 staff (4 full-time, 3 part-time)
Total	15.80 million	80 staff (70 full-time, 10 part-time)	25.78 million	108 staff (93 full-time, 15 part-time)

¹ The support services for EMs have been transferred from Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) to HAD since April 2011. The above table contains the expenditure and number of staff under HAD only.

² Excluding part-time tutors.

³ An installment of \$1.75 million of grant was paid by CMAB in 2010-11 and saving of \$1.5 million was made in 2011-12 mainly due to staff vacancy and over-estimation of allowance for interpreters.

⁴ Saving of \$0.9 million was made in 2011-12 mainly due to staff vacancy.

⁵ Including a one-off setting up cost of \$2.42 million.

⁶ Including a one-off setting up cost of \$0.77 million.

**Breakdown of the number of service recipients by race
of support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs) under Home Affairs Department (HAD)⁷**

	HOPE Centre		CHEER Centre		SHINE Centre		YLTH Centre⁸		HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre
Commencement of Service	31.5.2009		5.9.2009		1.8.2009		28.6.2009		11.12.2012	21.12.2012
Reporting Period / Race	31.5.2010 to 30.5.2011	31.5.2011 to 30.5.2012	5.9.2010 to 4.9.2011	5.9.2011 to 4.9.2012	1.8.2010 to 31.7.2011	1.8.2011 to 31.7.2012	28.6.2010 to 27.6.2011	28.6.2011 to 27.6.2012	11.12.2012 to 10.1.2013	21.12.2012 to 20.1.2013
Filipino	812	1 581	158	196	214	257	790	378	14	91
Indonesian	516	527	1 144	1 115	258	403	2 155	1 055	5	2
Indian	570	536	233	134	181	243	44	54	62	92
Nepalese	365	707	131	108	231	319	2 939	3 485	440	105
Thai	66	109	57	79	22	30	50	6	0	8
Pakistani	253	239	503	433	547	659	1 443	1 410	131	238
Others	352	428	19	37	512	435	1 504	225	7	4
Not provided ⁹	0	0	0	0	0	0	533	1 427	18	0
Total	2 934	4 127	2 245	2 102	1 965	2 346	9 458	8 040¹⁰	677	540

⁷ The support services for EMs have been transferred from Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau to HAD since April 2011. The above table contains the number of service recipients under HAD only.

⁸ YLTH made use of their hall facility to organise more mass programmes.

⁹ Some users did not provide the information of race.

¹⁰ In the year between 28 June 2011 and 27 June 2012, the number of service recipients of the YLTH Centre was fewer than that in the previous year, mainly because YLTH shifted their focus from mass programmes to more in-depth support services, such as learning classes, integration programmes and employment support.

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

HAB332

Question Serial No.

4363

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please advise the number of public consultations on district and territory-wide issues the Home Affairs Department arranged in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) as well as the details, expenditure and number of staff involved.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) assists policy bureaux and departments to conduct public consultations, including consultations with the District Councils, on district and territory-wide issues from time to time. The associated workload and expenditure are absorbed within the existing resources of the Department.

Separate statistics of local consultations conducted in the districts are not readily available. That said, we have organised a number of major consultation forums relating to the Policy Address, the Budget and territory-wide matters. The statistics are set out below –

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Number of Open/Regional/District Consultation Forums organised by HAD</u>
2008 - 09	27
2009 - 10	28
2010 - 11	25
2011 - 12	5*
2012 - 13	21

(* The number of consultation forums in 2011-12 was lower than other years because the consultation forums for the Policy Address and the Budget were merged and no district forums were organised for the Policy Address.)

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB333

Question Serial No.

4364

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the new initiatives to enhance the District Administration Scheme, including implementation of the Signature Projects Scheme, by the Home Affairs Department in 2013-14, what are the details, the estimated expenditure and number of staff involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Chief Executive announced in his 2013 Policy Address that a one-off allocation of \$100 million would be earmarked for each district to initiate one to two Signature Projects Scheme (SPS) projects. All the projects will be proposed, discussed and agreed by District Councils (DCs) before they are put to implementation. The DC must be satisfied that the project would address local needs, and would have a visible and lasting impact on the community. Depending on the DC's views and needs of the district, a SPS project may be works or non-works in nature, or a mixture of both. All SPS projects will be subject to a lower limit of \$30 million and an upper limit of \$100 million.

Same as other capital works projects, works items under SPS will have to go through various stages, including technical feasibility study, site investigation and design before they can be submitted to the Finance Committee for funding approval. In this regard, the Administration has earmarked \$200 million to fund consultancy studies for works and non-works projects, employment of non-civil service contract staff and publicity activities to be coordinated by the Home Affairs Department Headquarters.

To cope with the increased workload, a total of five civil service posts for a duration of three years will be created. We also plan to employ 58 non-civil service contract staff in 2013-14 to assist District Offices and relevant works departments in the implementation of SPS projects.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB334

Question Serial No.

4365

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:

With regard to the support services provided by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities to facilitate their integration into the community, what are the details, expenditure and number of staff involved in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)? What are the estimated expenditure and number of staff involved for the above-mentioned initiative in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

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.

Over the years, HAD has been providing support services for NAs to facilitate their integration into the community. The support services for EMs have been transferred from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau to HAD since April 2011. Since then, a number of new initiatives for both NAs and EMs have been implemented. The details, expenditure and number of staff in HAD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) and the estimates for 2013-14 are set out in the Annex.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

**Provision of Support Services for
New Arrivals from the Mainland (NAs) and Ethnic Minorities (EMs)
under Home Affairs Department (HAD)¹**

Period	Description of services	Expenditure²	Number of staff
2008-09	<u>Support services for NAs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● service handbook ● adaptation courses and community activities ● surveys 	\$1.2 million	2 civil servants
2009-10	<u>Support services for NAs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuation of support services 	\$1.5 million	2 civil servants
2010-11	<u>Support services for NAs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuation of support services 	\$1.5 million	2 civil servants
2011-12	<u>Support services for NAs</u> <p>(a) Implementation of enhanced support services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● district-based integration programmes ● ambassador scheme ● expectation management programmes <p>(b) Continuation of other support services</p> <p><u>Support services for EMs</u></p> <p>(a) Implementation of enhanced support services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● district-based integration programmes ● ambassador scheme <p>(b) Continuation of support services transferred from Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● four support service centres for EMs (in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long) ● two community support teams ● three radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali and Urdu) ● language and cross-cultural learning programmes ● mobile information service at the airport ● guidebooks in English and six EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu) ● Harmony Scholarships Scheme 	\$28.3 million	6 civil servants, 4 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff
2012-13	<u>Support services for NAs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuation of support services <p><u>Support services for EMs</u></p> <p>(a) Implementation of enhanced services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● one additional support service centre in Yau Tsim Mong and two sub-centres in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung respectively ● two radio programmes in Hindi and Thai <p>(b) Continuation of other support services</p>	\$40.4 million	6 civil servants, 4 NCSC staff

¹ The support services for EMs have been transferred from CMAB to HAD since April 2011. The above table contains the provision of HAD only.

² Excluding HAD staff cost.

Period	<u>Description of services</u>	Expenditure ²	Number of staff
2013-14	<u>Support services for NAs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuation of support services <u>Support services for EMs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuation of support services 	\$43.3 million (estimated)	6 civil servants, 4 NCSC staff

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

HAB335

Question Serial No.

4366

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:

With regard to the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme implemented by the Home Affairs Department, what are the implementation details in all the districts throughout the territory, and also the effectiveness, expenditure and number of staff involved for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)? What are the estimated expenditure and number of staff involved for the above-mentioned initiative in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

In the past five years from 2008-09 to 2012-13, the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme has approved a total grant of about \$90 million for the establishment of 82 social enterprises (ESR SEs), creating some 1 300 job opportunities. Of them, 19 SEs are located in urban districts, 36 in the New Territories and the remaining 27 provides territory-wide or cross-districts services.

The Government has earmarked \$150 million for the continued implementation of the ESR Programme from 2011-12 to 2015-16. The estimated expenditure for the Programme in 2013-14 will depend on the number of applications received and the amount of grants disbursed.

The ESR Secretariat is headed by a Chief Executive Officer and supported by a Senior Executive Officer on a part-time basis. It also comprises eight non-civil service contract posts, namely four project managers (one part-time), one accounting manager and three project coordinators. The annual salary is around \$3.7 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB336

Question Serial No.

4367

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:

With regard to the measure to promote development of social enterprises implemented by the Home Affairs Department, what are the implementation details in all the districts throughout the territory, and also the effectiveness, expenditure and number of staff involved for the past 5 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13)? What are the estimated expenditure and number of staff involved for the above-mentioned measure in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

In the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has spared no efforts in promoting social enterprises (SEs) with a view to enhancing public understanding of SEs and encouraging members of the public to support SEs' products and services. The promotional work was territory wide and included the production of publicity materials such as posters and pamphlets, publication of feature articles and advertorials on newspapers/magazines on SEs, production of radio and TV programmes to encourage caring consumption, maintenance of a dedicated SE website to provide public information on SEs, arranging SEs to showcase their products and services in territory-wide and district fairs, and holding an annual district SE carnival, etc. In addition, the SE Partnership Programme, which has been implemented since 2008, provides a platform to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership among SEs and different sectors. We also run a mentorship scheme to provide matching services for entrepreneurs and professionals to serve as mentors to SEs in need. In 2013-14, HAD will continue with the above-mentioned promotional work, and add to it an award scheme to give recognition to organisations and individuals who have served as mentors/partners of SEs and to encourage cross-sector support for SEs. In the past five years, about \$8 million had been expended on the promotion of SEs. In 2013-14, the budget for the work on this front is \$6 million. A total of five Executive Officers are involved in SE promotional work.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB337

Question Serial No.

4368

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 Home Affairs Department (HAD) has provided \$300 million per annum to the 18 districts with effect from 2008-09 to implement district minor works (DMWs) under the DMW programme. Please advise details of funding use and the effectiveness in different districts since the implementation of the programme. Has HAD monitored the funding use and the effectiveness? What are the expenditure and the number of staff involved? Please also explain why the above-mentioned provision will be increased to \$340 million in 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

Launched in 2008, the purpose of the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme is to improve the local facilities, living environment and hygienic conditions in the 18 districts by implementing minor works costing up to \$30 million each. About 3 200 projects have been completed since its launch. The programme has significantly improved the local environment and upgraded community facilities in the 18 districts, and the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will conduct a survey in 2013-14 to gauge users' feedback.

To enable the District Councils (DCs) to improve district facilities continuously and manage and maintain the facilities, it was announced in the 2011-12 Policy Address that the annual provision under the DMW Programme would be increased progressively to \$400 million within the current and coming DC terms. The additional funding will cover project costs and the recurrent expenditure of the completed facilities. In this connection, the annual provision under the DMW Programme has been increased to \$320 million and \$340 million in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. The new increase of \$20 million in 2013-14 would be used by HAD for paying consultancy fees and salaries of resident site staff centrally. Each DC would correspondingly have more resources to implement new projects.

The expenditure of the DMW Programme in the past four years (2008-09 to 2011-12), with breakdown by districts and the number of completed and on-going DMW projects, are as follows –

Districts	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)				Total number of completed projects as at 28.2.2013	Total number of on-going projects
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12		
Central & Western	11.6	10.9	10.3	9.1	242	30
Eastern	15.7	14.4	7.9	15.4	169	37
Southern	20.1	13.7	20.5	20.1	299	31
Wan Chai	8.5	4.9	11.4	10.6	103	19
Kowloon City	13.4	13.0	11.2	6.3	248	38
Kwun Tong	26.2	20.8	16.3	18.5	260	59
Yau Tsim Mong	17.5	15.5	16.9	14.5	157	23
Sham Shui Po	19.9	24.6	19.3	24.9	310	56
Wong Tai Sin	25.2	18.0	13.0	4.8	98	31
Islands	12.5	16.6	13.8	20.2	207	45
Sai Kung	18.9	14.0	17.4	17.7	118	63
Tai Po	14.5	13.9	15.8	8.5	89	58
Tsuen Wan	12.6	17.1	12.5	16.6	210	18
Yuen Long	18.7	19.7	26.3	26.2	106	41
Sha Tin	13.3	15.8	17.2	20.0	192	58
Tuen Mun	15.1	19.2	24.2	20.9	121	25
North	13.7	19.0	21.1	21.5	120	27
Kwai Tsing	17.9	18.9	16.6	18.0	187	36
Headquarters	3.0	5.3	4.4	5.5	17	7
Total	298.3	295.3	296.1	299.3	3 253	702

With regard to monitoring, HAD will ensure that all DMW projects fall within the ambit of the Programme and the funds are expended in a transparent and accountable manner, including compliance with relevant government financial, accounting, stores and procurement regulations and expenditure guidelines. HAD has a Works Section comprising engineers, architects and technical staff to oversee the implementation of the DMW Programme, amongst others. In addition, 18 District Officers also monitor the implementation of the Programme in their districts.

The current establishment of the Works Section is 74. In each of the nine New Territories districts, there is also a works team averaging 15 staff responsible for the implementation of the DMW programmes, amongst others. All salaries of the above-mentioned staff are covered by the operating expenses of the Department.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB338

Question Serial No.

4369

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

Programme: (5) Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Since 2010, has the Home Affairs Department conducted any public consultation with the residents affected by major infrastructure projects such as the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the airport's third runway? What are the details, expenditure and manpower involved? What are the estimated expenditure and number of staff for the Department's district consultation on the above-mentioned major infrastructure projects in 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

While government bureaux and departments would take the lead in conducting public consultation and addressing public concerns on relevant subjects under their respective purviews, upon request, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) would assist the bureaux and departments concerned in gauging public views on major infrastructure projects. The scope of consultation and the number of consultation sessions and targets involved would depend on the scale and degree of controversy of the projects. The associated expenditure and manpower involved would vary accordingly. In general, HAD would provide assessments to relevant bureaux and departments on public reactions and the likely implications of the projects for the community, based on the views collected by District Offices. We do not have separate breakdown of expenditure and manpower resources in this area for 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB339

Question Serial No.

3767

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will continue to assist other bureaux and departments in arranging public consultation on district and territory-wide issues. How many public consultations were conducted in districts in the past three years (up to 2012-13)? What was the expenditure involved? How can it be ensured that public views will be adopted by government departments?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

According to the established mechanism, the relevant subject bureaux and departments take the lead in deciding how to conduct public consultation and address public concerns on their respective policy proposals and programmes, having regard to the specific requirements under relevant legislation (if any). Channels to gauge public views used by the lead bureaux and departments 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 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 are absorbed within the existing resources of the Department, including the District Offices.

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.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB340

Question Serial No.

3768

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

During 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will continue to oversee the full implementation of measures to enhance the roles of District Councils (DCs). Please advise this Committee on the specific measures for enhancing the roles of DCs, the actual expenditure breakdown, whether there are any indicators for assessing the effectiveness of these measures and the estimated manpower and expenditure involved in monitoring the measures.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

From 2008 onwards, a series of measures have been implemented in the 18 districts to enhance the role and functions of the District Councils (DCs) as set out below –

- (a) increasing the annual provision to DCs in organising Community Involvement (CI) Projects to the current level of \$320 million;
- (b) providing an annual provision, currently at \$320 million, under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme in districts;
- (c) involving all DCs in the management of district community facilities, that is, community halls, public libraries, leisure grounds, sports venues, swimming pools and beaches;
- (d) arranging Heads of Departments with direct interface with the public to attend DC meetings regularly to enhance communication between senior government officials and DCs; and
- (e) organising summits on district administration for exchanges of views between the government and DCs.

In terms of additional manpower, three additional posts (namely one Liaison Officer I, one Executive Officer II and one Assistant Clerical Officer) have been provided in each District Office to support the enhanced role and functions of DCs. An additional Liaison Officer II post has also been provided in each of the six districts with the largest population (namely Eastern, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long). These additions are on top of the original 215 posts in the DC Secretariats providing direct support to DCs in district administration.

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

HAB341

Question Serial No.

3769

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:

During 2013-14, the Home Affairs Department will oversee the implementation of works projects endorsed by District Councils under the District Minor Works (DMW) programme. Please tabulate the details and expenditure of the DMWs in different districts since 2008-09. Have application proposals on minor works for the coming year been received from the districts? Please tabulate the details, estimated expenditure and work progress, and also advise how the actual needs of the works are assessed.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The number of completed District Minor Works (DMW) projects since 2008-09, with breakdown by district and year of completion, is given below –

District	Number of DMW projects completed				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 28.2.2013)
Yuen Long	4	15	24	42	21
Tuen Mun	15	38	24	22	22
Kwun Tong	40	90	46	50	34
Sha Tin	28	58	35	45	26
Kwai Tsing	41	42	50	37	17
North	32	27	30	18	13
Sai Kung	18	25	30	32	13
Tai Po	16	25	30	13	5
Sham Shui Po	83	83	73	42	29
Wong Tai Sin	21	30	25	18	4

District	Number of DMW projects completed				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 28.2.2013)
Islands	35	30	54	41	47
Eastern	41	42	30	36	20
Yau Tsim Mong	29	29	46	30	23
Tsuen Wan	36	54	42	45	33
Kowloon City	43	53	65	62	25
Southern	60	69	78	56	36
Central & Western	49	72	70	40	11
Wan Chai	35	21	23	15	9
Headquarters ¹	3	1	4	6	3
Total number of projects completed	629	804	779	650	391
Total project cost (\$ million)	146.353	302.055	324.790	331.956	241.558

In 2013-14, the Government will continue to implement some 280 on-going projects approved by various District Councils (DCs) in previous years. In addition, it is anticipated that about 500 new DMW projects will commence. The estimated expenditure of the on-going and new DMW projects in 2013-14 is about \$340 million.

The number of DMW projects to be commenced in 2013-14 is given below –

District	Number of DMW projects expected to be carried out in 2013-14
Central & Western	4
Eastern	11
Southern	18
Wan Chai	6
Kowloon City	7
Kwun Tong	47

¹ For projects grouped under 'Headquarters', they are some term contracts covering services for various districts such as conducting tree group inspections for various minor works construction sites with trees.

District	Number of DMW projects expected to be carried out in 2013-14
Yau Tsim Mong	18
Sham Shui Po	12
Wong Tai Sin	17
Islands	10
Sai Kung	14
Tai Po	16
Tsuen Wan	7
Yuen Long	9
Sha Tin	47
Tuen Mun	23
North	17
Kwai Tsing	3
Headquarters	3
Expected new projects to be endorsed and commence in 2013-14	500
Total number of projects	789

Projects under DMW Programme are endorsed by the 18 DCs. DC members are responsible for collating local views and district aspirations in the planning of minor works. DCs will consider if the proposed projects fall within the ambit of the Programme having regard to their scope of works, benefits to the public, project estimates and timetable for implementation, etc.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB342

Question Serial No.

3514

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:

- (a) Please advise the total area of multi-purpose halls in community centres and community halls as well as the hall area per capita of the 18 districts.
- (b) Please advise the green area and the green area per capita of the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

- (a) The total area of multi-purpose halls of community centres (CCs) and community halls (CHs) and the hall area per capita of the 18 districts are set out below –

District	Total Area of Multi-purpose Halls in the District (Including Stage) (m ²)	Hall Area per Capita in the District (m ²) [#]
Central & Western	412.0	0.0016
Eastern	2 288.9	0.0039
Southern	1 761.8	0.0063
Wan Chai	392.0	0.0026
Kowloon City*	-	-
Kwun Tong	2 746.2	0.0044
Sham Shui Po	3 275.9	0.0086
Wong Tai Sin	2 608.5	0.0062
Yau Tsim Mong	718.0	0.0023
Islands	871.6	0.0062
Kwai Tsing	3 152.0	0.0062
North	986.7	0.0032
Sai Kung	3 032.5	0.0069
Sha Tin	4 377.0	0.0069
Tai Po	2 373.0	0.0080
Tsuen Wan	1 255.0	0.0041
Tuen Mun	3 520.5	0.0072

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

HAB343

Question Serial No.

5463

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Information showed that the Tai Po District Office told the media in 2009 that horticulture contractor(s) would be engaged to salvage and preserve the Wishing Tree. Please advise the number of similar cases of tree salvation and preservation the Home Affairs Department handled and the expenditure involved in the past five years up to 2012-13. Please also assess the effectiveness of salvaging and preserving the Wishing Tree at the moment and whether its health has been further affected by the Hong Kong Well-wishing Festival supported by the Mega Events Fund.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

During the past five years up to 2012-13, the Home Affairs Department has handled one case of tree salvation and preservation. The trees concerned are the two Wishing Trees in the Lam Tsuen Wishing Square in Tai Po District.

The Tai Po District Office has engaged horticultural contractors to maintain and preserve the Wishing Trees. According to the latest inspection carried out by the contractor in February 2013, the Wishing Trees are in stable condition.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB344

Question Serial No.

4509

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme under this Programme, will the Administration please advise on the following:

- (a) the amount of seed grants provided under the ESR Programme to eligible non-profit-making organisations for setting up social enterprises (SEs) since 2006;
- (b) the number of SEs supported since the grants have been set up; the number of SEs still in operation and the respective number of SEs ceasing operation within three years and five years;
- (c) whether the Administration has examined the reasons why these SEs ceased operation and the effectiveness of the grants;
- (d) for the long run, whether the Administration has conducted any studies on the mode of development, operational strategies and publicity of SEs in the future, and if yes, please advise the details and recommendations of the studies; and
- (e) the plans and programmes for promoting the development of SEs in the coming year and the expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

- (a) Since its launch in 2006, the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) has approved a total grant of about \$150 million for the establishment of 136 social enterprises (SEs).
- (b) None of the SEs has ceased operation during the funding period since the launch of the ESR Programme in 2006. Out of the 100 ESR SEs where the funding periods have expired, 13 closed their business within one year after the funding period. Another 11 SEs ceased operation more than a year after the funding period, while all the remaining SEs are still in operation.
- (c) According to information provided by the SEs which had ceased operation, the major reasons for their business closure were rise in rents, salaries and material costs; unfavourable shop locations with inadequate pedestrian flow or keen competition; and staff management problems. Although these SEs had ceased operation after the funding period, they had created employment and on-the-job training opportunities for the socially disadvantaged during their operation.

- (d) In collaboration with the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee (SEAC), the Administration will launch in 2013-14 a Research Study on the SE sector in Hong Kong. Amongst other things, the Study seeks to ascertain public receptiveness and expectation of SEs in Hong Kong with a view to enabling the SEAC and the Government to map out the best measures in supporting operation and future development of SEs.
- (e) In 2013-14, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Home Affairs Department (HAD) have earmarked about \$19 million to support and promote the development of SEs. Measures include production of publicity materials such as posters and pamphlets, publication of feature articles and advertorials on newspapers/magazines to enhance public awareness of SEs, production of radio and TV programmes to encourage caring consumption, maintenance of a dedicated SE website to provide public information on SEs, arranging SEs to showcase their products and services in territory-wide and district fairs, and holding an annual district SE carnival to bring SEs into the community, etc. Further, we have implemented the SE Partnership Programme since 2008 to provide a platform to enhance cross-sector collaboration and facilitate partnership among SEs and different sectors. We also operate a mentorship scheme to provide matching services for entrepreneurs and professionals to serve as mentors to SEs in need. In 2013-14, an award scheme will be organised to give recognition to organisations and individuals which/who have served as mentors or partners of SEs and to encourage cross-sector support for SEs. The SE Award Scheme will also be launched for the second time in 2013-14 to give recognition to successful SEs which operate and create social impact in Hong Kong. The Administration will also continue to sponsor the SE Summit, training programmes for SE operations and prospective operations and a business plan writing competition amongst tertiary students. Subject officers of various grades and ranks of HAB and HAD will be involved in carrying out the aforesaid measures.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB345

Question Serial No.

5042

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:

Under the Brief Description of this Programme, there is a series of indicators of the performance measures in respect of local environmental improvements. Regarding these indicators, will the Government please advise:

- (a) the respective amount of provision the Government allocated for Local Public Works (maintenance) projects, Rural Public Works projects and District Minor Works projects in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13), and the items of the provisions; and
- (b) the total number of staff employed by the Home Affairs Department for implementing the above-mentioned works projects, and the respective number of full-time non-civil service contract staff and civil servants; the expenditure on the salaries of this staff in implementing the works projects; and whether the expenditure on salaries is covered by the Department or the works projects.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- (a) Details of the provision for District Minor Works (DMW), Rural Public Works (RPW) and Local Public Works (LPW) programmes and the number of the completed projects and on-going projects in the past five years are as follows –

	Allocation (\$ million)					Total no. of completed projects as at end Feb. 2013	Total no. of on-going projects as at end Feb. 2013
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13		
DMW	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	320.00	3 253	702
RPW	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	487	221
LPW	34.31	36.48	36.15	35.05	35.22	1 252	126

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

HAB346

Question Serial No.

5043

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Under Subhead 000 Operational expenses of the Operating Account, the estimate for salaries under personal emoluments of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will increase by around \$30 million and the departmental expenses on temporary staff will almost double from \$77 million to \$140 million. In this connection, will the Government please advise on the following:

- (a) What are the reasons for such increases in the expenses on salaries and temporary staff? Will HAD increase its manpower this year? If yes, please provide the details and the expenditure involved. If not, please explain in detail the reasons for the increases in the expenses.
- (b) What is the staff establishment of the District Councils (DCs) and District Offices (DOs) in the 18 districts? What is the number of staff for the following positions? Please tabulate the information in the form below.

	Staff Establishment of DCs and DOs			
	Secretary for DC	Liaison Officer	Staff for works projects	Others, including contract staff and civil servants
Central & Western				
Wan Chai				
Eastern				
Southern				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Sham Shui Po				
Kowloon City				
Wong Tai Sin				
Kwun Tong				
Kwai Tsing				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
North				
Tai Po				
Sha Tin				
Sai Kung				
Islands				

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

(a)

The increase in salaries is mainly attributable to the net creation of 25 non-directorate posts as well as the provision for filling vacancies and meeting salary increments of existing staff. As regards the rise in expenditure on temporary staff, it is mainly due to the engagement of non-civil service contract staff in the Home Affairs Department and other works departments to undertake the preparatory work relating to the Signature Projects Scheme, the increased manpower requirements of various community building programmes as well as the engagement of temporary community organisers to enhance the supporting services for community halls / centres.

(b)

	Staff Establishment of District Councils and District Offices (as at 28.2.2013)			
	District Council Secretariat (established posts)	Liaison Officer (established posts)	Staff (including registry staff) for works projects (established posts)	Others, including contract staff and civil servants
Central & Western	14	23	0	41
Wan Chai	14	21	0	36
Eastern	16	27	0	51
Southern	12	19	0	37
Yau Tsim Mong	17	29	0	52
Sham Shui Po	16	29	0	52
Kowloon City	13	27	0	53
Wong Tai Sin	15	22	0	47
Kwun Tong	16	29	0	59
Kwai Tsing	18	27	8	51
Tsuen Wan	19	22	11	42
Tuen Mun	13	27	12	57
Yuen Long	20	27	28	67
North	12	19	20	43
Tai Po	18	20	17	43
Sha Tin	15	26	8	56
Sai Kung	13	20	17	47
Islands	14	17	16	52

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Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB347

Question Serial No.

4922

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government has announced that a provision of \$1.8 billion will be allocated for the districts to implement the Signature Projects Scheme. In this connection, will the Administration please advise on the following:

- (a) What is the definition of “signature” and what are the criteria for assessing the effectiveness of the projects?
- (b) What other mechanisms are in place to monitor the use of funding apart from the Legislative Council?
- (c) Who will be commissioned with the works projects, e.g. the Government, outsourced service providers, non-profit-making organisations or multi-party collaboration?
- (d) Will there be a uniform set of criteria for the District Councils (DCs) to vet the projects, if no, what are the reasons?
- (e) How can the public benefit from the projects?
- (f) What is the basis for the allocation of \$100 million for each district? Has population size or number of DC seats of each district been taken into consideration as the basis for working out the amount of allocation, if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

All the Signature Projects Scheme (SPS) projects will be proposed, discussed and agreed by District Councils (DCs) before they are put to implementation. The DC must be satisfied that the project would address local needs, and would have a visible and lasting impact on the community. Depending on the DC's views and needs of the district, a SPS project may be works or non-works in nature, or a mixture of both. All SPS projects will be subject to a lower limit of \$30 million and an upper limit of \$100 million. DCs may identify and plan SPS projects based on the above-mentioned criteria.

Under the SPS, DCs may partner with non-profit-making organisations, business organisations, statutory bodies or relevant government departments to deliver, manage and maintain SPS facilities.

The DCs are responsible for monitoring the progress of the implementation of the SPS projects. Besides, as all SPS projects need to be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) for funding approval, these projects would also be put under the scrutiny of LegCo. A Signature Projects Scheme Steering Committee (the Committee) chaired by the Director of Home Affairs will be formed to

oversee the implementation of signature projects in 18 districts. The Committee will also monitor the implementation of the SPS in 18 districts and trouble-shoot individual projects on a need basis.

When allocating \$100 million to each district for the implementation of SPS projects, we consider that the amount of funds should be large enough for each DC to carry out one to two SPS projects, which cannot be implemented under the current provision of either District Minor Works programme or community involvement fund.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB348

Question Serial No.

4270

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (HAGAO),

- (a) please provide a breakdown by year and by nature of the number of complaints against unlicensed guesthouses for the past five years (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012);
- (b) please provide a breakdown by year of the number of prosecutions and successful convictions against the operation of unlicensed guesthouses for the past five years (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012);
- (c) the Administration has stated that the Office of the Licensing Authority plans to upload the conviction records of unlicensed guesthouses onto its website, what is the progress regarding the implementation of the plan? Would the Administration establish a blacklist of unlicensed guesthouses for visitors' information? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The number of complaints, prosecutions and convictions against the operation of unlicensed guesthouses for the past five years are set out below –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Complaint ^{Note 1}	205	445	366	696	1 418
Prosecution ^{Note 2}	28	39	38	53	128
Conviction ^{Note 2}	30	36	44	39	110

Note 1 Including repeated complaints against the same premises. Some cases were eventually found unsubstantiated as the investigation revealed that the premises concerned were let out on a monthly basis, thereby falling outside the ambit of the HAGAO.

Note 2 The figures of prosecution and those of conviction in the same year are slightly different because trials of some prosecution cases were conducted in the following year.

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

HAB349

Question Serial No.

4284

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Brief Description under the Programme that the performance measures in respect of district administration include, among others, “visits to buildings without any form of management”, the number of visits in 2012 is 7 551 and the estimated number of visits for 2013 is 7 000. Please advise the following:

- (a) Why is there a drop in the estimated number of visits? Is it due to the decrease in the number of buildings without any form of management, or any other reasons, such as inadequate resources or manpower? Please explain.
- (b) What is the number of buildings in Hong Kong without any form of management at present? Will the Government plan to co-ordinate management for these buildings to ensure the safety of the building structure and the residents? If yes, what are the details and expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) More visits were conducted to buildings without any form of management in 2012 because the property management companies (PMCs) commissioned by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) have paid intensive household visits to the 1 200 targeted buildings with a view to conducting management audits for the fire services, electrical and other facilities of the buildings and assisting the owners in forming owners' corporations (OCs). Since the management audits for all the target buildings have been completed, the major work of the PMCs will shift to assisting the OCs to apply for various financial assistance schemes and to appoint Authorized Persons / contractors for the building maintenance works. Therefore, it is estimated that the number of visits to buildings without any form of management will be slightly reduced in 2013.
- (b) Management and maintenance of the buildings are the responsibilities of property owners. Currently, there are around 6 400 buildings which do not have an OC or any form of owners / residents organisations or engage a property management company (i.e. the so-called “three nil” buildings). To further strengthen the support for owners of old buildings, HAD has introduced a number of building management initiatives since 2011, including implementation of the BMPASS as mentioned above to provide one-stop services to the owners of “three nil” buildings in conducting management audit for the common facilities of the buildings, forming OCs, applying for various subsidies or loan schemes, following up on the maintenance works and matters relating to tenders, etc; organisation of

structured training for members of management committees of OCs, recruitment of owners and residents as Resident Liaison Ambassadors in “three-nil” buildings for promoting better management of their buildings, and provision of free professional advice to help resolve disputes amongst owners and residents, etc. The total estimated expenditure for 2013-14 is \$16.4 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB350

Question Serial No.

4285

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Home Affairs Department will continue to oversee the full implementation of measures to enhance the roles of District Councils (DCs). What are these measures? How many are there and what is the provision for each measure? Will all 18 DCs benefit from these measures?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

From 2008 onwards, a series of measures have been implemented in the 18 districts to enhance the role and functions of the District Councils (DCs) as set out below –

- (a) increasing the annual provision to DCs in organising Community Involvement (CI) Projects to the current level of \$320 million;
- (b) providing an annual provision, currently at \$320 million, under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme in districts;
- (c) involving all DCs in the management of district community facilities, that is, community halls, public libraries, leisure grounds, sports venues, swimming pools and beaches;
- (d) arranging Heads of Departments with direct interface with the public to attend DC meetings regularly to enhance communication between senior government officials and DCs; and
- (e) organising summits on district administration for exchanges of views between the government and DCs.

In terms of additional manpower, three additional posts (namely one Liaison Officer I, one Executive Officer II and one Assistant Clerical Officer) have been provided in each District Office to support the enhanced role and functions of DCs. An additional Liaison Officer II post has also been provided in each of the six districts with the largest population (namely Eastern, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long). These additions are on top of the original 215 posts in the DC Secretariats providing direct support to DCs in district administration.

To further enhance the District Administration Scheme, the Chief Executive announced in the 2013 Policy Address that a one-off grant of \$100 million will be earmarked for each district in 2013-14 to carry out signature projects that would create a visible and lasting impact to address local needs. The Administration has also earmarked \$200 million to finance preliminary studies and consultancies, and to employ non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff for preparatory and supporting work for Signature Projects Scheme projects. To support the signature projects, we will create five civil service posts (including two engineers) which will be time-limited for three years, and plan to employ 58 NCSC staff (mainly project managers, executive assistants, architects and engineers) in 2013-14 to support the Home Affairs Department Headquarters, 18 District Offices and relevant works departments.

In addition to the signature projects, the annual funding for DMW will be increased to \$340 million with effect from 2013-14.

Furthermore, the Chief Executive has announced the plan to inject, with effect from April 2013, an additional \$20.8 million per annum to the CI programmes to strengthen the support for DCs to promote arts and culture in 18 districts. DCs may determine the exact use of the dedicated allocation for activities organised by them and their committees, district organisations or relevant government departments (such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department), having regard to the needs of their districts.

We will also organise a summit to explore ways to further enhance district administration.

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Post Title: Director of Home Affairs
Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB351

Question Serial No.

4287

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision of this Programme, will the Government please advise on the following:

- (a) With regard to the increased provision for the enhancement of the District Administration Scheme and administrative costs for the Signature Projects Scheme, what are the details of the enhancement of the District Administration Scheme? Will there be a number of projects? What is the expenditure required? Please provide detailed information.
- (b) In the Analysis, it is also mentioned that the increased provision is for the full-year effect of filling vacancies in 2012-13 and salary increments for existing staff. Please advise the turnover rate of staff in the Department in the past year (2012-13), the number of vacancies at present, the number of staff to be employed in 2013-14 and the expenditure required for employing this staff, and the increase in the salaries of the existing staff.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) To further enhance the District Administration Scheme, the Chief Executive (CE) announced in his 2013 Policy Address that a one-off grant of \$100 million will be earmarked for each district in 2013-14 to carry out signature projects that would create a visible and lasting impact to address local needs. The Administration has also earmarked \$200 million to finance preliminary studies and consultancies, and to employ non-civil service contract staff for preparatory and supporting work for Signature Projects Scheme projects.

In addition to the signature projects, the annual funding for District Minor Works will be increased to \$340 million with effect from 2013-14.

Furthermore, the CE has announced the plan to inject with effect from April 2013 an additional \$20.8 million per annum to Community Involvement programmes to strengthen support for the District Councils (DCs) in promoting arts and culture in the 18 districts. DCs may determine the exact use of the dedicated allocation for activities organised by them and their committees, district organisations and / or relevant government departments (such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department), having regard to the needs of their districts.

- (b) In 2012-13, the staff turnover rate is estimated at 4.39%. At present, there are 80 vacant posts in the Department covering various grades including General Grades, Liaison Officer, Inspector of Works, Works Supervisor and Workman. We will fill the vacancies through either direct recruitment or deployment of officers by relevant heads of grade. A provision of \$10.9 million is reserved for meeting expenses on salary payment. There is no separate provision reserved for meeting expenses arising from any civil service pay adjustments.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB352

Question Serial No.

4290

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 Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that the provision time limit for the community programmes against youth drug abuse has lapsed. Will the Government please advise on the following:

- (a) What was the drug abuse situation in Hong Kong in the past three years? Please tabulate the information in the form below.

Age Group	Number of Drug Abusers		
	2010	2011	2012
<15			
15-24			
25-34			
35-44			
45-54			
≥ 55			

- (b) What was the total provision provided by the Government for these community programmes against youth drug abuse? Please advise on the details of the programmes and their effectiveness.
- (c) Will the Government organise programmes of a similar nature again in the coming year? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The reported numbers of drug abusers provided by the Security Bureau are as follows –

Age Group	Reported Number of Drug Abusers		
	2010	2011	2012
<16	492	332	200
16-25	4 096	3 286	2 852
26-35	2 963	2 803	2 755
36-45	2 149	2 249	2 319
46-50	866	883	821
≥ 51	1 972	2 001	1 992

- (b) The total provision provided by the Government for the programmes against youth drug abuse since its launch in August 2009 was \$36 million, with breakdown as follows –

August 2009 – March 2010	\$9 million
2010 – 2011	\$9 million
2011 – 2012	\$9 million
2012 – 2013	\$9 million

Targeted at young people who have abused drugs or are at risk, the programmes were implemented in the 18 districts to reach out to young people through the network of non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Various anti-drug activities such as exhibitions, forums, visits and outdoor activities were held to promote positive values among young people, benefitting around 330 000 persons.

- (c) While the above extra programmes will lapse by the end of the financial year, the Government, together with NGOs, will continue the effort in organising various activities and programmes to combat youth drug abuse.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN
Post Title: Director of Home Affairs
Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB353

Question Serial No.

3904

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:

How does the Home Affairs Department ensure transparency of the District Councils (DCs) in planning DC minor works so that local residents are able to monitor the use of the relevant funding?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

Projects under the District Minor Works Programme are endorsed by the 18 District Councils (DCs). DC members are responsible for collating local views and district aspirations in the planning of minor works. DCs will consider if the proposed projects fall within the ambit of the Programme having regard to their scope of works, benefits to the public, project estimates and timetable for implementation, etc. DCs will also prioritise the approved projects for implementation.

Progress of works and expenditure of projects are regularly reported at the meetings of the DCs and their relevant committees, which are open to the public. Papers and minutes of DC meetings are uploaded to the DC websites for the information of the public.

Name in block letters: Mrs PAMELA TAN

Post Title: Director of Home Affairs

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB354

Question Serial No.

4787

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2013-14, please advise the workplan, items / activities to be conducted under Programme 1 "Public Relations Outside Hong Kong"; and the breakdown of estimated spendings.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Information Services Department (ISD) will continue to work closely with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's 16 offices around the world to promote Hong Kong overseas and in the Mainland. The department also collaborates with agencies tasked with attracting investors, tourists, talent and students to the city. About \$44.5 million has been set aside for these purposes in 2013-14.

Publicity drives often tie in with the outgoing visits of top Government officials and high-level delegations. Apart from drawing up media programmes for senior officials, we place news supplements, advertorials or advertisements in the print media of host countries to publicise such visits. In addition, we support our working partners' major promotional programmes around the world to highlight Hong Kong's key advantages and its positioning as Asia's world city. These activities include exhibitions, film festivals, cultural performances, speaking engagements, receptions and media partnerships. We have allocated about \$22.7 million for these purposes.

To promote international understanding of Hong Kong, ISD will carry on with its programme to sponsor influential personnel from different parts of the world to come and see for themselves the city's latest developments and what makes Hong Kong tick. About \$8 million has been reserved for the programme. We also assist in arranging the programmes of the VIPs visiting Hong Kong.

In a bid to promote Hong Kong's image and advantages to external audiences, ISD will continue to invite overseas and Mainland journalists to visit the city for in-depth news reporting. We have earmarked \$2.3 million for this purpose. We also assist non-sponsored journalists visiting Hong Kong for news and feature reporting.

To promote Hong Kong as Asia's world city, ISD will develop print advertisements, videos, publications, souvenirs and other publicity materials for use by Government offices around the world and senior officials on road shows outside Hong Kong. We will leverage major sports and cultural events, leading trade fairs and international conferences held in Hong Kong to project the city's image. The estimated expenditure for publicity initiative is about \$11.5 million.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB355

Question Serial No.

4788

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please advise the number of occasions in 2012-13 in which the Information Services Department issued press releases and press photographs without inviting news coverage by the press or holding press conferences. What are the details of the incidents and the reasons for such arrangements? Please provide respective information on each individual incident.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Information Services Department issued 179 006 press releases, arranged media facilities for 4 679 public functions and organised 1 372 press conferences and briefings for government officials in 2012. In addition, there were 127 events for which press releases and photographs were issued without arrangement of media facilities. Such events mainly included visits to districts, households, institutions and facilities by officials, as well as drills, meetings, the signing of agreements, and courtesy meetings with visiting officials and dignitaries.

The Government takes into account the circumstances of individual cases when deciding on the appropriate way to disseminate information. Factors for consideration include capacity constraints, security concerns, on-site order and conditions and the consent of parties to be visited. The Government will continue to disseminate information through appropriate means in accordance with the circumstances of individual cases.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB356

Question Serial No.

4789

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012-13, in regard to individual government television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs), please advise the production costs, the total air time in the media allocated and the total prime time allocated. Please provide breakdown figures for individual APIs. Which factors will the Government use to determine the frequency and slots of each public service API?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

Television (TV) and radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) are funded by individual Bureaux and Departments. Generally speaking, a TV API in two languages (Cantonese and English) and the corresponding radio API in three languages (Cantonese, English and Putonghua) cost a total of about \$400,000 to \$500,000 to produce.

The free air time available for APIs is determined by the Communications Authority (formerly the Broadcasting Authority) and stipulated in the licensing conditions of each TV and radio licensee. Currently, domestic free-to-air TV licensees are required to provide up to one minute of air time for APIs for every clock hour of broadcasting, while those domestic Pay-TV licensees are required to provide up to one minute of air time for APIs for every two clock hours of broadcasting. TV prime-time is defined as the period between 6 pm and midnight each day.

In 2012-13, the total air time available for the broadcast of TV APIs was 229 920 minutes – 120 432 minutes on 14 free-to-air channels and 109 488 minutes on 26 Pay-TV channels. Of this, 30 108 minutes were for free-to-air TV prime-time and 27 372 minutes were for Pay-TV prime time.

In 2012-13, a total of 329 Government TV APIs were broadcast – 115 new APIs and 214 existing or relaunched APIs.

The amount of free air time, including prime time, allocated to individual TV APIs depends on a number of factors including: pressing or topical issues of major importance to the public (e.g. Policy Address, Budget, public consultations, health emergency, accidents resulting in death or injury etc); the Government's policy priorities, as outlined in the Policy Address or announced by the Government leadership; the introduction of new legislation affecting the public or specific sectors of society; seasonality (e.g. rainstorm warning, water safety, hot weather advice, hiking safety etc); and special requests from Bureaux or Departments on timing (e.g. to dovetail with a media event, publicity drive or public education programme).

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB357

Question Serial No.

3652

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As regards the information of departmental records management work over the past three years (up to 2012):

1. Please advise the number and ranks of officers designated for departmental records management work. If no officers are designated for departmental records management work, please advise the number of staff involved in such work, the man hours incurred and the scope of work.
2. Please list out in the following table information on closed programme records and administrative records pending transfer to Government Records Service (GRS) for assessment.

Type of file	Years covered by the file	No. of files and linear metres	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential papers (Y/N)

3. Please list out in the following table information on programme records and administrative records transferred to GRS for retention.

Type of file	Years covered by the file	No. of files and linear metres	Year of transfer to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential papers (Y/N)

4. Please list out in the following table information on records which have been approved by GRS for destruction.

Type of file	Years covered by the file	No. of files and linear metres	Year of transfer to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential papers (Y/N)

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

1. A total of 63 staff members in various sub-divisions / sections of Information Services Department are performing records management duties on a part-time basis. They spent a total of around 17 000 hours during the past three years for identification, capturing and retrieval of records, storage and access control as well as filing of relevant returns etc.
2. Information on closed programme records and administrative records pending transfer to Government Records Service (GRS) for assessment -

Type of file	Years covered by the file	No. of files and linear metres	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential papers (Y/N)
Administrative Files	1964 – 2012	97 files (4.05 linear metres)	2 – 7 years	N
Programme Files	1965 – 2012	158 files (4.51 linear metres)	2 – 7 years	N

3. Information on programme records and administrative records transferred to GRS for retention -

Type of file	Years covered by the file	No. of files and linear metres	Year of transfer to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential papers (Y/N)
Administrative Files	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Programme Files	1981 – 1996	166 files (3.14 linear metres)	2011	15 years	52 files (1.38 linear metres) are confidential papers

4. Information on records which have been approved by GRS for destruction -

Type of file	Years covered by the file	No. of files and linear metres	Year of transfer to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential papers (Y/N)
Administrative Files	1964 – 2011	3 079 files (136.42 linear metres)	2010 – 2012	0 – 7 years	N
Programme Files	1979 – 2009	267 files (10.04 linear metres)	2011	1 – 15 years	N

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB358

Question Serial No.

3963

Head: 74 – Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

For the past five years (until 2012-13), how many briefings commonly known as “tip-off” sessions have been held by the Information Services Department (ISD) and what are their expenses?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The number of press conferences and briefings arranged by the Information Services Department (ISD) in the past five years is as follows:

- In 2012, 1 372 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 32 were background briefings;
- In 2011, 1 073 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 33 were background briefings;
- In 2010, 1 204 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 44 were background briefings;
- In 2009, 1 461 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 61 were background briefings; and
- In 2008, 1 181 press conferences and briefings were arranged, of which 52 were background briefings.

As the work of arranging press conferences and briefings is handled by Information Officers within ISD headquarters and/or by Information Officers posted to other Government bureaux and departments, no extra financial and manpower resources are incurred.

Name in block letters: Michael WONG

Post Title: Director of Information Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB359

Question Serial No.

5209

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 United Nations has made the following concluding observations on the Hong Kong Government's Second Report under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: the low prosecution rate for cases of domestic violence is a matter of special concern; the Government is urged to step up its efforts in helping female victims of domestic violence to seek legal protection; the Government should allocate sufficient resources to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, and to provide details about budget allocation in the next report.

Please advise on:

1. The number of urgent applications processed and the average processing time for the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13).
2. How many of them are applications for injunction/interim custody order by the victims of domestic violence?
3. What is the expenditure for the past five years and the estimated expenditure for the next financial year?
4. Please provide in table form the number of applications for divorce by battered spouses in relation to the total number of legal aid applications and the expenditure incurred for the last 10 years (i.e. 2003-04 to 2012-13).
5. How many of them are applications for maintenance? What is the success rate and the amount of maintenance awarded?
6. How much resources have been allocated each year for handling cases of divorce arising from domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

- (1) & (2) When victims of domestic violence seek assistance from the Department, the Department would treat all such applications as urgent cases if they involve applications for injunction. Applicants of urgent cases will be invited to make an application for legal aid on the very day they attend the Department's office and interviewed by staff of the Department. Time taken to process and make a decision on the applications depends on a number of factors such as the strength of the case, the need for obtaining further documents from the applicants or third parties and the time needed for providing the requisite documents/information. In the past five years, the number of

applications for injunction order by victims of domestic violence and the respective processing time are as follows –

Year	No. of applications	Average processing time (days)
2008	49	27
2009	39	28
2010	28	29
2011	30	31
2012	24	37

The Department does not maintain separate record on the number of applications seeking interim custody orders by victims of domestic violence.

- (3) & (6) The costs of handling cases involving victims of domestic violence are included in the annual estimate of the provision of legal costs which is done holistically and based on past actual expenditure pattern and anticipated increases. The Department does not maintain separate record on expenditure incurred on cases involving victims of domestic violence.
- (4) The Department does not maintain separate statistics on the number of applications for divorce proceedings by battered spouses.
- (5) The Department does not maintain separate statistics on the number of applications by battered spouse seeking maintenance, the success rate and the amount of maintenance awarded. However, the Department has kept statistics on the percentages of matrimonial cases in which the applicant succeeded in obtaining ancillary relief such as maintenance, custody and access as follows –

Year of case closed	Relief obtained
2008	86%
2009	87%
2010	88%
2011	88%
2012	89%

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB360

Question Serial No.

5309

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:

1. Following the enactment of the legislative amendments in 2008-10, how many legal aid applications (including cases involving ethnic minorities, sexual minorities) have been received?
2. How much resources are deployed annually for publicity of the legislative amendments? What is the approach? By what means? If yes, please provide the details in table form; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

1. Legal aid is provided to all eligible persons who satisfy the means and merits tests. As such, the Department does not maintain specific data on the number of applications made by people of ethnic minorities or sexual minorities origins. That said, the Department has kept statistics on the number of applications received in respect of unlawful acts under the four anti-discrimination ordinances, namely Race Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 602), Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 480), Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487) and Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 527), as set out in the following table –

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of applications	13	8	5	8	6

2. The Department sets aside resources each year from the annual financial provision to publicise the services provided by the Department. In 2012-13, the Department has undertaken the following activities to promote legal aid services to the community –
 - (a) producing video documentaries on legal aid services for public viewing;
 - (b) giving talks to educational institutes, students and non-governmental organisations including secondary schools with students of ethnic minorities on legal aid services;
 - (c) participating in the Law Week organised by the Law Society;

- (d) publishing and distributing information leaflets, newsletters, annual reports and posters on the services of the Department including publishing a series of leaflets on legal aid in 10 ethnic minority languages including Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi and Tamil, as well as designing and displaying poster in the aforementioned 10 languages advising potential applicants who do not speak English or Chinese of the availability of free interpretation service to help them with the application process; and
- (e) maintaining and updating the Department's website as a source of online information for the public.

In 2013-14, a financial provision of \$412,000 has been earmarked for organising activities and programmes in promoting public awareness and understanding of legal aid services.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB361

Question Serial No.

4065

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:

- (a) Among the applications to the Legal Aid Department (the Department) for assistance by the victims of domestic violence over the past four years (year-end figures), how many of them applied for "injunction orders"? How many of these applications were granted by the Department? And how many of them were refused?

	2009	2010	2011	2012
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? Please provide a breakdown of the refusals by reasons.
- (c) Will the Administration 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 is as follows –

	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of applications for legal aid for injunction orders	39	28	30	24
No. of successful applications [#]	19(5)	13(9)	14(7)	7(3)
No. of applications refused	20	15	16	16
No. of applications with legal aid offered pending acceptance	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

- # The total number of successful applications include those for injunction order, but with legal aid ultimately granted for other types of proceedings such as divorce. The numbers of cases granted for injunction only or in conjunction with related proceedings are denoted by the numbers in brackets.
- (b) The five major reasons for refusal to applications for injunction order by alleged victims of domestic violence in the past four years with breakdown are as follows –
- (i) withdrawal of applications (25 cases);
 - (ii) failure to pass merits test (20 cases);
 - (iii) failure to furnish information / documents (15 cases);
 - (iv) failure to pass means test (4 cases); and
 - (v) failure to accept offer of legal aid (3 cases).
- (c) The Department fully recognises the need to deal with legal aid applications that involve domestic violence with care and speed. The Department therefore treats all applications to seek injunction by victims of domestic violence as urgent cases and will process them as soon as practicable. Legal aid will be offered once the applicants satisfy the means and merits tests. Apart from legal assistance through the grant of legal aid, posters by various non-government organisations (NGO) 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 an NGO about police assistance with commonly asked questions and answers on what to do when applicants are subjected 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 the most appropriate advice and assistance in a timely manner.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB362

Question Serial No.

4652

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:

According to the "Indicators" section of Programme (1) Processing of Legal Aid Applications, 943 of the 3 663 processed criminal legal aid applications in 2012 were refused on merits. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the number of applications, among these 943 applications, which are for trials in the District Court and the Court of First Instance and the number of applications which are for appeal cases?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK, Dennis

Reply:

The breakdown of the 943 criminal legal aid applications where legal aid was refused on merits in 2012 is as follows –

Bail Application	Miscellaneous Application	District Court Trial	Court of First Instance Trial	Appeals	Total
15	1	0	0	927	943

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB363

Question Serial No.

5398

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:

It has been known that the staff at the Legal Aid Department (the Department)'s office in Mongkok, who are under enormous work pressure because of manpower shortage problem for long, are impatient or bad mannered when they deal with the applicants or legal firm officers. Please advise on:

- (a) How many legal aid applications are processed by the Department's office at the Queensway Government Offices annually? How many legal aid counsel and non-professional officers are responsible for the work?
- (b) How many legal aid applications are processed by the Department's office in Mongkok annually? How many legal aid counsel and non-professional officers are responsible for the work?

As the Estimates mentioned the intention to improve the quality of service of the Department, please advise on:

- (a) whether there is any mechanism by which applicants and/or concerned lawyers and / or parties may lodge their complaints?
- (b) if not, is there a need to put in place such a mechanism with a view to enhancing transparency and accountability?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

On the first part of the question, the information requested is as follows –

	Queensway Government Offices	Mongkok Sub-office
No. of legal aid applications processed	8 782	7 721
No. of Senior Legal Aid Counsel / Legal Aid Counsel processing legal aid applications	21	12
No. of non-professional officers processing legal aid applications	105	96

The Department attaches great importance to the provision of customer-orientated legal aid services. To this end, various in-house and external programmes on customer service related topics are arranged regularly to remind staff of the importance of good customer service practices.

On the second part of the question, the Department has in place an established system for handling complaints about its services. Any person including legal aid applicants, aided persons or assigned lawyers who wish to make a complaint may contact the Department's Customer Service Officers whose names and telephone numbers are displayed in the Department's office premises and on the Department's website. In addition, complainants may contact the Departmental Complaints Officer by phone, post, fax, and/or email.

The Department has also published a "Customer Service Standards" leaflet in which users of legal aid services are informed of the various means and procedures for lodging a complaint in respect of the services rendered. The leaflet is available for distribution to the public and has been uploaded onto the Department's website.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB364

Question Serial No.

5399

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:

The information requested except for parts (g) and (k) are as follows –

(i) **Directorate Officers** (number of posts as at 31 March 2013 : 15)

Rank	Directorate (Legal) Pay Scale (DL) \$				Notional annual mid-point salary/ Annual Salary \$
Director of Legal Aid	DL6	196,950	(202,800)		2,433,600
Deputy Director of Legal Aid	DL3	154,900	(159,450)	(164,050) (169,050)	1,968,600
Deputy Principal Legal Aid Counsel	DL2	133,150	(137,250)	(141,350) (145,650)	1,696,200
Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel	DL1	112,200	(115,450)	(119,050) (122,650)	1,428,600

Note 1 Figures in brackets represent increments

(ii) **Senior Legal Aid Counsel** (number of posts as at 31 March 2013 : 26)

Rank	Mid-point Salary (\$)	Highest Salary (\$)
Senior Legal Aid Counsel	93,760	100,625

(iii) **Legal Aid Counsel** (number of posts as at 31 March 2013 : 35)

Rank	Mid-point Salary (\$)	Highest Salary (\$)
Legal Aid Counsel	68,735	84,290

(iv) **Non-Professional Officers** (number of posts as at 31 March 2013 : 466^{Note 2})

Rank	Mid-point Salary (\$)	Highest Salary (\$)
Senior Law Clerk I	62,810	68,735
Senior Law Clerk II	47,630	54,665
Law Clerk	27,245	39,640

Note 2 Among the 466 non-professional officer posts, 163 belong to the Law Clerk Grade (35%) which is a departmental grade. The remaining 303 posts belong to 18 general and common grades including executive, clerical and secretarial grades, etc.

As regard parts (g) and (k) of the question, the average number of cases handled by each LAC and SLAC annually is as follows –

470 cases per SLAC*	442 cases per LAC*
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* Represents the number of cases assigned to the officers for processing in 2012. Professional officers, however, have other duties to perform e.g. monitoring progress of cases following grant of legal aid and handling of criminal litigation.

Name in block letters: William CHAN

Post Title: Director of Legal Aid

Date: 12.4.2013

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

HAB365

Question Serial No.

3319

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

There have been media reports that most of the flowering plants (potted plants attached to railings) provided by the Administration along busy lanes in various districts did not survive the heavily polluted roads, and subsequently the Administration had to replace the plants on a regular basis for maintenance of amenities. What was the expenditure incurred by the Administration in providing potted plants on the roads in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? What will be the estimate for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The expenditure incurred by Leisure and Cultural Services Department in providing roadside potted plants was about \$2.3 million in 2010-11, and about \$2 million in both 2011-12 and 2012-13. The estimated expenditure for 2013-14 is about \$2.3 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB366

Question Serial No.

3340

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is estimated that there will be a net increase of 253 posts in the establishment of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2013-14. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) the establishment and strength in 2012-13 and the estimation for 2013-14 by Programme and rank;
- (b) the estimated number of non-civil service contract staff to be employed in 2012-13 by the Department by Programme;
- (c) the expenditure involved in 2012-13 and the estimated expenditure for 2013-14 of the Department by three categories of service contracts, namely “non-civil service contract staff”, “agency workers” and “outsourced services”.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) The establishment of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as at 1 March 2013 and the projected establishment as at 31 March 2014 by Programme are set out below:

Programme	Establishment as at 1 March 2013	Projected establishment as at 31 March 2014
(1) Recreation and Sports	4 055	4 181
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	1 910	1 952
(3) Heritage and Museums	634	649
(4) Performing Arts	840	854
(5) Public Libraries	1 292	1 398
Total:	8 731	9 034

As at 1 March 2013, LCSD had 8 123 civil service staff.

These posts and staff cover different departmental grades (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). A breakdown on the civil service staff by Programme is not available as the Department does not keep the staff records by Programme.

(b) As at 1 March 2013, there were 998 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff in LCSD. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure or cultural venues and offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services. Information on NCSC staff by Programme is not available as the Department does not keep the staff records by Programme.

(c) (i) Expenditure for the employment of NCSC staff

The estimated expenditure for the employment of NCSC staff in 2012-13 is about \$291.6 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 unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the employment of NCSC staff in 2013-14.

(ii) Expenditure for the engagement of agency workers

The estimated expenditure for the engagement of agency workers in 2012-13 is about \$14.5 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 ad hoc and irregular nature for the engagement of agency workers, the Department is unable to provide an estimate of the expenditure required for the engagement of agency services in 2013-14.

(iii) Expenditure for outsourced services

The estimated expenditure on major outsourced services such as cleansing, security, venue management and horticultural maintenance in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is about \$980 million and \$1,115 million respectively. The anticipated increase in expenditure in 2013-14 is mainly due to the need to provide outsourced services for the new leisure and cultural facilities expected to be commissioned in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 26.3.2013

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

HAB367

Question Serial No.

3342

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How many full-time lifeguards in total are currently employed to work at the swimming pools managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department? Given the existing establishment of the Department, how many lifeguards will be required for the provision of adequate services? On how many occasions were the swimming pools managed by the Department closed to the public due to a shortage of lifeguards in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)? Regarding the employment of lifeguards, what is the estimated expenditure for 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

As at 15 March 2013, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) employed 812 full-year lifeguards for its swimming pools. In addition, about 700 seasonal lifeguards will be employed during the swimming season (April to October) in 2013-14 to support the higher swimming pool attendance during these months.

In the past three years (i.e., 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), there were altogether five occasions on which swimming pools managed by the LCSD were closed to the public due to the unexpected absence of lifeguards who had fallen sick.

The estimated expenditure for the employment of lifeguards (both full-year and seasonal) in 2013-14 is about \$218 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB368

Question Serial No.

3343

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the efforts to encourage persons with disabilities to participate in recreation and sports programmes, what are the details of the work to be carried out by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the coming year? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people with different levels of ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups, including people with disabilities. The programmes specially organised for people with disabilities include swimming, baduanjin, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), hydro-fitness, social dance, table tennis, gateball, day camps and excursions. Outreach programmes will also be organised at rehabilitation centres.

In 2013-14, LCSD will organise about 1 260 recreation and sports programmes specially designed for people with disabilities, catering for some 74 100 participants at an estimated cost of \$4.28 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB369

Question Serial No.

3345

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Members of the public have complained about frequent failure to book the sports facilities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. They also found that many hirers did not show up for their booked sessions, giving rise to suspicion that touting of booked sessions was involved. The Administration proposed six new measures in October last year to prevent unauthorised transfer of booked facilities and improve the booking procedures. What is the progress of the implementation of these measures? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has recently completed a review of the booking and allocation arrangements for sports facilities and implemented eight immediate improvement measures with a view to containing scalping and other abuses of the system. After consulting the District Councils and other stakeholders, LCSD plans to implement further improvement measures in 2013-14, including: shortening the current 30-day advance booking period for individuals to 10 days to reduce the time for re-selling the user permits; revising the re-allocation arrangement due to inclement weather; and cancelling the “stand-by” arrangements for soccer pitches, on a trial basis. The Department also plans to impose penalties on individuals who fail to show up at the booked sessions or who have breached the relevant regulations or user conditions, and tighten the peak-hour booking quota for individual hirers.

The expenditure involved in enhancing the Leisure Link System for implementing these improvements is estimated to be \$13 million in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB370

Question Serial No.

4762

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2012, the Home Affairs Bureau deployed more resources to develop the feeder systems for 42 sports and a number of sports for disabled athletes, with a view to enhancing the identification of and training for junior athletes. What were the details and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Feeder System Scheme aims to help “national sports associations” (NSAs) identify and nurture young potential athletes and provide them with regular opportunities to participate in training and competitions, thereby improving their chances of performing well at a higher level. In 2012-13, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department provided \$16 million for this purpose.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB371

Question Serial No.

4767

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- a) What are the estimated expenditure and expected number of participants of the 4th Hong Kong Games to be held in April 2013?
- b) What are the methods of selection for athletes participating in the eight competition events of the 4th Hong Kong Games to be held in April 2013?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- a) It is expected that the 4th Hong Kong Games (HKG) will attract over 3 000 athletes and over 300 000 members of the public to participate in the various community involvement and publicity programmes. The estimated expenditure for the 4th HKG is about \$25 million.
- b) The 18 District Councils (DCs) are responsible for selecting athletes residing in the districts to participate in the HKG competitions. Each athlete can only represent one district. To enhance the transparency of the athlete selection process, an open and standardised selection mechanism has been drawn up with the advice of the Independent Commission Against Corruption for the 18 DCs to follow. Selection is based on either the results of open competitions (for badminton, basketball, futsal, table tennis, tennis and volleyball) or by making reference to the athletes' achievements in recognised competitions (for athletics and swimming).

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 3.4.2013

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

HAB372

Question Serial No.

4779

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government has indicated that it would convert the club house of the former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in Oil Street, North Point into a visual arts exhibition and activity centre to foster the development of visual arts and nurture local talent in the field. In this connection, what are the details of the work plan and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street is an art space with a special focus on nurturing local young artists and promoting community engagement. It will serve as an incubator for young artistic talents, a facilitator to art creations and an art project space to engage the community. Different art projects will be organised at the art space to provide a platform and opportunities for budding and practicing artists to collaborate and share. Crossover disciplinary projects and experimental projects will also be organised to help the young artists build up their career and personal profiles in the field.

The renovation cost of the new art space which is converted from the former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, a historic building, is \$18.9 million. The estimated annual recurrent expenditure is \$16.623 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB373

Question Serial No.

4781

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In paragraph 66 of the Budget Speech, the Government proposes additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to acquire local visual artists' outstanding artworks, and to commission works for exhibition under public art schemes. These are set to promote the profile of local artists and bring their works to the attention of the art market. Please inform this Committee of the details of the plans, the channels for acquiring the artworks, the selection criteria, the details of the exhibitions expected to be held as well as the detailed estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The additional funding of \$50 million to be allocated to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will be used to acquire and commission artworks by local artists for exhibition, public display, education and research purposes.

(a) Acquiring Artworks

The artworks to be acquired by LCSD will become museum collections which will be displayed on a rotation basis in the museums' permanent and thematic exhibitions and other venues including the visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street to be opened in mid-2013. From time to time, individual artists, private collectors, art dealers, auction houses and art galleries may offer their artworks to LCSD museums for sale, while museums may also proactively ascertain from them their interest in selling or donating artworks to the museums. In both cases, the procedures established by LCSD for handling acquisition of artworks are followed. Having regard to the advice given by the Corruption Prevention Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, LCSD has devised a set of procedures and assessment criteria for acquisition of artworks for museums. The criteria include the artistic merit of the proposed acquisition, its relevance to museums' collections, its physical condition, price, display and education value, and the reputation of the artist.

In conducting the assessment, LCSD will invite Museum Expert Advisers (Advisers) from the relevant panel to give independent advice on the proposed acquisition in accordance with the above-mentioned procedures / criteria. Advisers are appointed to different panels according to their areas of expertise such as Hong Kong art, design, photography, Chinese antiquities and historical pictures, etc. The number of Advisers to be engaged for each acquisition depends on the value of the artworks, but at least three Advisers have to be engaged if the estimated value of the artwork is over \$50,000. The Advisers concerned are required to declare interest when conducting assessment to avoid conflict of interest and no remuneration or honorarium

will be offered to them. Unanimous support of the Advisers for the proposed acquisition, including the price to be offered, is required.

(b) Commissioning artworks for display in public areas

In addition to acquiring artworks, LCSD will also use part of the new funding to commission local artists to create artworks for display at public open spaces, such as parks, and government buildings to promote public's appreciation of art and the works of Hong Kong artists.

Artists or teams for the commissioning work will be selected through two channels, namely, open competition and collaboration with art related non-government organisations (NGOs). In the former case, an adjudication panel comprising five to seven experts in local and public art, representatives of the districts / venues concerned and Museum Expert Advisers, will be set up to select and recommend the appropriate artwork proposals for commissioning. Selection criteria include artistic merits and creativity, compliance with the competition and venue requirements, conformity with the environment, technical competence of the artist / team, feasibility and safety of the proposal, as well as the costs of implementation, management, maintenance and repair. As for collaboration with NGOs, the NGO partner appointed must be art related, non-profit making and has a good track record in executing similar commissioning projects. It will first work out the details of the proposed project and mechanism for artwork selection for LCSD's consideration. The independent advice of Museum Expert Advisers as well as the views of the venue and district representatives will be sought as part of the process.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4..2013

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

HAB374

Question Serial No.

4782

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- a) What are the 82 national sports associations (NSAs) / sports organisations receiving subvention from the Government in Hong Kong?
- b) What were the amounts granted to each of the 82 subvented NSAs / sports organisations in 2012-13 (please provide a breakdown of the amounts granted to individual NSAs / sports organisations)?
- c) What are the amounts to be granted to each of the 82 subvented NSAs / sports organisations in 2013-14 (please provide a breakdown of the amounts to be granted to individual NSAs / sports organisations)?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The 82 NSAs / SOs receiving subvention and the amounts granted to each of them in 2012-13 are listed at the Annex. As for 2013-14, the amount to be allocated to individual NSAs and SOs is still being finalised.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 25.3.2013

Subvention to National Sports Associations in 2012-13

	Name of National Sports Association	Subvention (\$)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,754,138
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association Limited	5,667,511
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	15,139,191
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	4,086,631
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association	10,131,442
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	2,907,105
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	855,974
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association	1,214,223
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union	3,060,310
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon And Lion Dance Association Limited	1,869,907
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association	2,962,858
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association	7,543,630
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	3,272,163
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association	1,828,509
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,922,050
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	5,663,139
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	12,089,499
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Company Limited	1,496,682
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	1,562,744
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	5,267,442
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	5,475,505
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association	2,451,809
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	946,126
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,825,853
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,661,055
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	495,107
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	718,190
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	2,314,113
29.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	4,809,684
30.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	2,914,045
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association	1,262,144
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong	2,674,711
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	1,985,464
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	7,173,899
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union	4,375,997
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,101,699
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	6,939,305

	Name of National Sports Association	Subvention (\$)
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	2,598,165
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	834,805
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,028,008
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association	1,659,043
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf	691,234
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	6,355,548
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	6,353,382
45.	Hong Kong Squash	11,303,622
46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	9,800,206
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	14,716,592
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association	2,119,491
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	8,021,498
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	4,689,570
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association	4,010,578
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,213,522
53.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China	885,828
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	5,650,736
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	687,698
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association	867,058
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	8,201,298
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,003,515

Subvention to Sports Organisations in 2012-13

	Name of Sports Organisation	Subvention (\$)
1.	Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China	4,097,384
2.	Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong	31,233
3.	Citizen Athletic Association	185,653
4.	Happy Valley Athletic Association	220,426
5.	Hong Kong Chess Federation	50,268
6.	Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association	147,615
7.	Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association	132,350
8.	Hong Kong Christian Service	78,662
9.	Hong Kong Miniature Football Association	106,035
10.	Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China	234,719
11.	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf	93,432
12.	Hong Kong Tai Chi Association	22,696
13.	Hong Kong Teacher's Association	42,364
14.	Hong Kong Tennis Patrons' Association Limited	3,236,095
15.	Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association	7,830
16.	Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association	17,414
17.	Kowloon Miniature Football Association Limited	99,227
18.	New Territories Regional Sports Association	335,168
19.	Outward Bound (Alumni) Association	49,140
20.	Sail Training Association of Hong Kong Limited	158,012
21.	Scout Association of Hong Kong	9,550
22.	South China Athletic Association	137,389
23.	Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association	1,280
24.	Hong Kong Muay Thai Association	165,712

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

HAB375

Question Serial No.

4824

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- a) How much resources have been allocated by the Department to enhance utilisation of sports facilities in 2012-13? How effective it has been and what was the expenditure involved?
- b) It is stated that the Department will enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities in 2013-14, what are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been taking various measures to enhance the utilisation of sports facilities, including: offering free use of selected facilities to schools, “national sports associations”, district sports associations and subvented non-government organisations during non-peak hours; organising promotional activities such as fun days, training courses and competitions for the community; and distributing promotional materials to schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities, especially during non-peak hours. Moreover, people with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full-time students enjoy concessionary rates when using sports facilities during peak and non-peak hours. The usage rates of various sport facilities have increased in recent years. For example, the overall and non-peak hour usage rates of the arenas of sports centres have increased from 78% and 63% in 2011 to 79% and 65% in 2012 respectively. The overall and non-peak hour usage rates of tennis courts have also increased from 58% and 39% in 2011 to 60% and 41% in 2012 respectively.

LCSD will continue to explore measures to promote the utilisation of the facilities in 2013-14. These measures will be carried out as part of the ongoing work of LCSD through deployment of existing resources. LCSD does not have separate figures showing the expenditure involved in implementing such measures.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB376

Question Serial No.

4832

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- a) What sports programmes were granted subventions by the Government in 2012-13? Please provide a breakdown by the content of each sport programme and the expenditure involved.
- b) What sports programmes will be granted subventions by the Government in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure for each of the subvented sport programmes?
- c) What measures will be taken by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to monitor the effectiveness of the improvement measures of the sports subvention scheme in 2013-14? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- a)&b) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme (the Scheme) to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The total amount of subvention provided to NSAs and SOs in 2012-13 was \$250 million, whilst the estimated provision in 2013-14 is about \$259 million. The subvention is a block grant to cover personnel, office and programme expenses. Programme expenses cover “national”, youth and regional squad training, training programmes in the community, local competitions, school sports programmes, community sports clubs projects, participation in international events, training of officials and attendance at overseas meetings. NSAs have flexibility in deciding how best the subvention for organising programmes should be deployed, as long as they achieve the targets set in the Subvention Agreements signed with LCSD and comply with the conditions therein. LCSD therefore does not have detailed information on the allocation of subvention to individual programmes organised by the NSAs. As for SOs, project based subvention is granted to them mainly for the organisation of community training programmes and local competitions.
- c) Since 2011-12, LCSD has implemented measures to strengthen the monitoring of the use of subvention by NSAs and enhance their corporate governance, including an annual mid-year review. When LCSD scrutinises the annual plans submitted by NSAs for the next financial year, it will take into account their achievements in various key performance areas when deciding on the amount of subvention to be allocated to them next year. In 2013-14, LCSD will conduct a mid-year review of the performance of NSAs in 2012-13, and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the improvement measures. The measures are part of the Department's continual monitoring of the use of subvention, which is conducted using existing manpower and resources.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB377

Question Serial No.

4833

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has stated that it will expand the existing Green Volunteer Scheme to enhance community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance in 2013-14. What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Green Volunteer Scheme (the Scheme) has over 3 700 Green Volunteers in 18 districts and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to promote the Scheme through publicity and greening activities to encourage more members of the public to join as Green Volunteers. Horticultural training and workshops will be organised to equip the Green Volunteers with basic knowledge and skills to undertake simple horticultural maintenance tasks and to identify trees requiring attention for reporting to LCSD for further actions. They will also be invited to serve as stewards in the Department's greening promotional activities and to perform outreaching services in the community. The estimated expenditure involved in promoting the Scheme in 2013-14 is about \$0.6 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 3.4.2013

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

HAB378

Question Serial No.

4834

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) How many community planting days did the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organise in 2012-13? What were the details, planting locations, event dates, number of participants and expenditure involved?
- (b) How many community planting days will the LCSD organise in 2013-14? What are the details, planting locations, event dates and estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) LCSD has indicated that it will encourage schools to participate in school greening activities through the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme and Greening School Subsidy Scheme in 2013-14. What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (a) In 2012-13, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organised 22 community planting days in 18 districts, attracting more than 4 900 participants. The total expenditure incurred was about \$0.8 million. Detailed information on the community planting days is at the Annex.
- (b) In 2013-14, LCSD will organise 24 community planting days in 18 districts. Since some of the planned events will be organised in partnership with other organisations including the District Councils, the details of community planting days in 2013-14 have to be further discussed with them and are yet to be finalised.
- (c) LCSD will continue to organise the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme and Greening School Subsidy Scheme in 2013-14 for local secondary, primary, special schools and kindergartens with the aim of promoting a “green” culture among schools and students. Details of the schemes are as follows:

The “One Person, One Flower” Scheme

1 100 schools will join the Scheme in 2013-14. The *Impatiens hawkeri* (新畿內亞鳳仙) will be adopted as the theme flower and around 420 000 seedlings will be distributed to participating students. The estimated expenditure in 2013-14 is about \$0.57 million.

Details of the Community Planting Days in 2012-13

<u>Item</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Planting Location</u>	<u>Event Date</u>
1	Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	11.5.2012
2	Kwun Tong	Choi Wing Road Park	2.6.2012
3	Wong Tai Sin	Po Kong Village Road Park	16.6.2012
4	Central & Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	24.6.2012
5	Tuen Mun	Wing Fat Lane Sitting Out Area	7.7.2012
6	Yuen Long	Sheung Tsuen Park	28.9.2012
7	Kowloon City	Ho Man Tin Park	6.10.2012
8	North	Po Wing Road Playground	20.10.2012
9	Sai Kung	Fuk Man Garden	20.10.2012
10	Sham Shui Po	Nam Cheong Park	3.11.2012
11	Yau Tsim Mong	Cox's Road Children Playground	10.11.2012
12	Sha Tin	Ma On Shan Park	17.11.2012
13	Wan Chai	Coombe Road Children's Playground	23.11.2012
14	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Park	23.11.2012
15	Central & Western	Hong Kong Park	25.11.2012
16	Southern	Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park	1.12.2012
17	Islands	Tung Chung North Park	8.12.2012
18	Tai Po	Tai Po Waterfront Park	15.12.2012
19	Tai Po	Tai Po Old Market Playground	25.1.2013
20	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool (Car Park)	26.1.2013
21	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Park	27.1.2013
22	Eastern	Aldrich Bay Park	23.2.2013

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

HAB379

Question Serial No.

4835

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated that it would open a long-term exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in 2013-14. What are the details and estimated expenditure of the exhibition?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Bruce Lee exhibition to be held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM) from July 2013 onwards will feature Bruce Lee's achievements, contributions and impact on the various aspects of the popular culture, covering his philosophy, movies, Kung Fu and the cultural phenomena created by him. Hundreds of items will be on display in the exhibition including artefacts on loan from the Bruce Lee Foundation, private collectors and other organisations.

In addition to the display of exhibits, a documentary entitled "The Brilliant Life of Bruce Lee" produced by the Federation of Hong Kong Filmmakers will be shown at HKHM to give the visitors a more in-depth understanding of this legendary figure.

The estimated expenditure involved in organising this long-term exhibition is about \$24.85 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB380

Question Serial No.

4836

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated that it would draw up the first draft inventory list of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage items in 2013-14. What are the details, timetable and estimated expenditure of the plan?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has commissioned the South China Research Center of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) to conduct the first territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in Hong Kong. The Center has just submitted a draft inventory list which will be discussed by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ICHAC) in its coming meetings. Upon consideration of the draft inventory list by ICHAC, the Government will launch an extensive public consultation exercise on the draft list in mid-2013. Taking into account the public views received, the Government plans to publish the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong by early 2014. The expenditure involved in commissioning the South China Research Center to conduct the territory-wide survey of ICH is \$6.25 million.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB381

Question Serial No.

4839

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated that it would organise the fifth edition of the “World Cultures Festival” in autumn 2013 with Eastern European cultures as the theme. Please provide the details, the programmes and the estimated expenditure of the plan.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The theme of the World Cultures Festival to be held in autumn 2013 will be on the arts of the Eastern European region. The Festival will feature the most representative art forms, artists and arts groups of five Eastern European countries, namely Russia, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Serbia. An array of programmes including music, theatre and dance will be presented to showcase the rich and diversified cultures and traditions of the region inherited from the past and transformed to the present, with new developments reflecting the multi-faceted contemporary society. 11 stage programmes with 26 performances totalling about 100 activities including educational and extension activities will be presented during the Festival.

The estimated budget of the Festival is \$17.8 million, including \$13.8 million for programme costs and \$4 million for publicity, design, printing and other logistics costs.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB382

Question Serial No.

4841

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has stated that it would reprovision the Pak Tin Public Library during 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) The Department has stated that it would organise the “12th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature” during 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) The Department has stated that it would implement the major upgrade of the Multimedia Information System during 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- a) The reprovisioning project of Pak Tin Public Library (PTPL) involves relocating the existing small library (215 sq m) at Pak Tin Estate to the Shek Kip Mei Estate Ancillary Facilities Block at Shek Kip Mei Estate Phase 2 Redevelopment. With an area of some 700 sq m, the new PTPL, to be commissioned in 2013-14, will provide enhanced services in terms of floor space for library materials, reading areas and computer facilities. Major facilities of the new PTPL include an adult library, a children's library, a newspapers and periodicals section, an extension activities room and other ancillary facilities. The estimated one-off^{Note 1} and annual recurrent^{Note 2} costs for the new library are \$5.63 million and \$5.75 million respectively.
- b) “The 12th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature” organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) aims to recognise the excellence of Hong Kong literary authors, encourage continual pursuit in quality literary creation and promote the winning books of local authors to promote reading. Awards are given under the categories of poetry, prose, fiction, literary criticism and children and youth literature published for the first time in Hong Kong in 2011 and 2012. Nominations will close on 18 April 2013 and the result will be announced in November 2013. The estimated cost for organising the Awards is \$599,000 inclusive of publicity, prizes for award winners, remuneration for adjudicators (who will also conduct literary seminars) and prize presentation ceremony, etc.
- c) The upgrading of the Multimedia Information System (MMIS) aims to extend the MMIS services from the Hong Kong Central Library and 27 branch libraries to all 67 static libraries of the HKPL. The upgraded MMIS will support the development and retrieval of digital content, enhance navigation capabilities, provide additional channels for the public to access library resources through Internet and mobile technology, enhance online booking/reservation service for MMIS workstations and

audio-visual materials. The total estimated cost for the MMIS upgrading project is \$93.119 million. The project is targeted for completion in the third quarter of 2013.

Note 1 One-off cost includes the costs for setting up library systems and equipment, procurement of library materials, staffing for preparation of library materials and shelving, as well as decoration services for the new library, but excludes the construction and fitting out costs.

Note 2 Annual recurrent cost includes the costs of maintenance of library systems and equipment, staffing and hiring of services such as cleansing and security, and management fees for the premises.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB383

Question Serial No.

5336

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please list the usage rates of and the maintenance and operation costs incurred by each of the natural and artificial turf pitches in the past year.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

In 2012-13, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) managed 49 natural turf soccer pitches and 30 artificial turf soccer pitches. The overall usage of natural turf soccer pitches recorded 100% in 2012, while the overall usage rate of artificial turf soccer pitches was 73%. A breakdown of the usage rates of the individual artificial turf soccer pitches is at the Annex. As most of the natural and artificial turf soccer pitches form part of the overall facilities provided in the public leisure facilities such as parks and sports grounds, LCSD does not have separate figures on the maintenance and operation cost of individual pitches.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

Usage of Artificial Turf Pitches in 2012

District	Name of Venue	Usage Rate in 2012
Hong Kong		
Eastern	1. Quarry Bay Park (2 pitches)	82%
Southern	2. Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	54%
Central and Western	3. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	80%
Wan Chai	4. Happy Valley Recreation Ground (4 pitches)	77%
Kowloon		
Yau Tsim Mong	5. Boundary Street Recreation Ground	77%
	6. Cherry Street Park	91%
Sham Shui Po	7. Shek Kip Mei Park	84%
Kowloon City	8. Kowloon Tsai Park (2 pitches)	74%
Wong Tai Sin	9. Lok Fu Recreation Ground	74%
	10. Morse Park (3 pitches)	64%
	11. Po Kong Village Road Park (2 pitches)	73%
Kwun Tong	12. Kowloon Bay Park	78%
	13. Shun Lee Tsuen Park	69%
New Territories		
Islands	14. Man Tung Road Park	79%
Kwai Tsing	15. Tsing Yi Northeast Park	70%
Tuen Mun	16. Wu Shan Recreation Park	57%
Sha Tin	17. Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	70%
	18. Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	64%
Tai Po	19. Kwong Fuk Football Ground	64%
	20. Kwong Fuk Park	72%
North	21. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	77%
Sai Kung	22. Po Tsui Park	60%
Average Usage Rate		73%

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

HAB384

Question Serial No.

5338

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the children's playgrounds requiring repair last year, the details of the damage and repair works, the expenditure incurred and the duration of the temporary closure required.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages 694 children's playgrounds. In 2012, the Department had issued 260 works orders for the repair and replacement of play equipment at children's playgrounds. The expenditure incurred was about \$5.2 million. Names of the children's playgrounds involved, the works items and the duration of temporary closure are set out at the Annex.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

Repair/renovation works at Children's Playground for the year 2012

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
1	Central & Western	Belcher Bay Park 卑路乍灣公園	Replace roof component	X	
2		Caine Road Garden 堅道花園	Repair fixing component	X	
3		Conduit Rd C's P/G 干德道兒童遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
4		Hong Kong Park 香港公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
5		Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Garden 香港動植物公園	Repair swings		X (0.5 day)
6		Pokfulam Rd P/G 薄扶林道遊樂場	Repair handrail component	X	
7		Sung Hing Lane C's P/G 崇慶里兒童遊樂場	Repair swings	X	
8		Sung Hing Lane C's P/G 崇慶里兒童遊樂場	Repair fixing component	X	
9		Third St. P/G 第三街遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate	X	
10	Eastern	Chai Wan Park 柴灣公園	Repair sign board	X	
11		Choi Sai Woo Park 賽西湖公園	Repair saddle-mate	X	
12		Greig Road SOA 基利路休憩處	Repair metal chain ladder	X	
13		Lei King Wan SOA 鯉景灣休憩處	Repair swings	X	
14		Lei King Wan SOA 鯉景灣休憩處	Repair swing	X	
15		Provident Garden 和富花園	Repair swing	X	
16		Quarry Bay Park 鰂魚涌公園	Repair rusty component	X	
17		Quarry Bay Park Site A 鰂魚涌公園 A 場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
18		Sai Wan Ho Playground 西灣河遊樂場	Replace climber	X	
19		Siu Sai Wan Promenade 小西灣海濱花園	Repair saddle-mate	X	
20		Siu Sai Wan Promenade 小西灣海濱花園	Repair fixing component	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
21		Tin Chiu Street C's Playground 電照街兒童遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
22		Tong Shui Road Garden 糖水道花園	Repair Seesaw	X	
23		Victoria Park 維多利亞公園	Repair saddle-mate	X	
24	Kowloon City	Carpenter Road Park 賈炳達道公園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
25		Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1 佛光街一號花園	Replace slide	X	
26		Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1 佛光街一號花園	Repair Play Panel	X	
27		King Wan Street Playground 景雲街遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
28		Hoi Sham Park 海心公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
29		Homantin Hill Road Rest Garden 何文田山道休憩花園	Repair signage	X	
30		Kau Pui Lung Road Playground 靠背壟道遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
31		Kowloon Tsai Park 九龍仔公園	Refix instruction signage	X	
32		Pui Ching Road Playground 培正道遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
33		Sung Wang Toi Playground 宋皇臺遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
34		Tai Wan Shan Park 大環山公園	Repair swing	X	
35		To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground 土瓜灣遊樂場	Replace slide	X	
36		To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground 土瓜灣遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
37		To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground 土瓜灣遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
38		Tokwawan Complex P/G 土瓜灣市政大廈遊樂場	Repair climber	X	
39		Kwun	Hong Ning Road C-P/G 康寧道兒童遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
40	Tong	Hong Ning Road C-P/G 康寧道兒童遊樂場	Repair Saddle-mate	X	
41		Hong Ning Road Recreation Ground 康寧道遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
42		Jordan Valley P/G 佐敦谷遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
43		Kwun Tong Road C-P/G 觀塘道兒童遊樂場	Replace platform component	X	
44		Lok Wah P/G 樂華遊樂場	Repair Step component	X	
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
45		Lok Wah P/G 樂華遊樂場	Replace Saddle-mate	X	
46		Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground 三家村遊樂場	Replace safety matting and slide	X	
47		Sau Mau Ping Estate (Stage I) Playground No. 3 秀茂坪邨(第一期)三號遊樂場	Repair safety matting	X	
48		Yee On Street Market Rest Garden 宜安街街市休憩花園	Repair safety matting	X	
49		Yuet Wah Street P/G 月華街遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
50		Ping Shek P/G 坪石遊樂場	Total replace children play equipment at Area H & I		X (3.5 months)
51		Ping Shek P/G 坪石遊樂場	Total replace children play equipment at Area F-2		X (9 months)
52		Ping Shek P/G 坪石遊樂場	Total replace children play equipment at Area G		X (9 months)
53		Ping Shek P/G 坪石遊樂場	Total replace safety matting at Area F & G		X (3.5 months)
54		Sham	Fa Hui Park 花墟公園	Repair Saddle-mate	X

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
55	Shui Po	Hoi Lai Temporary Garden 海麗臨時花園	Repair fixing component	X	
56		Hoi Lai Temporary Garden 海麗臨時花園	Replace safety matting	X	
57		Lai Chi Kok Park 荔枝角公園	Replace safety matting	X	
58		Lei Cheng Uk Playground 李鄭屋遊樂場	Replace safety matting and repair saddle-mate	X	
59		Lei Cheng Uk Playground 李鄭屋遊樂場	Repair swing	X	
60		Maple St. Playground 楓樹街遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
61		Nam Cheong Park 南昌公園	Repair fixing component	X	
62		Nam Cheong Street Rest Garden 南昌街休憩花園	Replace safety matting	X	
63		Po On Road Playground 保安道遊樂場	Repair swing	X	
64		Po On Road Playground 保安道遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
65		Po On Road Playground 保安道遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
66		Po On Road Playground 保安道遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
67		Poplar St. Children's Playground 白楊街兒童遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
68		Sham Shui Po Park Stage 2 深水埗公園二期	Repair saddle-mate	X	
69		Shek Kip Mei Central Playground 石硤尾中央遊樂場	Replace paly panel and platform component	X	
70		Shek Kip Mei Central Playground 石硤尾中央遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
71		Tai Hang Tung Estate Playground No.2 大坑東邨二號遊樂場	Repair safety matting	X	
		Tai Po Road /Pak Tin Street Playground 大埔道/白田街	Repair play panels	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
		遊樂場			
73		Tai Po Road /Pak Tin Street Playground 大埔道/白田街 遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
74	South	Repulse Bay Beach Children's P/G 淺水灣海灘兒童遊 樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
75		Ap Lei Chau Park 鴨脷洲公園	Replace children play equipment	X	
76		Waterfall Bay Park 瀑布灣公園	Replace children play equipment		X (21 days)
77		Shek O Beach, Sand Pit 石澳泳灘	Replace children play equipment		X (4 months)
78	Wanchai	Bowrington Road Market-Roof Top C-P/G 鵝頸街市天 台兒童遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate	X	
79		Coombe Road Children's Playground 甘道兒童遊樂場	Repair roof components	X	
80		Lockhart Road Playground 駱克道遊樂場	Repair Signage and Track Rider	X	
81		Tak Yan Street Children's Playground 德仁街兒童遊樂 場	Replace safety Matting	X	
82		Tung Lo Wan Garden 銅鑼灣花園	Replace safety Matting	X	
83	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park No. 3 摩士公園(三號公園)	Replace age sign	X	
84		Morse Park No. 3 摩士公園(三號公園)	Repair swing	X	
85		Morse Park No.4 摩士公園(四號公園)	Replace safety matting	X	
86		Muk Lun Street Playground 睦鄰街遊樂場	Repair safety matting		X (0.5 day)
87		Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central P/G 慈雲山邨中央遊樂場	Repair swing	X	
88	Yau Tsim Mong	Cherry Street Park 櫻桃街公園	Repair posts component and panels	X	
89		Cherry Street Park 櫻桃街公園	Replace Play Panel	X	
90		Cherry Street Park 櫻桃街公園	Replace swings	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
91		Hong Tak Path Garden 康達徑花園	Replace Saddle-mate	X	
92		King's Park Recreation Ground 京士柏遊樂場	Replace posts and repair play panels	X	
93		Lok Kwan Street Park 樂群街公園	Replace Panel	X	
94		Middle Road C's-P/G 中間道兒童遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
95		Middle Road C's-P/G 中間道兒童遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
96		Sycamore Playground 詩歌舞遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
97		Tak Cheong Street Playground 德昌街遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate and safety matting	X	
98		Tong Mei Road Children's Playground 塘尾道兒童遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
99		Cheung Chau Sports Ground 長洲運動場	Replace signage	X	
100		Man Tung Road Park 文東路公園	Repair the climber	X	
101		Man Tung Road Park 文東路公園	Repair play panel	X	
102	Islands	Peng Chau Playground 坪洲遊樂場	Repair swing	X	
103		Peng Chau Playground 坪洲遊樂場	Repair signage	X	
104		Pui O Children's Playground 貝澳兒童遊樂場	Repair signage	X	
105		Tai O Recreation Ground, Lantau 大嶼山大澳遊樂場	Replace play component	X	
106	Kwai Tsing	Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden 長環街休憩花園	Replace safety Matting	X	
107		Kwai Chung San Kui Park 葵涌新區公園	Repair the step component	X	
108		Kwai Yi Road P/G 葵義路遊樂場	Replace climber	X	
109		Lai King Hill Road P/G 荔景山路遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
110		Lai King Hill Road P/G 荔景山路遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
111		Mei King P/G 美景遊樂場	Replace safety Matting		X (33 days)
112		Shek Lei Adventure P/G (Shek Lei Estate Phase II) 石籬探奇遊樂場	Replace play panel	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
113		Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park 石蔭梨木道公園	Repair the swing	X	
114		Sheung Kok Street Garden 上角街花園	Repair decks components	X	
115	North	Fan Leng Lau Garden 粉嶺樓花園	Repair play panel	X	
116		Fan Leng Lau Road P/G 粉嶺樓路遊樂場	Replace fixing component	X	
117		Fan Leng Lau Road P/G 粉嶺樓路遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
118		Fanling Station P/G 粉嶺火車站遊樂場	Repair play panels	X	
119		Kwan Tei C-P/G 軍地兒童遊樂場	Replace platform component	X	
120		Kwan Tei C-P/G 軍地兒童遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
121		Lei Uk Tsuen C-P/G 李屋村兒童遊樂場	Replace age signages	X	
122		Luen Wo Hui P/G 聯和墟遊樂場	Repair post component	X	
123		North District Park 北區公園	Replace play panels	X	
124		North District Park 北區公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
125		North District Park 北區公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
126		North District Park 北區公園	Repair safety matting	X	
127		North District Sports Ground 北區運動場	Repair log roll component	X	
128		North District Sports Ground 北區運動場	Replace safety Matting	X	
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
129		North District Sports Ground 北區運動場	Replace safety matting	X	
130		North District Sports Ground 北區運動場	Repair swing	X	
131		Pak Fuk Tin Sum P/G 百福田心遊樂場	Replace fixing component	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
132		Pak Fuk Tin Sum P/G 百福田心遊樂場	Replace children play equipment		X (5 months)
133		Ping Yeung Village Garden 坪洋村花園	Replace safety Matting	X	
134		Shek Wu Hui P/G 石湖墟遊樂場	Replace slide	X	
135		Shek Wu Hui P/G 石湖墟遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
136		Sheung Shui Heung SOA No.9 上水鄉第九休憩處	Repair safety matting	X	
137		Sheung Shui P/G 上水遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
138		Tong Fong SOA 塘坊休憩處	Repair of play panel	X	
139		Tung Fong C-P/G 東方兒童遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
140		Wai Ming Street Garden 偉明街花園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
141		Wai Ming Street Garden 偉明街花園	Repair of fixing component	X	
142		Wu Kau Tang P/G 烏蛟騰遊樂場	Replace slide	X	
143		Man Yee P/G 萬宜遊樂場	Repair swing	X	
144		Mau Tai Road Garden 貿泰路花園	Repair horizontal climber	X	
145		Pik Shui Sun Tsuen Rest Garden 碧水新村休憩花園	Repair Climber	X	
146		Po Hong Park 寶康公園	Repair SeeSaw	X	
147	Sai Kung	Po Hong Park 寶康公園	Replace horizontal ladders	X	
148		Po Hong Park 寶康公園	Repair play panels and swing	X	
149		Po Hong Park 寶康公園	Repair play component	X	
150		Po Hong Park 寶康公園	Replace safety matting	X	
151		Po Tsui Park 寶翠公園	Repair saddle-mate	X	
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
152		Sha Kok Mei P/G & Garden 沙角尾遊樂場及花園	Repair swing	X	
153		Sha Kok Mei P/G & Garden 沙角尾遊樂場及花園	Repair Play Panel	X	
154		Sha Tsui P/G 沙咀遊樂場	Repair swing	X	
155		Sheung Ning P/G 常寧遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
156		Sheung Ning P/G 常寧遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
157		Sheung Ning P/G 常寧遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
158		Tui Min Hoi Garden 對面海花園	Replace fixing component	X	
159		Tui Min Hoi Rest Garden 對面海休憩花園	Replace transfer platform equipment	X	
160		Che Kung Miu Road P/G 車公廟路遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
161		Hang Hong Street Garden 恆康街花園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
162		Ma On Shan Promenade 馬鞍山海濱長廊	Repair play panel and repair instruction sign	X	
163		Ma On Shan Recreation Ground 馬鞍山遊樂場	Replace post component	X	
164		Ma On Shan Recreation Ground 馬鞍山遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
165	Sha Tin	On Luk Street Park 鞍祿街公園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
166		On Luk Street Park 鞍祿街公園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
167		San Mei Street C-P/G 山尾街兒童遊樂場	Repair play panel	X	
168		Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground 曾大屋遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
169		Sha Tin Park 沙田公園	Replace children play equipment		X (1.5 months)
170	Tai Po	Chai Kek C-P/G 寨乸兒童遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate	X	
171		Kwong Fuk Park 廣福公園	Repair display component	X	
172		Mui Shue Hang P/G 梅樹坑遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")		
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)	
173		Tai Ming Lane Square 大明里廣場	Replace safety Matting	X		
174		Tai Po Central Town Square 大埔中央廣場	Repair seasaw	X		
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")		
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)	
175		Tai Po Central Town Square 大埔中央廣場	Replace safety Matting	X		
176		Tai Po Central Town Square 大埔中央廣場	Replace safety Matting	X		
177		Tai Po Waterfront Park 大埔海濱公園	Repair play panels	X		
178		Tai Po Waterfront Park 大埔海濱公園	Replace safety matting	X		
179		Tai Po Waterfront Park 大埔海濱公園	Replace saddle-mate	X		
180		Tai Po Waterfront Park 大埔海濱公園	Replace saddle-mate	X		
181		Tai Po Waterfront Park 大埔海濱公園	Replace saddle-mate	X		
182		Tai Po Waterfront Park 大埔海濱公園	Repair swing	X		
183		Tai Po Waterfront Park 大埔海濱公園	Replace saddle-mate	X		
184		Wai Tau Tsuen P/G 圍頭村遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate	X		
185		Yuen Shin Park / 完善公園	Replace safety Matting	X		
186		Yuen Shin Park / 完善公園	Replace saddle-mate	X		
187		Tai Po Tau P/G 大埔頭遊樂場	Replace children play equipment		X (14 days)	
188		Tsuen Wan	Circle Park 圓環公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
189			Miu Kong Street SOA 廟崗街休憩處	Replace saddle-mate	X	
190	Shing Mun Valley Park 城門谷公園		Replace play panel	X		

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
191		Shing Mun Valley Park 城門谷公園	Replace see-saw	X	
192		Shing Mun Valley Park 城門谷公園	Repair bridge component	X	
193		Tsuen Fu Street Garden 荃富街花園	Replace safety Matting	X	
194		Tsuen King Circuit P/G 荃景圍遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate	X	
195		Tsuen King Circuit P/G 荃景圍遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate	X	
196		Tsuen Wan Park 荃灣公園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
197		Tsuen Wan Park 荃灣公園	Repair swing	X	
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
198		Tsuen Wan Park 荃灣公園	Repair age signage	X	
199		Tsuen Wan Park (Phase II) 荃灣公園	Replace slide	X	
200		Tsuen Wan Park (Phase II) 荃灣公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
201		Tsuen Wan Riviera Park 荃灣海濱公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
202		Tsuen Wan Riviera Park 荃灣海濱公園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
203		Tsuen Wan Riviera Park 荃灣海濱公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
204		Tsuen Wan Riviera Park 荃灣海濱公園	Replace saddle-mate	X	
205	Tuen Mun	Chung Uk C-P/G 鍾屋兒童遊樂場	Repair fixing component	X	
206		Nim Wan Tsuen C-P/G 稔灣村兒童遊樂場	Replace play panels	X	
207		San Hui P/G 新墟遊樂場	Replace saddle-mate	X	
208		San Wo Lane P/G 新和里遊樂場	Repair horizontal ladder	X	
209		San Wo Lane P/G 新和里遊樂場	Replace play panel	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
210		San Wo Lane P/G 新和里遊樂場	Replace safety matting	X	
211		Tai Lam Chung Road C-P/G 大欖涌道兒童遊樂場	Replace slide	X	
212		Tsing Min C-P/G 青棉兒童遊樂場	Replace slide	X	
213		Tsing Min C-P/G 青棉兒童遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
214		Tsing Min C-P/G 青棉兒童遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
215		Tuen Mun Park 屯門公園	Repair swing	X	
216		Tuen Mun Promenade 屯門海濱花園	Replace safety Matting	X	
217		Wu Shan Bowling Green 湖山草地滾球場	Replace play panel	X	
218		Wu Shan Riverside Park 湖山河畔公園	Repair Log Roll component	X	
219		Yeung Siu Hang Garden 楊小坑錦簇花園	Replace safety Matting	X	
220	Yuen	Chuk Hang P/G 竹坑遊樂場	Repair signage	X	
221	Long	Chuk Hang P/G 竹坑遊樂場	Repair instruction signage	X	
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
222		Dragon Park 龍園	Replace play panel	X	
223		Dragon Park 龍園	Replace safety Matting	X	
224		Fui Sha Wai P/G 灰沙圍遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
225		Kam Tin Market P/G 錦田街市遊樂場	Repair signage board	X	
226		Kam Tin Market P/G 錦田街市遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
227		Kam Tin Po Tei P/G 錦田波地遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
228		Kam Tin Po Tei P/G 錦田波地遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
229		Kam Tin Shi C-P/G 錦田市兒童遊樂場	Repair instruction signage	X	
230		Kat Hing Wai P/G 吉慶圍遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
231		Kat Hing Wai P/G 吉慶圍遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
232		Kat Hing Wai P/G 吉慶圍遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
233		Kin Tak Street P/G 建德街遊樂場	Replace Slide	X	
234		Kin Tak Street P/G 建德街遊樂場	Replace Play Panel	X	
235		Lau Fau Shan P/G 流浮山遊樂場	Repair signage	X	
236		Sai Ching Street C-P/G 西菁街兒童遊樂場	Repair platform component and swing	X	
237		Sai Ching Street C-P/G 西菁街兒童遊樂場	Repair swing	X	
238		Sai Ching Street C-P/G 西菁街兒童遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
239		Sai Ching Street C-P/G 西菁街兒童遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
240		Shui Mei Village P/G 水尾村遊樂場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
241		Sik Kong Tsuen P/G 錫降村遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
242		Tan Kwai Tsuen Road Garden 丹桂村路花園	Replace play panel	X	
243		Tan Kwai Tsuen Road Garden 丹桂村路花園	Repair signage	X	
244		Tin Hang Estate SOA 天恒邨休憩處	Replace safety Matting	X	
245		Tin Ho Road P/G 天河路遊樂場	Replace play panel	X	
No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
246		Tin Sau Road Park 天秀路公園	Replace platform component	X	
247		Tin Shui Wai Park 天水圍公園	Repair track rider	X	

No.	District	Location (English /Chinese)	Description of Works	Children's Playground closed due to repair/renovation works (indicated by "X")	
				No	Yes (No. of days / months)
248		Tin Shui Wai Park 天水圍公園	Repair play component	X	
249		Tin Shui Wai Park 天水圍公園	Repair play component	X	
250		Tin Shui Wai Park 天水圍公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
251		Tin Shui Wai Park 天水圍公園	Repair saddle-mate	X	
252		Tin Shui Wai Park 天水圍公園	Replace safety Matting	X	
253		Tin Sum Tsuen P/G 田心村遊樂場	Replace play panel	X	
254		Wang Toi Shan P/G 橫台山遊樂場	Replace safety Matting	X	
255		Yuen Long C-P/G 元朗兒童遊樂場	Replace play panel	X	
256		Yuen Long Jockey Club Town Sq. 元朗賽馬會廣場	Repair saddle-mate and swing	X	
257		Yuen Long Jockey Club Town Sq. 元朗賽馬會廣場	Repair saddle-mate	X	
258		Yuen Long Jockey Club Town Sq. 元朗賽馬會廣場	Replace safety Matting	X	
259		Yuen Long Jockey Club Town Sq. 元朗賽馬會廣場	Replace safety Matting	X	
260		Yuen Long Park 元朗公園	Repair swing	X	

Note:

P/G = Playground

C-P/G = Children Playground

SOA = Sitting-out Area

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

HAB385

Question Serial No.

5258

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government proposes to convert the club house of the former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in Oil Street, North Point into a visual arts exhibition and activity centre. Please provide the details of the plan as well as information on the works expenditure, the operating expenditure and the manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street is an art space with a special focus on nurturing local young artists and promoting community engagement. It will serve as an incubator for young artistic talents, a facilitator to art creations and an art project space to engage the community. Different art projects will be organised at the art space to provide a platform and opportunities for budding and practicing artists to collaborate and share. Crossover disciplinary projects and experimental projects will also be organised to help the young artists build up their career and personal profiles in the field.

The renovation cost of the former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, a historic building, is \$18.9 million, and the estimated annual recurrent expenditure is \$16.623 million. The new art space will be under the purview of the Art Promotion Office (APO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The APO, headed by a Chief Curator, will set up a dedicated team comprising one Curator, one Assistant Curator I and two Assistant Curators II to manage and operate the new art space.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB386

Question Serial No.

4045

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What were the respective establishments of the Research Officer and non-Research Officer grades in the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Railway Museum, the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre, the Sam Tung Uk Museum, the Sheung Yiu Folk Museum, the Hong Kong Film Archive, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Flagstaff House Museum of Teaware, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Law Uk Folk Museum, the Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, the Hong Kong Science Museum, the Hong Kong Space Museum, the Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and the Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The research and interpretation of cultural collections, comprising artworks, historical items and scientific objects, held by the museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are undertaken by the Department's Curator grade officers. They are supported by non-curatorial staff such as designers, technical officers, and managerial and administrative staff. The number of establishment of the Curator grade and other staff of the respective museums are listed below:

Museum	No. of Establishment								
	As at 1 April 2010			As at 1 April 2011			As at 1 April 2012		
	Curator Grade	Others Note 1	Total	Curator Grade	Others Note 1	Total Note 8	Curator Grade	Others Note 1	Total Note 8
Antiquities and Monuments Office Note 2	37	28	65	39	30	69	39	31	70
Art Museums Note 3	27	57	84	28	58	86	29	62	91
Art Promotion Office Note 4	7	11	18	14	13	27	14	14	28

Museum	No. of Establishment								
	As at 1 April 2010			As at 1 April 2011			As at 1 April 2012		
	Curator Grade	Others Note 1	Total	Curator Grade	Others Note 1	Total Note 8	Curator Grade	Others Note 1	Total Note 8
Hong Kong Film Archive Note 5	2	13	15	3	15	18	3	28	31
History Museums Note 6	24	43	67	32	47	79	32	58	90
Heritage Museums Note 7	32	43	75	33	44	77	33	48	81
Hong Kong Science Museum	14	59	73	15	58	73	15	62	77
Hong Kong Space Museum	6	54	60	10	56	66	10	56	66

Note 1: "Others" refers to non-curatorial staff such as designers, technical officers, and managerial and administrative staff.

Note 2: Including Antiquities and Monuments Office, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre and Ping Shan Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre.

Note 3: Including Hong Kong Museum of Art and Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware.

Note 4: Including Art Promotion Office and Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre.

Note 5: The research and editorial works of the Hong Kong Film Archive are undertaken by Non-civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff.

Note 6: Including Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum, Law Uk Folk Museum and Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery.

Note 7: Including Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.

Note 8: Civil service posts were created for replacing NCSC positions and strengthening support to the museums.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB387

Question Serial No.

4046

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

During 2013-14, the Administration will “open a visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street, which was converted from the former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, a Grade II historic building, for the purpose of nurturing local young visual artists”. What are the details of the plan?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street is an art space with a special focus on nurturing local young artists and promoting community engagement. Through curating art exhibitions and organising community activities in collaboration with the visual arts sector, the art space will serve as an incubator for young artistic talents, a facilitator to art creations and an art project space to engage the community. Different art projects will be organised at the art space to provide a platform and opportunities for budding and practicing artists to collaborate and share. Crossover disciplinary projects and experimental projects will also be organised to help the young artists build up their career and personal profiles in the field.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB388

Question Serial No.

4071

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 66 of the Budget Speech that the Government will provide “additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire local visual artists’ outstanding artworks”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (1) the expenditure incurred by the LCSD on the acquisition of artworks in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and in the coming year;
- (2) the number and types of local and overseas artworks acquired by the LCSD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and in the coming year, as well as the duration of and venues for displaying these works?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (1) The expenditure incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the acquisition of artworks in the past five years is listed below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2008-09	5.20
2009-10	6.39
2010-11	10.77
2011-12	1.82
2012-13	3.39

It is expected that the expenditure to be incurred in the acquisition of artworks in the coming year (2013-14) will be higher than that in previous years with the additional funding provided by the Government. However, a more detailed estimate is not available since the amount spent depends on the price and number of artworks to be identified and successfully acquired in the year.

- (2) The number and types of local and non-local artworks acquired by LCSD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) are listed below.

Year	Number of local artworks acquired	Types	Number of non-local artworks acquired	Types
2008-09	181	Photography, paintings, drawings, collages, sculptures, ceramics, installations, design products	13	Paintings and design products
2009-10	142	Photography, paintings, prints, calligraphies, sculptures, ceramics, installations, mixed media, design products	20	Paintings, ornaments and design products
2010-11	146	Photography, paintings, prints, calligraphies, sculptures, ceramics, installations, mixed media, design products	13	Paintings, animations, ceramics, metal works and design products
2011-12	253	Photography, paintings, prints and sculptures	2	Paintings and drawings
2012-13	1 628*	Photography, paintings, prints, calligraphies and sculptures	2	Paintings and drawings

* Including 1 600 photo negatives from a photographer. The acquisition was made through the artist's family at an enormously discounted price.

Selected artworks acquired by LCSD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) have been displayed in various museum exhibitions with details below:

	Exhibition Title	Venue	Duration (No. of Days)
2008-09			
1	The Children's Paradise - The Art of Lo Koon-chiu	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	198
2009-10			
2	A Retrospective Exhibition of Ding Yanyong's Art	Guangzhou Museum of Art	93
3	The Enchanting Brush: Selected Works of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy by Chao Shao-an from the Museum collection	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	141
2010-11			
4	Hong Kong Contemporary Art Biennial Awards 2009	Hong Kong Museum of Art	63

	Exhibition Title	Venue	Duration (No. of Days)
5	City Flâneur: Social Documentary Photography	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	170
6	Legacy and Creations - Art vs Art (during Expo 2010 Shanghai)	Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai	28
7	Legacy and Creations - Ink Art vs Ink Art (during Expo 2010 Shanghai)	Shanghai Art Museum	24
8	2010 Tea Ware by Hong Kong Potters	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	240
9	The New Acquisition of Chinese Painting: Lam Wu-fui	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	202
10	The 7th International Ink Painting Biennial of Shenzhen – Hong Kong Ink Art	Guan Shanyue Art Museum, Shenzhen	28
2011-12			
11	Legacy and Creations - Ink Art vs Ink Art and Art vs Art	Hong Kong Museum of Art	81
12	From Clay to Teapot: Tea Ware by Hong Kong Potters 1986 - 2010	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	348
13	Cruising the Universe: Fantastic Animals in the Arts of China	Hong Kong Museum of Art	On-going
14	Imprint of the Heart: Artistic Journey of Huang Xinbo	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	125
15	A Man of East, West, South and North–Liu Kuo-Sung 80th Birthday Retrospective Exhibition	National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts	93
2012-13			
16	The Heavenly Breeze: Selected Works of Gao Qifeng and His Disciples	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	430
17	Hong Kong Photography Series 3: Beyond the Portrait	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	119
18	Collecting for 50 Years - The People and Their Stories	Hong Kong Museum of Art	On-going
19	A Hundred Paintings from the Hong Kong Museum of Art	Hong Kong Museum of Art	192

As each piece of artwork is unique and the price varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired and the plan for their display in the coming year cannot be estimated.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB389

Question Serial No.

4104

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What was the size of the library stocks of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively?
- (b) What were the attendance figures and the number of loans of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively?
- (c) What are the floor areas of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library before and after it is reprovisioned?
- (d) What is the size of the library stocks of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library after it is reprovisioned?
- (e) What are the estimated attendance figures and number of loans of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library for the coming year (i.e. 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) The total number of library materials of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library (TSWPL), a district library, in the past three years was 224 161 (2010-11), 218 607 (2011-12) and 221 689 (2012-13) items respectively.
- (b) The total attendance figures and the number of borrowed items of TSWPL in the past three years were tabulated below:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 28 February 2013)
No. of items borrowed	1 215 653	1 131 523	853 257
Attendance	1 239 436	1 217 714	1 040 026

- (c) The floor area of the previous TSWPL was 1 500 m² while that of the newly commissioned Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library (PSTSWPL), a major library, is 6 100 m².
- (d) The total library stock of PSTSWPL as at 28 February 2013 (the opening date) was 330 000 items.

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

HAB390

Question Serial No.

4112

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the size of the library stocks, the total floor area, the library stock per person in the population served, the number of registered borrowers and their age distribution, as well as the number of items on loan per registered borrower for each of the public libraries in the territory.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The size of the library stock and the total floor area of the 67 static libraries and ten mobile libraries of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) are set out at Annex 1.

The total number of registered borrowers of HKPL is 4 086 926 as at 31 December 2012 and their age distribution is at Annex 2.

As the entire library collection of the HKPL are interconnected by an integrated automated library system and are available to all borrowers at any library, it has been the practice of the HKPL to calculate the library stock per capita on the basis of HKPL as a whole. The library stock per capita is 1.8 in 2012^{Note 1}. Similarly, the number of items on loan per registered borrower is 13.74^{Note 2}.

Note 1 Calculation based on provisional figure of the mid-2012 Population issued by the Census and Statistics Department which is 7 136 300 for 2012.

Note 2 Calculation based on the total number of library materials borrowed in 2012 and the total number of registered borrower as at 31 December 2012 which are 56 154 732 and 4 086 926 respectively.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

Annex 1 to Reply Serial No. HAB390

The size of library stocks and the total floor area of each of the libraries of the Hong Kong Public Libraries as at 31 December 2012 are provided in the table below.

Type of Libraries	Public Libraries	Library Stock (items)	Total Floor Area (sq. m.)
Central	Hong Kong Central Library	2 559 556	33 800
Major	City Hall	531 790	3 277
	Kowloon	667 134	4 000
	Sha Tin	484 073	3 318
	Tsuen Wan	461 230	2 979
	Tuen Mun	476 203	3 250
District	Aberdeen	165 286	1 433
	Chai Wan	225 977	2 659
	Cheung Chau	74 057	767
	Fa Yuen Street	180 942	1 600
	Fanling	240 610	2 200
	Lai Chi Kok	176 885	2 310
	Lockhart Road	194 498	1 950
	Ma On Shan	221 510	2 200
	Ngau Chi Wan	170 713	1 500
	Ngau Tau Kok	179 282	1 600
	North Kwai Chung	176 335	1 640
	North Point	80 432	460
	Po On Road	172 968	1 720
	Quarry Bay	198 366	2 300
	Sai Kung	116 616	470
	San Po Kong	176 782	1 600
	Shek Tong Tsui	172 835	1 800
	Sheung Shui	194 622	2 114
	Shui Wo Street	213 157	2 300
	South Kwai Chung	168 989	1 220
	Tai Hing	102 506	641
	Tai Po	305 385	3 600
	Tin Shui Wai	204 977	1 570
	To Kwa Wan	172 642	1 690
	Tseung Kwan O	259 555	2 200
	Tsing Yi	211 888	2 146
	Tung Chung	262 263	3 513
Yau Ma Tei	157 651	1 580	
Yuen Long	180 027	1 540	
Small	Ap Lei Chau	77 545	500

Type of Libraries	Public Libraries	Library Stock (items)	Total Floor Area (sq. m.)
	Butterfly Estate	53 863	464
	Electric Road	77 675	500
	Fu Shan	66 891	420
	Hung Hom	86 402	500
	Kowloon City	78 519	511
	Lam Tin	70 365	300
	Lei Yue Mun	74 442	943
	Lek Yuen	56 675	307
	Lok Fu	71 942	470
	Lung Hing	55 164	337
	Mui Wo	27 753	142
	North Lamma	16 304	65
	Pak Tin	48 400	215
	Peng Chau	26 200	140
	Pok Fu Lam	80 978	600
	Sau Mau Ping	56 270	285
	Sha Tau Kok	21 909	70
	Shek Wai Kok	42 120	282
	Shun Lee Estate	77 625	628
	Siu Sai Wan	68 696	725
	Smithfield	74 385	800
	South Lamma	9 996	30
	Stanley	81 351	540
	Tai Kok Tsui	82 543	670
	Tai O	24 101	137
	Tin Shui Wai North	66 609	494
	Tsim Sha Tsui	68 282	500
	Tsz Wan Shan	77 274	518
	Un Chau Street	63 849	570
	Wong Nai Chung	81 062	971
	Yiu Tung	67 107	473
Mobile	Mobile Library 1	30 422	
	Mobile Library 2	27 774	
	Mobile Libraries 3 and 10	67 836	
	Mobile Library 4	29 676	
	Mobile Library 5	25 992	
	Mobile Libraries 6 and 9	85 469	
	Mobile Library 7	54 755	
	Mobile Library 8	62 703	
Total		12 854 666	117 054

Annex 2 to Reply Serial No. HAB390

The age profile of registered borrowers in Hong Kong Public Libraries as at 31 December 2012 is:

Age Group	Total No.	Percentage
0 - 4	53 980	1.32%
5 - 9	163 450	4.00%
10 - 14	225 841	5.52%
15 - 19	353 614	8.65%
20 - 24	399 530	9.78%
25 - 29	399 396	9.77%
30 - 34	397 586	9.73%
35 - 39	377 464	9.24%
40 - 44	375 145	9.18%
45 - 49	377 700	9.24%
50 - 54	348 829	8.54%
55 - 59	242 297	5.93%
60 - 64	161 203	3.94%
65 or over	210 891	5.16%
Total	4 086 926	100.00%

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

HAB391

Question Serial No.

4534

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the exhibitions listed below, please provide information on the overall attendance figures; the attendance figures of full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above; the expenditures involved in the exhibitions; the durations of the exhibitions; and the numbers of related thematic talks and their attendance figures:

“Fantastic Creatures from the British Museum”;

“Imperishable Affection: The Art of Feng Zikai”;

“A Lofty Retreat from the Red Dust: The Secret Garden of Emperor Qianlong”;

“Chinese Painting and Calligraphy of Song, Yuan and Ming Dynasties from the Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts”;

“Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes Eternal”;

“Hong Kong Currency”;

“The Majesty of All Under Heaven: The Eternal Realm of China’s First Emperor”;

“PICASSO – Masterpieces from Musée National Picasso, Paris”; and

“Creatures of the Abyss”.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The attendance, expenditure and duration of the respective exhibitions, as well as the number of related thematic talks and their attendance are listed in the table below:

Exhibition	Duration (No. of days)	Actual/ Estimated Expenses (\$ million)	Attendance at Exhibitions				Thematic talks	
			Standard tickets	Concessionary tickets (Note 1)	Free admission (Note 2)	Total	No. of talks	Attendance
Fantastic Creatures from the British Museum	70	7.40	48 535	27 104	28 721	104 360	2	216
Imperishable Affection: The Art of Feng Zikai	117	1.88	97 502	52 775	149 385	299 662	5	826
A Lofty Retreat from the Red Dust: The Secret Garden of Emperor Qianlong	115	12.20 (Note 4)	73 353	42 881	52 239	168 473	9	1 510
Chinese Painting and Calligraphy of Song, Yuan and Ming Dynasties from the Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts	36	1.98	37 452	15 824	39 792	93 068	7	774
Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes Eternal	90	5.10 (Note 5)	135 229	69 606	52 220	257 055	6	427
Hong Kong Currency	73	2.23	18 015	11 384	44 168	73 567	7	620

Exhibition	Duration (No. of days)	Actual/ Estimated Expenses (\$ million)	Attendance at Exhibitions				Thematic talks	
			Standard tickets	Concessionary tickets (Note 1)	Free admission (Note 2)	Total	No. of talks	Attendance
The Majesty of All Under Heaven: The Eternal Realm of China's First Emperor	110	32.62 (Note 4)	275 933	N/A (Note 3)	149 226	425 159	9	1 107
PICASSO – Master-pieces from Musée National Picasso, Paris	56	7.65 (Note 5)	212 349	N/A (Note 3)	82 362	294 711	2	402
Creatures of the Abyss	96	3.44	64 918	54 625	99 179	218 722	4	670

Note 1: Including concessionary tickets (50 per cent discount) for full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above as well as group tickets (30 per cent discount). There is no breakdown for full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above purchasing concessionary tickets.

Note 2: Including visits by museum pass holders, non-government organisations, schools, guests admitted with complimentary tickets, and free admission on Wednesdays (for some exhibitions only).

Note 3: Concessionary tickets were not available. Ticket price for the First Emperor of China and the PICASSO sold at \$10 and \$20 respectively.

Note 4: Including sponsorship from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

Note 5: LCSD's contributions form part of the total expenditure on the exhibition.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB392

Question Serial No.

4424

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the “introduction of the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme” mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest situation of the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme. Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of monthly tickets purchased by different groups of patrons (including persons aged 60 or above, persons with disabilities, ordinary adults, children aged between 3 and 13, and full-time students). Has the Administration assessed the impact of the Scheme on its revenue generated from the admission fees? How does the situation differ from the initial estimate?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme (the Scheme) was introduced on 5 July 2012. Up to the end of January 2013, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department had sold over 44 000 monthly tickets. The number of monthly tickets sold by type is set out below:

Type of tickets	No. of Monthly Tickets sold (Up to 31.1.2013)
Normal Rate Monthly Ticket	15 823
Concessionary Rate Monthly Ticket	-
People aged 60 or above	25 202
People with disabilities	1 070
Minders of people with disabilities	123
Children (aged between 3 and 13)	407
Full-time students	2 256
Total:	44 881

The amount of revenue generated from the sales of monthly tickets since introduction of the Scheme is sufficient to offset the loss of income from the admission fees paid by individual swimmers. This is in line with our original estimate.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB393

Question Serial No.

4428

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14 that the Administration will “continue to plan for the development of sports facilities that will meet the needs of Hong Kong’s sports development ...” In this connection, will the Administration provide this Committee with the enhancement projects for district recreation and sports facilities in each of the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the next three years (i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16), the target completion dates and the expenditures for respective projects?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

We completed 11 capital works sports and recreation projects in 2011-12 and 2012-13, and are undertaking another 10 projects with target completion dates between 2013-14 and 2015-16. The projects, their target completion dates and approved project estimates are set out in the table below.

Project Title	Works Completion Date / Anticipated Works Completion Date	Approved Project Estimate (\$ million)
(I) Projects completed in 2011-12 and 2012-13		
Sports Centre in Area 28A, Fanling/Sheung Shui	Apr 2011	360.00
Tseung Kwan O Complex in Area 44, Tseung Kwan O	May 2011	530.90
Tin Shui Wai public library cum indoor recreation centre	May 2011	625.40
Local open space in Area 25, Fanling/Sheung Shui	May 2011	51.30
District open space in Area 37, Tseung Kwan O	Jul 2011	140.60
Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and Swimming Pool Complex	Sep 2011	574.70
Improvement works for Mong Kok Stadium	Sep 2011	275.50
Swimming pool complex in Area 1 (San Wai Court), Tuen Mun	Mar 2012	791.40
Conversion of secondary pool of Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool into indoor heated pool	Apr 2012	166.70

Project Title	Works Completion Date / Anticipated Works Completion Date	Approved Project Estimate (\$ million)
Lam Tin North Municipal Services Building	Jun 2012	708.50
Sports centre and community hall in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai	Jun 2012	629.80
(II) Projects under construction for completion from 2013-14 to 2015-16		
Town park, indoor velodrome-cum-sports centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	Late 2013	1,129.70
Runway Park at Kai Tak, Kowloon City District - Phase 1	Late 2013	169.70
Local open space at Chung Yee Street, Kowloon City	Early 2014	88.80
Open space in Area 117, Tin Shui Wai	Mid 2014	232.30
Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	Late 2014	1,323.80
Redevelopment of Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex	Late 2014	1,197.70
District open space, sports centre and library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O	Late 2014	749.20
Kwun Tong promenade (Stage 2)	Late 2014	250.70
Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 3, Yuen Long	Late 2015	704.10
Sports centre, community hall and district library in Area 14B, Sha Tin	Early 2016	1,084.00

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB394

Question Serial No.

4429

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public” as mentioned in the Aim, will the Administration inform this Committee:

What are 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 the past year? Will the Administration consider upgrading the old jogging tracks by resurfacing them with standard vibration-absorbing materials in phases as soon as possible? What are the locations of jogging tracks using standard vibration-absorbing materials expected to be provided in the next three years and their respective lengths?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Currently, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages 90 outdoor leisure venues providing 97 jogging tracks with a total length of about 44 300 metres, of which 43% (around 19 100 metres) are surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials. The list of venues with outdoor jogging tracks is at Annex I. Since 2008, the Department has been using vibration-absorbing materials for its new jogging tracks and replacing the existing jogging tracks with vibration-absorbing materials when they are due for renovation. In the next three years, LCSD plans to provide another three jogging tracks all surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials with a total length of about 800 metres, details of which are at Annex II.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

**^List of Outdoor Leisure Venues Provided with Jogging Tracks
Surfaced with Vibration-absorbing Materials**

District	Venues	Length of tracks / trails (metres)
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. Aldrich Bay Park	625 640 270 208 450
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 4. Sai Yee Street Garden #	270 300 160 156
Sham Shui Po	1. Cornwall Street Park 2. Po On Road Playground 3. Sham Shui Po Park 4. Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	258 150 400 480
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 Tusen Playground 5. Jordan Valley Park (four tracks)	430 420 495 130 120 275 350 370
Islands	1. Tung Chung North Park	200
Tuen Mun	1. Wu Shan Riverside Park 2. Butterfly Beach Park 3. Tsing Tin Playground #	600 200 200

District	Venues	Length of tracks / trails (metres)
Tai Po	1. Tai Po Waterfront Park (two tracks)	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 3. Kwai Chung San Kui Park *	350 277 240
North	1. Wai Ming Street Garden	350
Sha Tin	1. Ma On Shan Promenade	2 000
Sai Kung	1. Sheung Ning Playground	500
	Total	19 108

Remarks:

- ^ The information does not include the 25 athletic tracks, surfaced with vibration-absorbing materials, in 24 sports grounds with a total length of about 9 600 metres.
- # Old jogging tracks resurfacing by standard vibration-absorbing materials
- * New jogging track

**List of Outdoor Leisure Venues Provided with Jogging Tracks
Not Surfaced with Vibration-absorbing Materials**

District	Venues	Length of tracks/ trails (metres)
Central and Western	1. Harlech Road Fitness Trail	246
	2. Magazine Gap Service Reservoir Playground	116
	3. Mt. Austin Playground	221
	4. Belcher Bay Park	392
Wan Chai	1. Bowen Road Fitness Trail	3 000
Eastern	1. Cloud View Road Service Reservoir Playground	250
	2. Aldrich Bay Playground	100
	3. Chai Wan Park	300
Southern	1. Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir Playground	120
	2. Wong Nai Chung Reservoir Park Fitness Trail	100
	3. Wong Chuk Hang Service Reservoir Rest Garden	180
	4. Shum Wan Road <i>Sitting-out Area</i> (SOA)	140
	5. Yuk Kwai Shan Service Reservoir SOA	120
	6. Wah Chui Street SOA	160
Yau Tsim Mong	1. Kowloon Park	500
Sham Shui Po	1. Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground	400
	2. Shek Kip Mei Park	583
	3. To Yuen Street Playground	200
	4. Lai Chi Kok Park (two tracks)	600
		1 000
Kowloon City	1. Tokwawan Recreation Ground	412
	2. Carpenter Road Park	430
	3. Hutchison Park	600
	4. Ho Man Tin Park	263
Wong Tai Sin	1. Choi Hung Road Playground	410
	2. Tsz Wan Shan Service Reservoir Playground	440
Kwun Tong	1. Lam Tin Park	1 200
	2. Kwun Tong High Level Service Reservoir Garden	350
	3. Hong Ning Road Park	318
	4. Jordan Valley Playground	340
	5. Ping Shek Playground	120
	6. Lam Tin Service Reservoir Playground	176
	7. Yau Tong Service Reservoir Playground	308
Tai Po	1. Mui Shue Hang Playground	1 164
	2. Yuen Chau Tsai Park	194
Yuen Long	1. Tin Shui Wai Park	800
	2. Yuen Long Park	870

District	Venues	Length of tracks/ trails (metres)
Tsuen Wan	1. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	1 600
Kwai Tsing	1. Central Kwai Chung Park 2. Tai Wo Hau Road South Playground 3. Tsing Yi Promenade 4. Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park	144 372 500 350
North	1. North District Park 2. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground 3. Fan Leng Lau Road Playground 4. Luen Hing Street Sitting-out Area	333 3 150 320 60
Sha Tin	1. Hin Tin Playground 2. Che Kung Miu Road Playground 3. Ma On Shan Park	100 200 130
Sai Kung	1. Po Tsui Park 2. Po Hong Park	540 250
	Total	25 172

**Outdoor Jogging Tracks under Construction
for completion in the Coming Three Years from 2013-14 to 2015-16**

District	Project Title	Tentative Completion Date	Estimated Length of Jogging Tracks (metres)
1 Sai Kung	Town Park, indoor velodrome-cum-sports centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	Late 2013	286
2 Kwun Tong	Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	Late 2014	300
3 Yuen Long	Open space in Area 117, Tin Shui Wai	Mid 2014	250
TOTAL:			836

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

HAB395

Question Serial No.

4430

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, will the Administration inform this Committee of the current provision rate of drinking facilities (water dispensers) for each type of recreational venues? Does the Department have any plans to provide drinking facilities at all recreational venues, including many parks and most of the beaches where drinking facilities are not available? 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 all major sports venues including sports centres, water sports centres, stadia, holiday camps and swimming pools. Drinking facilities are also provided at most tennis courts, sports grounds, major parks, and beaches and playgrounds with outdoor sports facilities (e.g. volleyball courts, basketball courts and football pitches). Apart from drinking facilities, many venues are provided with refreshment outlets or vending machines. LCSD will keep the arrangements under review and provide drinking facilities at existing and new venues to meet public demand. The current provision of drinking facilities in sports and recreation facilities by type is set out at the Annex.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

**Provision of Drinking Facilities at venues under
the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Facilities	Percentage of venues for which drinking facilities are provided
Sport Centres and other indoor sports facilities	100%
Water Sport Centres	100%
Stadia	100%
Camps	100%
Swimming Pools	100%
Tennis Courts	98%
Sports Grounds	96%
Major Parks	80%
Beaches	37%
Parks and Playgrounds with outdoor facilities such as volleyball courts, basketball courts and football pitches.	34%

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

HAB396

Question Serial No.

4431

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the work of “providing subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) and sports organisations for training of athletes and organising leisure and sports activities” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the amounts of subvention provided in the past two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the estimated amounts to be provided in 2013-14 to the NSAs and sports organisations? Has the Administration assessed the effectiveness of these subvented NSAs and sports organisations in the promotion of sport? 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 to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The total amount of subvention provided to NSAs and SOs in 2011-12 and 2012-13 was \$231 million and \$250 million respectively, while the estimated provision in 2013-14 is about \$259 million.

Since 2011, LCSD has conducted annual mid-year reviews to assess the performance of NSAs and their achievement of targets in the previous year. In the last review conducted in 2012, it was found that most of the NSAs were generally effective in terms of organisation of programmes, nurturing of potential young athletes, and achievement of good results in international competitions. They also displayed marked improvements in their corporate governance, especially in the area of timely submission of the required reports. When LCSD scrutinises the annual plans submitted by the NSAs for the next financial year, it will take into account their achievements in various key performance areas when deciding on the amount of subvention to be allocated to them next year.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB397

Question Serial No.

4432

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports, (2) Horticulture and Amenities,
(3) Heritage and Museums, (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Administration inform this Committee of the total water consumption and expenditure on water charges of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13) and the estimated total water consumption and expenditure for 2013-14? What measures will be taken by the Administration to save water in all areas (including irrigation and management of sports, cultural and recreational facilities)?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The total water consumption of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2010-11 was 12.8 million cubic metres and in 2011-12, it was 12.1 million cubic metres. We do not yet have a figure for 2012-13. The Department aims to reduce water consumption by adopting measures such as: installation of water efficient fittings (e.g. automatic flushing sensors, dual-flush flushing cisterns, sensor / push caps and water taps) and salt-water flushing; regular inspection of facilities to prevent water leakage; replacement of aged filters in plant rooms of swimming pools; and use of water jets for poolside cleaning. To optimise water consumption during irrigation of plants, LCSD has issued guidelines on water conservation to its staff and horticultural maintenance contractors and reminds them to refrain from watering plants on rainy days or when the soil is saturated.

LCSD will continue to monitor the level of water consumption at its facilities and work with the Water Supplies Department to explore further measures to reduce water consumption.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB398

Question Serial No.

4433

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Administration inform this Committee of the consumption of electricity at the recreation and sports venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department? Please list the total electricity consumption and expenditure on electricity in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13) and the estimated total electricity consumption and expenditure for 2013-14. 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 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and the estimated consumption and expenditure in 2013-14 are as follows:

Year	Electricity Consumption (Kilowatt - hour)	Electricity Expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	238 895 487	245
2011-12	254 154 231	264
2012-13	277 326 853	300
2013-14 (Estimated)	288 166 000	315

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; telephone remote control lighting systems which turn off the floodlights of outdoor ball courts during inclement weather; astronomical time switches to switch park lights on and off according to the time of sunset and sunrise; photocell controls to reduce the use of lighting when the illumination level by natural light is acceptable; photovoltaic systems for supplying power to park lights and water heating systems at some of the parks and swimming pools; sectional switches to switch off lighting when part of the facilities are not in use; removal of excessive fluorescent tubes; and use of natural light for illumination purposes wherever feasible.

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

HAB399

Question Serial No.

4434

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work of “providing quality library services to meet the information needs of the community and support life-long learning and continuous education” 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. 2011-12 and 2012-13) in the following areas: the number of books/materials lost 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.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The statistical information on lost library materials and fines collected for late returned materials for all the public libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is given below.

	2011-12	2012-13 [@]
a) Library books / materials reported lost by readers and their value :		
(i) No. of items lost	11 770	18 240
(ii) Total value	\$1,350,300	\$1,135,700
b) 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 outstanding :		
(i) No. of items not yet returned	7 710	5 330
(ii) Total value	\$756,600	\$538,600
(iii) Overdue fines outstanding #	\$756,400	\$656,700
c) Amount of overdue fines collected for the late return of books / materials	\$19,281,100	\$15,751,500

[@] As at end of January 2013.

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.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB400

Question Serial No.

4379

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In 2013-14, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to promote the stadia, sports centres, heated swimming pools and jogging tracks in various districts in order to enhance their utilisation. What are the details of the promotion plans and the estimated manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

To encourage greater use 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 of the following year). Moreover, people with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary rates in the use of sports facilities during peak and non-peak hours. The Department will continue to promote the use of public swimming pools through implementation of the public swimming pools monthly ticket scheme. In addition, the Department will continue to organise large-scale promotional activities such as the Sport for All Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of sports facilities. It will also continue to distribute promotional materials to schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.

The above measures are carried out as part of the ongoing work of LCSD through deployment of existing resources and manpower.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 2.4.2013

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

HAB401

Question Serial No.

4380

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Leisure and Cultural Services Department continue to convert the existing swimming pools into heated pools or expedite the planned conversion projects? What are the details of the work and the estimated manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will provide more indoor heated swimming pools through converting or redeveloping existing swimming pools or building new pools. Two redevelopment projects will be completed in 2013. The details are as follows:

- (a) The redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex (KTSPC) has been completed and the new complex has come into operation since 1 April 2013. The complex provides a 50 metre (m) x 25 m indoor heated main pool, an indoor heated multi-purpose pool and three outdoor pools. In addition to the existing manpower of the KTSPC, additional resources of 21 net new civil services posts are involved to help manage the upgraded facilities.
- (b) The redevelopment of Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex (VPSPC) will be completed in the second quarter of 2013. We expect the new complex to come into operation in the third quarter of 2013. This is an indoor heated pool complex providing a 50 m x 25 m main pool and a multi-purpose pool. In addition to the existing manpower of the VPSPC, additional resources of 17 new civil service posts are involved to help manage the upgraded facilities.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB402

Question Serial No.

4381

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Kwai Chung Park has been lying idle since the completion of construction work in 2000. What is the specific timetable for its opening? Will the Leisure and Cultural Services Department allocate funding in 2013-14 to improve the facilities of the Park so as to bring it up to the required standard for opening to the public? What are the details and estimated manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Kwai Chung Park is located at the former Gin Drinkers Bay Landfill (the Landfill). The Landfill (including the Park) was handed over to the Environmental Protection Department for conducting landfill restoration works in March 1999. Upon the completion of the restoration works in September 2000, the site was handed over to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) which has since considered options for developing the site. Any proposed use of the site must take into account the constraints presented by a restored landfill, particularly construction works should not damage the capping system of the landfill or inhibit the aftercare work that needs to be carried out by the landfill restoration contractor.

LCSD consulted the Kwai Tsing District Council (KwTDC) on the future use of the restored Landfill site on 26 February 2013. KwTDC members took note of the site constraints and gave their views on possible development options. In the light of KwTDC members' suggestions, LCSD will explore possible options and will consult KwTDC again in due course.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB403

Question Serial No.

5021

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government has stated in the Policy Address that the Home Affairs Bureau would implement the second stage of the enhancement project of the computerised system and an upgrade of the Multimedia Information System of the Hong Kong Public Libraries. What are the estimated resources and the total expenditure for the establishment of the systems? Are there any resources earmarked for publicity, promotion and public education in addition to those reserved for development purpose? What are the details and the estimated amount?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) implements the “Replacement of Library Automation System” Project by two phases. The first phase was completed in 2011 and the second phase is targeted for completion in the fourth quarter of 2013. The estimated cost for the entire enhancement project is \$205.967 million.

The estimated cost for the upgrading project of the Multimedia Information System (MMIS) is \$93.119 million. The upgrading project is targeted for completion in the third quarter of 2013.

To promote the usage of the enhanced computerised library system and the upgraded MMIS, publicity through existing channels including press release, library newsletter, LCSD’s departmental website, posters, leaflets, school visits, and user education sessions will be arranged. The expenditure will be absorbed by the Department within its existing resources.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

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

HAB404

Question Serial No.

5030

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In recent years, the Administration has repeatedly increased funding for reprovisioning public libraries / setting up new libraries and creating additional posts. Has the Administration assessed and followed up on the staffing and public usage of public libraries in the 18 districts on a regular basis? If so, please state the details. If not, what are the reasons? Is there any mismatch of resources? Is there any imbalance in workload and manpower distribution between frontline staff and others which affects the work efficiency and morale of library staff and the provision of public services?
- (b) Besides, regarding the libraries which have a high number of users, does the Administration have any plans to extend their opening hours on, say weekends and public holidays? What are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is committed to enhancing the quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of public library services on a continuous basis. To this end, LCSD adopts a three-pronged approach, i.e., strengthening the library network through setting up new libraries and reprovisioning / upgrading existing libraries thereby providing a more comfortable and spacious environment for users; adopting information technology to increase the accessibility and user-friendliness of library services and achieving greater cost-effectiveness in service provision; and outsourcing non-core library functions (e.g. sorting and shelving of library materials) to service providers. Civil service posts are created only to provide core services (e.g. counter services, readers' registration and reservation of library materials, library extension activities and clerical duties) of new libraries and to replace non-civil service contract positions in existing libraries which have long-term service needs.

Specifically, the introduction of self-charging terminals for borrowing of library materials across the library network, the use of Octopus cards for collecting library fees and charges, the installation of electronic lockers to replace cloakroom service, and the pilot use of the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology for handling self-service borrowing and returning of library materials, as well as outsourcing of non-core library services such as processing of new library materials, sorting and shelving of library materials and patrolling duties have helped reducing the workload of frontline staff, thereby enabling them to attend to the core duties and provide better customer services. So far, these measures have been smoothly implemented, bringing more efficient and better quality services to the public and enriching the job content of frontline staff.

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

HAB405

Question Serial No.

5031

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In recent years, the museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have further incorporated new information and technology into their exhibitions and activities. However, the facilities of some of the museums are still behind the times. Does the Administration have any plans to upgrade the facilities on a territory-wide basis? Are there any plans to extend the opening hours of the museums, such as extending the opening hours during weekends and public holidays for the convenience of tourists and members of the public? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has increasingly deployed information technology in its thematic exhibitions in recent years. One notable example is the First Emperor of China exhibition held at the Hong Kong Museum of History in 2012 where advanced multimedia technology was used to provide unique experience to visitors. Apart from thematic exhibitions, LCSD plans to renew the permanent exhibitions of its major museums by phases, including the Astronomy and Space Science Halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum for completion in 2015, the Biodiversity Gallery and Children Gallery of the Hong Kong Science Museum in 2015 and 2016 respectively. The opportunity will be taken to incorporate new information and multimedia technology in the permanent exhibitions.

LCSD had reviewed the opening hours of its museums in 2012 and extended the opening hours of some of the museums for the convenience of the tourists and the public. The new opening hours were implemented with effect from 1 October 2012. In brief, the opening hours of the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre have been extended on Saturdays by one hour from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The opening hours of the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware have been extended by one hour from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily (except close days). For those museums located in remote areas, such as the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre and the Sheung Yiu Folk Museum, the opening hours have been aligned to 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. during October to February and extended by one hour from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. between March and September.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB406

Question Serial No.

4617

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sport

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13), the average usage rates of tennis courts of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department stood at around 60 per cent only. In 2013-14, does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have any plans to enhance the utilisation of tennis courts? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has introduced measures to enhance the utilisation of tennis courts, such as organising fun days, training courses and competitions. It also distributes promotional materials to and liaises with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities. LCSD will continue to implement measures to promote the utilisation of tennis courts.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB407

Question Serial No.

4618

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Programme (1) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department that the Department will further promote "Sport for All". What are the details? What are the expenditure and the manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

To promote regular and wider participation in sports by the community, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises district-based recreation and sports activities such as sports training courses and competitions, as well as territory-wide events such as the Hong Kong Games and the Sport For All Day for the public. The Department also provides programmes to meet the needs of different target groups, including parent-child training programmes on social dance, badminton and Ultimate, popular programmes suitable for young people, such as cycling, canoeing and long distance running, and less formal and less physically demanding activities such as dance, fitness, and fitness walking. LCSD will, in collaboration with different sectors including the District Councils, "national sports associations", non-government organisations and schools, continue to strengthen the promotion of "Sport for All" in the community.

In 2013-14, LCSD plans to organise about 38 200 recreation and sports programmes for some 2 470 000 participants at an estimated cost of \$158 million. LCSD conducts these programmes as part of its regular activities, and thus no separate provision has been made for the manpower involved.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 3.4.2013

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

HAB408

Question Serial No.

4619

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates that the Government has earmarked \$2.88 million for acquiring plants for greening the city in 2013.

- (a) Please list the species of plants to be acquired.
- (b) Has the Government evaluated whether any undesirable impact would be made to the neighbouring areas after the planting takes place?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

- (a) In 2013, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to acquire about 350 species of plants for city greening purposes. These include:
- About 90 species of trees (full list at Annex A), including *Lagerstroemia speciosa*, *Juniperus chinensis* 'Kaizuca' and *Tabebuia chrysantha*.
 - About 220 species of shrubs and ground covers (Annex B), the most popular being *Duranta iorentzii*, *Liriope spicata* and *Arachis duranensis*.
 - About 40 species of annuals (Annex C), the most popular being *Impatiens* spp, *Gomphrena globosa* and *Salvia splendens*.
- (b) When selecting suitable species of plants for city greening purposes, LCSD will adopt the planting principle "the right species at the right place" for the benefits of the public, which takes into account factors such as the purpose of display and the desired effect to be achieved, the location of planting areas, climatic and environmental factors, aesthetic effect and blooming period/duration. Upon completion of the planting work, LCSD will monitor the growth and condition of the plants. The Department's greening and planting work is generally well received by the community, as evidenced by the frequent requests for greening received from District Councils and local residents.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

Summary of Plant Species – Trees

Item	Species Name	
1	Acacia spp.	金合歡屬
2	Acacia auriculiformis	耳果相思
3	Acacia confusa	台灣相思
4	Acacia mangium	大葉相思
5	Albizia lebbeck	大葉合歡
6	Aleurites moluccana	石栗
7	Aquilaria sinensis	土沉香
8	Araucaria heterophylla	異葉南洋杉
9	Archontophoenix alexandrae	假檳榔
10	Areca catechu	檳榔
11	Bauhinia spp.	羊蹄甲屬
12	Bauhinia variegata	宮粉羊蹄甲
13	Bauhinia variegata var. candida	白花洋紫荊
14	Bauhinia x blakeana	洋紫荊
15	Bischofia javanica	秋楓
16	Bombax ceiba	木棉
17	Callistemon rigidus	紅千層
18	Caryota maxima	魚尾葵
19	Caryota urens	董棕
20	Cassia speciosa	大葉黃槐
21	Celtis sinensis	朴樹
22	Chamaecyparis pisifera cv. Squarrosa	絨柏
23	Chukrasia tabularis	麻棟
24	Cinnamomum burmannii	陰香
25	Cinnamomum camphora	樟
26	Crateva unilocularis	樹頭菜
27	Crescentia alata	十字架樹
28	Delonix regia	鳳凰木
29	Dillenia alata	厚葉黃花樹
30	Dillenia indica	五桠果
31	Dimocarpus longan	龍眼
32	Dracontomelon duperreanum	人面子
33	Dyopsis lutescens	散尾葵
34	Elaeocarpus apiculatus	長芒杜英
35	Elaeocarpus hainanensis	水石榕
36	Eucalyptus citriodora	檸檬桉
37	Euphorbia cotinifolia	非洲紅

Item	Species Name	
38	<i>Excoecaria agallocha</i>	海漆
39	<i>Ficus benjamina</i>	垂葉榕
40	<i>Ficus benjamina</i> 'Variegata'	斑葉垂榕
41	<i>Ficus benjamina</i> 'Starlight'	星光垂榕
42	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	榕樹
43	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	菩提樹
44	<i>Ficus virens</i>	黃葛樹
45	<i>Grevillea banksii</i>	昆士蘭銀樺
46	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	銀樺
47	<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	黃槿
48	<i>Hyophorbe lagenicaulis</i>	酒瓶椰子
49	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	圓柏
50	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Kaizuca'	龍柏
51	<i>Juniperus formosana</i>	刺柏
52	<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i>	大花紫薇
53	<i>Liquidambar formosana</i>	楓香
54	<i>Liriodendron chinense</i>	馬褂木
55	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	蒲葵
56	<i>Loropetalum chinense rubrum</i>	紅花檵木
57	<i>Macaranga tanarius</i> var. <i>tomentosa</i>	血桐
58	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	荷花玉蘭
59	<i>Manglietia glauca</i>	灰木蓮
60	<i>Markhamia stipulata</i> var. <i>kerrii</i>	貓尾木
61	<i>Melaleuca cajuputi</i> subsp. <i>cumingiana</i>	白千層
62	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	楝
63	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	水杉
64	<i>Michelia x alba</i>	白蘭
65	<i>Ormosia henryi</i>	花梨木
66	<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>	盾柱木
67	<i>Plumeria rubra</i>	紅雞蛋花
68	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	水黃皮
69	<i>Prunus serrulata</i>	櫻花
70	<i>Roystonea regia</i>	大王椰子
71	<i>Saraca indica</i>	無憂花
72	<i>Schima superba</i>	木荷
73	<i>Senna alata</i>	翅莢決明
74	<i>Senna surattensis</i>	黃槐決明
75	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	火焰樹
76	<i>Sterculia lanceolata</i>	假蘋婆
77	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	皇后葵

Item	Species Name	
78	Syzygium cumini	烏墨
79	Syzygium jambos	蒲桃
80	Tabebuia argentea	銀鱗風鈴木
81	Tabebuia chrysantha	風鈴木
82	Terminalia catappa	欖仁樹
83	Terminalia mantaly	小葉欖仁
84	Terminalia mantaly cv. 'Tricolour'	錦葉欖仁
85	Toona sinensis	香椿
86	Xanthostemon chrysanthus	金蒲桃
87	Yulania liliiflora	紫玉蘭

Summary of Plant Species - Shrubs and Ground Covers

Item	Species Name	
1	<i>Abutilon megapotamicum</i>	風鈴花
2	<i>Abutilon striatum</i>	宮燈花
3	<i>Acalypha hispida</i>	狗尾紅
4	<i>Acalypha</i> 'Summer Love'	狗毛蟲
5	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i>	紅桑
6	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i> 'Hoffmanii'	捲葉銀邊桑
7	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i> 'Java White'	青桑
8	<i>Acalypha wilkesiana</i> 'Tricolor'	五彩大葉紅桑
9	<i>Agave americana</i> 'Marginata'	金邊菠蘿麻
10	<i>Agave angustifolia</i>	白邊菠蘿麻
11	<i>Aglaia odorata</i>	米仔蘭
12	<i>Aglaonema modestum</i>	粵萬年青
13	<i>Allamanda cathartica</i>	軟枝黃蟬
14	<i>Allamanda schottii</i>	硬枝黃蟬
15	<i>Allamanda violacea</i>	紫蟬
16	<i>Alocasia odora</i>	海芋
17	<i>Alpina zerumbet</i> 'Variegata'	花葉豔山薑
18	<i>Alpinia zerumbet</i>	豔山薑
19	<i>Alternanthera bettzickiana</i> 'Aurea Nana'	黃草
20	<i>Alternanthera dentata</i> cv. 'Rainbow'	錦葉紅龍草
21	<i>Alternanthera versicolor</i>	紅草
22	<i>Angelonia salicariifolia</i>	天使花
23	<i>Arachis duranensis</i>	蔓花生
24	<i>Ardisia crenata</i>	朱沙根
25	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> 'Myers'	狐尾天冬
26	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> 'Sprengeri'	天冬
27	<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	一葉蘭
28	<i>Barleria cristata</i>	假杜鵑
29	<i>Begonia coccinea</i>	茛菇秋海棠
30	<i>Bougainvillea</i> spp.	杜鵑
31	<i>Brunfelsia calycina</i>	鴛鴦茉莉
32	<i>Buxus microphylla</i>	黃楊
33	<i>Buxus microphylla</i> var. <i>sinica</i>	瓜子黃楊
34	<i>Calliandra brevipes</i>	細葉朱纓花
35	<i>Calliandra haematocephala</i>	紅絨球
36	<i>Calliandra surinamensis</i>	粉紅絨球
37	<i>Calliaspidia guttata</i>	鴨嘴花
38	<i>Camellia japonica</i>	山茶

Item	Species Name	
39	<i>Camellia sasanqua</i>	茶梅
40	<i>Campsis grandiflora</i>	凌霄藤
41	<i>Cananga odorata</i>	依蘭
42	<i>Canna generalis</i> cv.	雙色美人蕉
43	<i>Canna generalis</i> cv. <i>Striatus</i>	金脉美人蕉
44	<i>Canna indica</i>	水蕉
45	<i>Carmona microphylla</i>	福建茶
46	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	長春海棠
47	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> 'Albus'	長春海棠 (白色)
48	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>	吊蘭
49	<i>Chlorophytum laxum</i>	小花吊蘭
50	<i>Clerodendrum japonicum</i>	赭桐
51	<i>Clerodendrum quafriloculare</i>	煙火樹
52	<i>Clerodendrum splendens</i>	龍吐珠藤
53	<i>Clerodendrum thomsonae</i>	龍吐珠
54	<i>Clerodendrum ugandense</i>	藍蝴蝶
55	<i>Clerodendrum wallichii</i>	黑葉龍吐珠
56	<i>Codiaeum sinuatum</i> 'Dissectum'	雞爪榕
57	<i>Coleus</i> spp.	洋紫蘇
58	<i>Coprosma williamsii</i>	白葉鈎粉草
59	<i>Cordyline fruticosa</i>	鐵樹
60	<i>Cordyline fruticosa</i> 'Tricolor'	彩鐵
61	<i>Cordyline fruticosa</i> 'Variegata'	觀音鐵樹
62	<i>Cordyline terminalis</i> 'Rubra'	紅鐵
63	<i>Costus</i> spp.	閉鞘薑
64	<i>Crinum amabile</i>	紅花文殊蘭
65	<i>Crinum asiaticum</i> var. <i>sinicum</i>	文殊蘭
66	<i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i>	雀尾花
67	<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>	台灣土茄花
68	<i>Cuphea ignea</i>	土茄花
69	<i>Cyperus flabelliformis</i>	風車草
70	<i>Cyrtanthus macheriii</i>	垂筒花
71	<i>Dianella ensifolia</i> 'Variegata'	花葉山菅蘭
72	<i>Dichroa febrifuga</i>	白常山
73	<i>Dieffenbachia</i> 'Camilla'	粉黛
74	<i>Dieffenbachia seguine</i>	花葉萬年青
75	<i>Dietes iridioides</i>	肖鳶尾
76	<i>Dizygotheca elegantissima</i>	孔雀木
77	<i>Dombeya wallichii</i>	吊芙蓉
78	<i>Dracaena godseffiana</i>	金點綠竹
79	<i>Dracaena marginata</i>	紅邊鐵樹
80	<i>Duranta iorentzii</i>	金連翹

Item	Species Name	
81	<i>Epipremnum aureum</i>	綠蘿
82	<i>Eranthemum nervosum</i>	藍花仔
83	<i>Evolvalus nuttallianus</i>	藍星花
84	<i>Fagraea sasakii</i>	灰莉
85	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> 'Golden Leaves'	黃榕
86	<i>Ficus pumila</i>	薜荔
87	<i>Ficus triangularis</i>	三角榕
88	<i>Gardenia augusta</i>	白蟬
89	<i>Gardenia augusta</i> 'Variegata'	花葉白蟬
90	<i>Graptophyllum pictum</i> 'Tricolor'	澳洲金點草
91	<i>Hamelia patens</i>	希美莉
92	<i>Hedychium coronarium</i>	薑花
93	<i>Heliconia psitacorum</i>	赫蕉
94	<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	金針
95	<i>Heteropterys acutifolia</i>	尖葉異翅木
96	<i>Hibiscus mosheutos</i>	芙蓉葵
97	<i>Hibiscus mutabilis</i>	木芙蓉
98	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i>	大紅花
99	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> 'Albus'	白花大紅花
100	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> 'Cooperi'	花葉大紅花
101	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> 'Mist'	黃花大紅花
102	<i>Hibiscus schizopetalus</i>	吊燈花
103	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	佛桑
104	<i>Hippeastrum vittata</i>	朱頂蘭
105	<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	繡球
106	<i>Hymenocallis littoralis</i>	蜘蛛蘭
107	<i>Hypericum chinense</i>	金絲桃
108	<i>Ipomoea stolonifera</i>	厚葉牽牛
109	<i>Iresine herbstii</i>	血葉
110	<i>Ixora chinensis</i> (Red Ixora)	龍船花
111	<i>Ixora coccinea</i> (Dwarf Ixora)	橙花龍船
112	<i>Ixora coccinea</i> 'Lutea' (Yellow Ixora)	黃花龍船
113	<i>Ixora stricta</i>	細葉龍船
114	<i>Jamaica vervain</i>	長穗木
115	<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	黃素馨
116	<i>Jasminum pentaneurum</i>	星茉莉
117	<i>Jasminum sambac</i>	茉莉
118	<i>Jatropha integerrima</i>	全緣葉珊瑚花
119	<i>Jatropha pandurifolia</i>	琴葉珊瑚花
120	<i>Justicia carnea</i>	珊瑚花
121	<i>Justicia vasica</i>	大種鴨嘴花
122	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	紫薇

Item	Species Name	
123	Lantana camara 'Cloth of Gold'	黃花臭金鳳
124	Lantana camara 'Spreading Sunset'	橙黃花臭金鳳
125	Lantana camara var. nivea (White Lantana)	白花臭金鳳
126	Lantana camera 'Variegata'	花葉馬纓丹
127	Lantana montevidensis	鋪地臭金鳳
128	Lavandula dentata	齒葉薰衣草
129	Lavandula pinnata	羽葉薰衣草
130	Ligustrum ovalifolium 'Aureum'	花葉山指甲
131	Ligustrum sinense	山指甲
132	Liriope spicata 'Kyoto Dwarf'	蒲草
133	Lonicera japonica	金銀花
134	Lonicera sempervirens	紅花金銀花
135	Loropetalum chinense rubrum	紅花檵木
136	Lycoris aurea	忽地笑
137	Malvaviscus arboreus	懸鈴花
138	Mandevilla boliviensis	雞蛋花藤
139	Manihot esculenta 'Variegata'	花葉木薯
140	Melastoma candidum	野牡丹
141	Melastoma dodecandrum	地荵
142	Michelia figo	含笑
143	Mirabilis jalapa	紫茉莉
144	Monstera deliciosa	蓬萊蕉
145	Murraya paniculata	九里香
146	Mussaenda erythrophylla 'Rosea'	紅紙扇
147	Mussaenda philippica 'Aurorae'	白紙扇
148	Mussaenda pubescens	玉葉金花
149	Nandina domestica	南天竺
150	Nandina domestica 'Nana'	矮南天竺
151	Nymphaea spp.	睡蓮
152	Odontonema strictum	一串紅
153	Ophiopogon japonicus	沿階草
154	Ophiopogon jaburan	花葉沿階草
155	Otacanthus coeruleus	紫金花
156	Pachystachys lutea	黃花鴨嘴
157	Paris polyphylla var. chinensis	七葉一枝花
158	Parthenocissus dalzielii	爬牆虎
159	Passiflora violacea	紫花西番蓮
160	Pentas lanceolata	五星花
161	Philodendron bipinnatifidum	春羽
162	Philodendron spp.	喜樹蕉類
163	Phyllanthus myrtifolius	錫蘭葉下珠
164	Physostegia virginiana	隨意草

Item	Species Name	
165	<i>Pilea cadierei</i>	冰水花
166	<i>Pilea nummulariifolia</i>	鋪地冰水花
167	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	海桐花
168	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	藍雪花
169	<i>Podranea ricasoliana</i>	紫芸藤
170	<i>Polyscias fruticosa</i>	裂葉假沙梨
171	<i>Polyscias guilfoylei</i>	假沙梨
172	<i>Polyscias guilfoylei</i> 'Variegata'	花葉假沙梨
173	<i>Polyscias scutellaria</i>	圓葉假沙梨
174	<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	松葉牡丹
175	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	馬齒莧
176	<i>Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum</i>	紅葉鈎粉草
177	<i>Pseuderanthemum reticulatum</i>	黃葉鈎粉草
178	<i>Pseudocalymma alliaceum</i>	蒜香藤
179	<i>Pyrostegia venusta</i>	炮仗花
180	<i>Quisqualis indica</i>	使君藤
181	<i>Reinwardtia indica</i>	金雀梅
182	<i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i>	車輪梅
183	<i>Rhododendron indicum</i>	日本杜鵑
184	<i>Rhododendron mucronatum</i>	白杜鵑
185	<i>Rhododendron pulchrum</i>	紫杜鵑
186	<i>Rhododendron simsii</i>	紅杜鵑
187	<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i>	桃金娘
188	<i>Rosa</i> spp.	玫瑰
189	<i>Ruellia brittoniana</i>	翠蘆莉
190	<i>Russelia equisetiformis</i>	吉祥草
191	<i>Sanchezia nobilis</i>	金雞蜡
192	<i>Sansevieria cylindrica</i>	圓柱虎尾蘭
193	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i>	虎尾蘭
194	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> var. 'Laurentii'	金邊虎尾蘭
195	<i>Schefflera arboricola</i>	洋鴨腳木
196	<i>Schefflera arboricola</i> 'Gold Capella'	花葉鴨腳木
197	<i>Sedum lineare</i>	禾雀脷
198	<i>Serissa serissoides</i>	滿天星
199	<i>Setcreasea purpurea</i>	紫水竹草
200	<i>Solandra maxima</i>	金杯
201	<i>Spathiphyllum kochii</i>	白掌
202	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	天堂鳥蕉
203	<i>Strobilanthes cusia</i>	馬藍
204	<i>Strongylodon macrobotrys</i>	綠玉藤
205	<i>Syngonium auritum</i>	長耳合果芋
206	<i>Syngonium auritum</i> 'Variegatum'	花葉長耳合果芋

Item	Species Name	
207	Tabernaemontana divaricata	狗牙花
208	Tecoma capensis	硬骨凌霄
209	Tecoma stans	黃鐘花
210	Thryallis gracilis	金英
211	Thunbergia erecta	硬枝老鴉嘴
212	Tibouchina granulosa	光榮花
213	Tococa guianensis	絨葉光明花
214	Tradescantia fluminensis	白間水竹草
215	Tradescantia fluminensis (Wandering Jew)	花葉水竹草
216	Tradescantia spathacea	蚌花
217	Turnera trioniflora	時鐘花
218	Viburnum tinus	帝氏莢蒾
219	Wedelia trilobata	黃花蟛蜞菊
220	Wisteria sinensis	紫藤
221	Yucca filamentosa	絲蘭
222	Zephyranthes candida	蔥蓮
223	Zephyranthes citrina	黃花蔥蓮
224	Zephyranthes grandiflora	風雨花
225	Zingiber zerumbet	紅球薑

Summary of Plant Species – Annuals

Item	Species Name	
1	<i>Althaea rosea</i>	蜀葵
2	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	金魚草
3	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	金盞花
4	<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>	翠菊
5	<i>Celosia argentea</i> var. <i>cristata</i>	雞冠
6	<i>Celosia argentea</i> var. <i>plumosa</i>	鳳尾球
7	<i>Chrysanthemum morifolium</i>	菊花
8	<i>Chrysanthemum multicaule</i>	黃晶菊
9	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp.	菊類
10	<i>Cineraria cruenta</i>	瓜葉菊
11	<i>Cineraria maritima</i> 'Silver Dust'	銀葉菊
12	<i>Cleome spinosa</i>	醉蝶花
13	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	秋英
14	<i>Cosmos sulphureus</i>	黃波斯菊
15	<i>Dahlia pinnata</i>	大麗花
16	<i>Dahlia drawf</i>	芍藥仔
17	<i>Delphinium ajacis</i>	飛燕草
18	<i>Dianthus chinensis</i>	石竹
19	<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	聖誕花
20	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	勳章菊
21	<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i>	太陽花
22	<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	百日紅
23	<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	繡球
24	<i>Impatiens hawkeri</i>	新畿內亞洋鳳仙
25	<i>Impatiens</i> spp.	洋鳳仙
26	<i>Manihot esculenta</i> 'Variegata'	花葉木薯
27	<i>Pelargonium hortorum</i>	天竺葵
28	<i>Petunia</i> spp.	番薯花
29	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	金山海棠
30	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	金光菊
31	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	粉萼鼠尾草
32	<i>Salvia splendens</i>	紅絲線
33	<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	萬壽菊
34	<i>Tagetes patula</i>	法蘭西菊
35	<i>Torenia fournieri</i>	藍豬耳
36	<i>Zinnia violacea</i>	魚尾菊

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

HAB409

Question Serial No.

4620

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated that it will enhance the Community Garden Programme in 18 districts.

- (a) What is the current progress of the Programme in each district?
- (b) Please list the selected sites, manpower and expenditure involved, as well as the promotional strategies for the Programme.

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

- (a) The Community Garden Programme (the Programme) was launched by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2004 with the aim of encouraging members of the public to participate in greening and gardening activities. Under the guidance of instructors, participants learn how to grow ornamental plants, fruits and vegetables. At present, there are 21 community gardens in 18 districts. LCSD will identify suitable sites to provide more community gardens to meet public demand.
- (b) The locations of the 21 community gardens are set out at the Annex. The estimated expenditure for the Programme in 2013-14 is \$2.4 million, covering the remuneration of part-time instructors and other operational expenses. The activities organised under the Programme are publicised through LCSD's departmental website and promotional materials such as posters, leaflets and programme booklets.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 28.3.2013

Distribution of Community Gardens under LCSD

<u>Item</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Name of Community Garden</u>
1	Southern	Ocean Park Road Community Garden
2	Southern	Ap Lei Chau Waterfront Promenade Community Garden
3	Central & Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Community Garden
4	Wan Chai	Wan Chai Park Community Garden
5	Eastern	Wai Tsui Crescent Community Garden
6	Sham Shui Po	Fa Hui Park Community Garden
7	Yau Tsim Mong	Man Cheong Street Community Garden
8	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park Community Garden
9	Wong Tai Sin	Lion Rock Park Community Garden
10	Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Community Garden
11	Kwun Tong	Sau Ming Road Park Community Garden
12	Kwun Tong	Jordan Valley Park Community Garden
13	Islands	Tung Chung Community Garden
14	Tuen Mun	Tsing Tin Playground Community Garden
15	Yuen Long	Tin Sau Road Community Garden
16	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Park Community Garden
17	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fuk Road Community Garden
18	North	North District Park Community Garden
19	Tai Po	Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden
20	Sha Tin	Che Kung Miu Road Playground Community Garden
21	Sai Kung	Sheung Ning Playground Community Garden

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

HAB410

Question Serial No.

4621

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have any plans in 2013-14 to organise blockbuster exhibitions similar to those organised in 2012-13 such as “A Lofty Retreat from the Red Dust: The Secret Garden of Emperor Qianlong” and “The Majesty of All Under Heaven: The Eternal Realm of China’s First Emperor”? If so, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to organise blockbuster exhibitions in 2013-14, including “The Splendours of Imperial Costume: Qing Court Attire”, a long-term exhibition on Bruce Lee and “Dinosaurs Unveiled”. Details of these exhibitions and the expenditure involved are set out below:

Date	Exhibition	Venue	Estimated Expenditure	Description
July – October 2013	The Splendours of Imperial Costume: Qing Court Attire	Hong Kong Museum of History	\$13.9 million (Note)	The exhibition will feature official, festive, regular, travel, military and leisure costumes selected from the myriads of textiles housed in the Palace Museum of Beijing.
From July 2013 (for five years)	Bruce Lee Exhibition	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	\$24.85 million	The exhibition will explore Bruce Lee’s personal life, his movies, kung-fu and cultural impact; as well as portray his achievements, contributions and significance in popular culture.
November 2013 – April 2014	Dinosaurs Unveiled	Hong Kong Science Museum	\$25 million	The exhibition will feature the fossils of the world’s largest dinosaur recently unearthed in China and the latest discoveries on dinosaurs. Exhibits will include fossils, robotic dinosaurs, multimedia programmes and interactive games.

Note: Including sponsorship from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB411

Question Serial No.

4622

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated in the Estimates for 2013-14 that it would draw up the first draft inventory list of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage items.

- a) How long is it expected to be completed?
- b) Will it be published upon completion?
- c) What are the cost of drawing up the list and the manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

- a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has commissioned the South China Research Center of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) to conduct the first territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in Hong Kong. The Center has just submitted a draft inventory list which will be discussed by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ICHAC) in its coming meetings. Upon consideration of the draft inventory list by ICHAC, the Government will launch an extensive public consultation exercise on the draft list in mid-2013.
- b) Taking into account the public views received, the Government plans to publish the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong by early 2014.
- c) The expenditure involved in commissioning the South China Research Center to conduct the territory-wide survey of ICH is \$6.25 million, which covers remuneration for the survey team members, procurement of equipment for field survey recording and logistical expenses. The work in co-ordinating and monitoring HKUST's survey is taken up by the existing staff of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

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Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the protection of endangered species as mentioned in the Aim of the Programme, will the Government provide the following information in relation to animals:

- (a) How many animals are currently under the care of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department? What are their species? Please provide a list of the animals under the care of the Department and the manpower and expenditure involved; and
- (b) Where are these animals currently accommodated? In which districts are the zoological gardens or parks accommodating these animals located? How much area does each of these animals take up in the zoological gardens or parks? Please list the information in detail.

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- (a) At present, 1 569 animals belonging to 277 species are kept by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). A breakdown is as follows:

Species	No. of Species	No. of Animals
Mammal	17	70
Bird	206	1 358
Reptile	54	141

The manpower and expenditure involved in keeping these animals are detailed below -

Name of LCSD Venues	No. of Staff Performing Animals-related Duties	Estimated Annual Expenditure on Animals-related Works (Excluding staff cost)
Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens	26 (including veterinary section)	\$1,812,900
Hong Kong Park	12	\$569,000
Kowloon Park	12	\$600,000
Tuen Mun Park	6	\$200,000
Yuen Long Park	6	\$90,000

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Zoological (Bird) Collection at Hong Kong Park
(as at 1 March 2013)

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
1	<i>Ailuroedus buccoides</i>	White-eared Catbird	白耳貓鳥	3
2	<i>Ampeliceps coronatus</i>	Golden-crested Mynah	金冠樹八哥	8
3	<i>Berenicornis comatus</i>	White-crested Hornbill	長冠犀鳥	2
4	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	Great Pied Hornbill	雙角犀鳥	2
5	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Nicobar Pigeon	尼柯巴鳩	13
6	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Emerald Dove	綠背金鳩	24
7	<i>Chlamydera cerviniventris</i>	Fawn-breasted Bowerbird	淺黃胸大亭鳥	4
8	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	Golden-fronted Leafbird	金額葉鶯	1
9	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>	Blue-winged Leafbird	藍翅葉鶯	5
10	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	Orange-bellied Leafbird	橙腹葉鶯	10
11	<i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i>	Greater Green Leafbird	大綠葉鶯	4
12	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	Golden Pheasant	紅腹錦雞	4
13	<i>Chrysolophus pictus mut. luteus</i>	Golden Yellow Pheasant	黃腹錦雞	3
14	<i>Columba sp.</i>	Old German Owl - Black Bar Shield	黑披肩	3
15	<i>Columba sp.</i>	Old German Owl - Fan Tail	扇尾	3
16	<i>Columba sp.</i>	Old German Owl - King Pigeon	皇鴿	1
17	<i>Columba sp.</i>	Old German Owl - Modena	麥天娜	2
18	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	White-rumped Shama	白腰鵲鴿	13
19	<i>Crypsirina temia</i>	Racket-tailed Treepie	盤尾樹鵲	6
20	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	Green Imperial Pigeon	綠皇鳩	17
21	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Pied Imperial Pigeon	斑皇鳩	12
22	<i>Ducula pinon</i>	Pinon Imperial Pigeon	裸眶皇鳩	9
23	<i>Ducula rufigaster</i>	Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon	紫尾皇鳩	6
24	<i>Eos bornea</i>	Red Lory	紅色吸蜜鸚鵡	1
25	<i>Gallicolumba criniger</i>	Mindanao Bleeding-heart	紅心鴿	1
26	<i>Gallicolumba tristigmata</i>	Celebes Quail Dove	黃胸雞鳩	6
27	<i>Gampsorhynchus rufulus</i>	White-hooded Babbler	白頭鳴鶇	2
28	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	Hwamei	畫眉	10
29	<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i>	Chestnut-crowned Laughing Thrush	紅頭噪鶇	3
30	<i>Garrulax mitratus</i>	Chestnut-capped Laughing Thrush	栗頭噪鶇	7
31	<i>Garrulax palliatus</i>	Grey & Brown Laughing Thrush	灰褐噪鶇	4
32	<i>Goura scheepmakeri</i>	Maroon-breasted Crowned Pigeon	紫胸鳳冠鳩	5
33	<i>Goura victoria</i>	Victoria Crowned Pigeon	維多利亞鳳冠鳩	2
34	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	Zebra Dove	斑姬地鳩	50
35	<i>Hypsipetes maclellandii</i>	Mountain Bulbul	綠翅短腳鶇	2
36	<i>Irena puella</i>	Asian Fairy Bluebird	和平鳥	12
37	<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>	Silver-eared Mesia	銀耳相思鳥	11
38	<i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i>	Bali Mynah	長冠八哥	26
39	<i>Lophura edwardsi</i>	Edwards's Pheasant	愛氏鶇	1
40	<i>Lorius lory</i>	Black-capped Lory	黑頂吸蜜鸚鵡	9
41	<i>Macropygia emiliana</i>	Ruddy Cuckoo Dove	赤鳩鳩	1
42	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>	Blue-throated Barbet	藍喉擬啄木鳥	7

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
43	<i>Megalaima virens</i>	Great Barbet	大擬啄木鳥	2
44	<i>Minla cyanouoptera</i>	Blue-winged Minla	藍翅希鵑	11
45	<i>Minla strigula</i>	Chestnut-tailed Minla	斑喉希鵑	10
46	<i>Mino dumontii</i>	Yellow-faced Mynah	黃臉樹八哥	3
47	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	Crested Pigeon	冠鳩	31
48	<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	Java Sparrow	爪哇禾雀	64
49	<i>Polyplectron inopinatum</i>	Rothschild's Peacock Pheasant	羅氏孔雀雉	4
50	<i>Pomatorhinus montanus</i>	Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler	栗背鈎嘴鵑	23
51	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	Alexandrine Parakeet	亞歷山大鸚鵡	3
52	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Rose-ringed Parakeet	紅領綠鸚鵡	1
53	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus</i>	Orange-bellied Fruit Dove	橙腹果鳩	3
54	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>	Wompoo Fruit Dove	巨果鳩	8
55	<i>Pycnonotus atriceps</i>	Black-headed Bulbul	黑頭鶇	15
56	<i>Pycnonotus bimaculatus</i>	Orange-spotted Bulbul	橙斑鶇	9
57	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Red-vented Bulbul	黑喉紅臀鶇	2
58	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>	Black-crested Yellow Bulbul	黑冠黃鶇	15
59	<i>Pycnonotus squamatus</i>	Scaly-breasted Bulbul	鱗胸鶇	7
60	<i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i>	Yellow-crowned Bulbul	黃冠鶇	7
61	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>	Slaty-legged Crane	白喉斑秧雞	5
62	<i>Rollulus rouloul</i>	Crested Partridge	冕鷓鴣	6
63	<i>Streptocitta albicollis</i>	White-necked Myna	鵲棕	9
64	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Common Shelduck	翹鼻麻鴨	3
65	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Rainbow Lorikeet	虹彩吸蜜鸚鵡	12
66	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>	Orange-headed Ground Thrush	橙頭地鶇	23
67	<i>Zoothera interpres</i>	Chestnut-capped Thrush	栗頭地鶇	16
68	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	Oriental White-eye	相思	10
			Total	617

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Zoological (Mammal) Collection at Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens
(as at 1 March 2013)

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
Primate (猿猴類)	<i>Callithrix pygmaea</i>	Pygmy Marmoset	侏狨	3
	<i>Cercopithecus neglectus</i>	De Brazza's Monkey	白臀長尾猴	5
	<i>Nomascus gabriellae</i>	Buff-cheeked Gibbon	紅頰黑猿	11
	<i>Hylobates syndactylus</i>	Siamang	合趾猿	2
	<i>Lemur catta</i>	Ring-tailed Lemur	環尾狐猴	14
	<i>Leontopithecus chrysomelas</i>	Golden-headed Lion Tamarin	金頭獅狨猴	4
	<i>Leontopithecus rosalia rosalia</i>	Golden Lion Tamarin	獅狨猴	1
	<i>Macaca silenus</i>	Lion-tailed Macaque	獅尾猴	1
	<i>Pithecia pithecia</i>	White-faced Saki	白面僧面猴	3
	<i>Pongo pygmaeus pygmaeus</i>	Bornean Orang-utan	婆羅洲猩猩	5
	<i>Saguinus imperator subgriseus</i>	Emperor Tamarin	皇狨猴	5
	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	Squirrel Monkey	松鼠猴	2
	<i>Varecia variegata variegata</i>	Black & White Ruffed Lemur	領狐猴	8
Rodent (啮齒類)	<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>	Red-rumped Agouti	橙色毛臀刺鼠	1
Monotremes (單孔類)	<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	Short-beaked Echidna	針鼹	2
Carnivores (食肉類)	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Raccoon	浣熊	1
Ednetates (貧齒類)	<i>Choloepus hoffmani</i>	Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth	霍氏樹懶	2
			Total	70

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Zoological (Bird) Collection at Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens
(as at 1 March 2013)

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
1	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>	Vulturine Guineafowl	鷲珠雞	1
2	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	Mandarin Duck	鴛鴦	3
3	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Wood Duck	林鴛鴦	26
4	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	Blue-Fronted Amazon Parrot	青綠頂鸚哥	2
5	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	Bahama Pintail	白臉針尾鴨	1
6	<i>Anitibyx armatus</i>	Blacksmith Plover	黑枕麥雞	6
7	<i>Anthropoides paradisea</i>	Blue Crane	藍鶴	3
8	<i>Aplonis panayensis</i>	Glossy Starling	輝棕鳥	6
9	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	Blue and Yellow Macaw	藍黃鸚鵡	1
10	<i>Argusianus argus</i>	Great Argus Pheasant	大眼斑雉	2
11	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	Grey Crowned Crane	東非冕鶴	1
12	<i>Branta sandvicensis</i>	Hawaiian Goose	黃頸黑雁	11
13	<i>Callonetta leucophrys</i>	Ringed Teal	半領鴨	4
14	<i>Ceratogymna elata</i>	Yellow-casqued Hornbill	黃盔犀鳥	2
15	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	Orange-bellied Leafbird	橙腹葉鶇	1
16	<i>Chrysolophus amberstiae</i>	Lady Amberst's Pheasant	白腹錦雞	2
17	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	Golden Pheasant	紅腹錦雞	2
18	<i>Chrysolophus pictus mut.luteus</i>	Golden Yellow Pheasant	金雞/黃腹錦雞	1
19	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Speckled Pigeon	點斑鴿	1
20	<i>Corythaixoides personata</i>	Bare-fared Go-away Turaco	裸臉灰蕉鵡	1
21	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	White-browed Robin Chat	白眉歌鵡	3
22	<i>Ducula spilorrhoa</i>	Torre's Strait Pigeon	澳洲斑皇鳩	3
23	<i>Eclectus roratus polychloros</i>	Red-sided Eclectus Parrot	紅翅折衷鸚鵡	5
24	<i>Eclectus roratus roratus</i>	Grand Eclectus Parrot	折衷鸚鵡	1
25	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>	Scarlet Ibis	紅鸚	16
26	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	Red-crowned Bishop	黑翅紅色寡婦鳥	1
27	<i>Gallicolumba tristigmata</i>	Celebes Quail Dove	黃胸雞鳩	1
28	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	Hwa-Mei	畫眉	1
29	<i>Garrulax chinensis</i>	Black-throated Laughing Thrush	黑喉噪鶇	4
30	<i>Garrulax galbanus</i>	Yellow-throated Laughing Thrush	黃腹噪鶇	1
31	<i>Garrulax milnei</i>	Red-tailed Laughing Thrush	赤尾噪鶇	2
32	<i>Garrulax poecilorhynchus</i>	Rufous Laughing Thrush	棕噪鶇	1
33	<i>Garrulax subunicolor</i>	Scaled Laughing Thrush	純色噪鶇	1
34	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	Zebra Dove	斑姬地鳩	7
35	<i>Goura cristata</i>	Blue-crowned Pigeon	藍鳳冠鳩	1
36	<i>Goura scheepmakeri</i>	Maroon-breasted Crowned Pigeon	紫胸鳳冠鳩	3
37	<i>Goura victoria</i>	Victoria Crowned Pigeon	維多利亞鳳冠鳩	1

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
38	<i>Grus japonensis</i>	Red-crowned Crane	丹頂鶴	8
39	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>	Blue-breasted Kingfisher	藍胸翡翠	1
40	<i>Irena puella</i>	Blue-backed Fairy Bluebird	和平鳥	1
41	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Blue-eared Glossy Starling	藍耳輝椋鳥	6
42	<i>Lamprotornis iris</i>	Emerald Starling	翠綠椋鳥	4
43	<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>	Silver-eared Mesia	銀耳相思鳥	1
44	<i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i>	Bali Mynah	長冠八哥	7
45	<i>Leucosarcia melanoeuca</i>	Wonga Pigeon	巨地鳩	3
46	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	Silver Pheasant	白鸚	37
47	<i>Melophus lathami</i>	Crested Bunting	鳳頭巫鳥	1
48	<i>Mino dumonti</i>	Yellow-faced Mynah	黃面樹八哥	1
49	<i>Momotus momota</i>	Blue-crowned Motmot	藍頂翡翠	1
50	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>	Violet Turaco	紫蕉鵒	1
51	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Helmet Guineafowl	普通珠雞	1
52	<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	Java Sparrow	爪哇禾雀	14
53	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber ruber</i>	American Flamingo	美洲紅鸛	28
54	<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>	Grey Peacock Pheasant	灰孔雀雉	2
55	<i>Polyplectron inopinatum</i>	Rothschild's Peacock Pheasant	羅氏孔雀雉	3
56	<i>Polyplectron malacense</i>	Malay Peacock Pheasant	馬來孔雀雉	1
57	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Rose-ringed Parakeet	紅領綠鸚鵡	2
58	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Red-vented Bulbul	紅喉紅臀鶇	1
59	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>	Black-crested Yellow Bulbul	黑頭黃鶇	2
60	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	Channel-billed Toucan	凹嘴鸚鵡	1
61	<i>Spreo superbus</i>	Superb Starling	栗頭麗椋鳥	1
62	<i>Syrnaticus reevesi</i>	Reeve's Pheasant	白冠長尾雉	1
63	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Common Shelduck	翹鼻麻鴨	7
64	<i>Tauraco hartlaubi</i>	Hartlaub's Turaco	藍冠蕉鵒	2
65	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Sacred Ibis	聖鶇	2
66	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	Red-billed Hornbill	紅喙鸞嘴犀鳥	1
67	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Masked Lapwing	裝臉麥雞	1
68	<i>Zoothera interpres</i>	Chestnut-capped Ground Thrush	庫氏地鶇	1
69	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl-Black Bar Shield	黑披肩鴿	8
70	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl-Cream Bar Shield	白披肩鴿	5
71	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl-Red Bar Shield	紅披肩鴿	12
72	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl- Shield Mark(Silver Bar)	鷹嘴鴿	4
73	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl- Shield Mark(Black Bar)	鷹嘴鴿	7
74	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl-Black Tail	黑尾鴿	7
75	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl-Fan Tail	扇尾鴿	9
76	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl-Brown Bar Shield	啡披肩鴿	10
77	<i>Columba livia</i>	Old German Owl-Fan Tail Indian	印扇尾鴿	6
			Total	340

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Zoological (Reptile) Collection at Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens
 (as at 1 March 2013)

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
1	<i>Alligator sinensis</i>	Chinese Alligator	揚子鱷	1
2	<i>Chinemys reevesii</i>	Chinese Three-keeled Pond Turtle	烏龜	1
3	<i>Cuora ambioinensis</i>	Malayan Box Turtle	馬來閉殼龜	7
4	<i>Cuora flavomarginata</i>	Yellow-margined Box Terrapin	黃緣閉殼龜	2
5	<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i>	Flowery Backed Box Terrapin	黃額盒龜	2
6	<i>Cyclemys dentata</i>	Asiatic Leaf Turtle	齒緣龜	5
7	<i>Geochelone elongata</i>	Elongated Tortoise	長殼龜	3
8	<i>Geochelone radiata</i>	Radiated Tortoise	輻射紋龜	16
9	<i>Geochelone sulcata</i>	Spurred Tortoise	盾臂龜	4
10	<i>Ocadia sinensis</i>	Chinese Stripe-necked Turtle	花龜	2
11	<i>Python molurus bivittatus</i>	Python	緬甸莽蛇	1
12	<i>Pyxidea mouhotii</i>	Keeled Box Turtle	鋸緣攝龜	1
13	<i>Testudo graeca</i>	Greek Tortoise	希臘陸龜	1
14	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>	Red-eared Slider	紅耳龜	6
			Total	52

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Zoological (Bird) Collection at Kowloon Park
 (as at 1 March 2013)

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
1	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	Mandarin Duck	鴛鴦	1
2	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Wood Duck	林鴛鴦	11
3	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	Blue Fronted Amazon	青綠頂鸚鵡	2
4	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	Yellow-crowned Amazon Parrot	黃頭亞馬遜鸚哥	12
5	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	Blue & Yellow Macaw	藍黃'麥鳥' '皋鳥'	4
6	<i>Ara chloroptera</i>	Green-winged Macaw	紅綠'麥鳥' '皋鳥'	2
7	<i>Argusianus argus</i>	Argus Pheasant	大眼斑雉	2
8	<i>Branta sandvicensis</i>	Hawaiian Goose	黃頸黑雁	12
9	<i>Buceros rhinoceros</i>	Rhinoceros Hornbill	馬來犀鳥	2
10	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	White Cockatoo	白鳳頭鸚鵡	2
11	<i>Cacatua goffini</i>	Goffin's Cockatoo	戈芬氏鳳頭鸚鵡	1
12	<i>Callonetta leucphrys</i>	Ringed Teal	半領鴨	4
13	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Nicobar Pigeon	尼柯巴鳩	18
14	<i>Calyptorhynchus magnificus</i>	Red-tailed Cockatoo	紅尾鳳頭鸚鵡	2
15	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Speckled Pigeon	點斑鴿	17
16	<i>Coscoroba coscoroba</i>	Coscoroba Swan	扁咀鵝	2
17	<i>Cygnus melanocoryphus</i>	Black-necked Swan	黑頸天鵝	2
18	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	White-faced Whistling Duck	白臉樹鴨	1
19	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Pied Imperial Pigeon	斑皇鳩	11
20	<i>Ducula radiata</i>	Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon	灰頭皇鳩	1
21	<i>Eclectus roratus polychloros</i>	Red-sided Eclectus Parrot	紅翅折衷鸚鵡	2
22	<i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>	Galah Cockatoo	粉紅鳳頭鸚鵡	4
23	<i>Garrulax pectoralis</i>	Greater Necklaced Laughing Thrush	黑領噪眉鳥	2
24	<i>Goura victoria</i>	Victoria Crowned Pigeon	維多利亞鳳冠鳩	1
25	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	Hill Mynah	鷓哥	1
26	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>	Violet Turaco	紫蕉鵡	1
27	<i>Netta peposaca</i>	Rosybill Pochard	粉嘴潛鴨	1
28	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Red-crested Pochard	赤嘴潛鴨	8
29	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	Crested Pigeon	冠鳩	2
30	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Common Peafowl	藍孔雀	1
31	<i>Penelopides panini</i>	Tarctic Hornbill	棕尾斑嘴犀鳥	1
32	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	Lesser Flamingo	小紅鶴	26
33	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Greater Flamingo	大紅鶴	97
34	<i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>	Palm Cockatoo	棕樹鳳頭鸚鵡	2
35	<i>Psittacula derbiana</i>	Derbyan Parakeet	大緋胸鸚鵡	1
36	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Common Shel Duck	翹鼻麻鴨	1
			Total	260

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Zoological (Reptile) Collection at Tuen Mun Park
 (as at 1 March 2013)

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
1	<i>Boa constrictor</i>	Boa Constrictor/Red-tailed Boa	南美蚺/巨蚺/紅尾蚺	1
2	<i>Elaphe guttatu</i>	Corn snake	粟米蛇	1
3	<i>Morelia spilota cheynei</i>	Jungle Carpet Python	地氈蟒	1
4	<i>Morelia viridis</i>	Green Tree Python	綠樹蟒	1
5	<i>Python regius</i>	Ball Python	球蟒	2
6	<i>Aspidites ramsayi</i>	Woma Python	窩瑪蟒	2
7	<i>Amphibolurus vitticeps/Pogona vitticeps</i>	Bearded Dragon	鬆獅蜥	6
8	<i>Chamaeleo calytratus</i>	Veiled Chameleon	高冠變色龍	1
9	<i>Chlamydosaurus kingii</i>	Frilled Lizard	傘蜥	1
10	<i>Eublepharis macularius</i>	Leopard Gecko	斑臉虎/豹紋壁虎	2
11	<i>Gekko gekko</i>	Tokay Gecko	大壁虎/蛤蚧	2
12	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	Iguana	綠鬣蜥	8
13	<i>Phelsuma madagascariensis</i>	Madagascar Day Gecko	馬達加斯加日間壁虎	1
14	<i>Physignathus cocincinus</i>	Chinese water dragon	中國水龍/亞洲水龍	2
15	<i>Tiliqua scincoides</i>	Blue-tongued Shink	藍舌石龍子	1
16	<i>Tupinambis merianae</i>	Black & White Tegu/Tegu Lizard	黑白泰加蜥	1
17	<i>Uromastix maliensis</i>	Spiny-tailed lizard	馬里棘尾蜥	11
18	<i>Varanus species</i>	Monitor Lizard	巨蜥	4
19	<i>Astrochelys Radiata</i>	Radiated Tortoise	放射紋龜/輻射紋龜	11
20	<i>Carettochelys insculpta</i>	Pig-nosed Turtle/ Fly River Turtle	豬鼻鱉/飛河鱉	3
21	<i>Chelodina mccordi</i>	Roti Island Snake-necked turtles	羅地島長頸龜	1
22	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	Western Painted Turtle	西部油彩龜	1
23	<i>Cuora flavomarginata</i>	Yellow-margined Box turtle	黃緣閉殼龜	2
24	<i>Cuora trifasciata</i>	Chinese Three-striped Box Turtle	三線閉殼龜/金錢龜	1
25	<i>Geochelone carbonaria</i>	Red-footed Tortoise	紅腳龜	1
26	<i>Geochelone denticulata</i>	Yellow Foot Tortoise/Brazilian Giant Tortoise	黃腳龜	1
27	<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>	Leopard Tortoise	豹龜	1
28	<i>Geochelone Platynota</i>	Burmese Starred Tortoise	緬甸星龜	1
29	<i>Geochelone sulcata</i>	Spurred Tortoise/African Spurred Tortoise	盾臂龜/蘇卡達陸龜	3
30	<i>Geoclemys hamiltonii</i>	Black Pond Turtle	黑池龜	4
31	<i>Indotestudo elongata</i>	Elongated Tortoise/Burmese Tortoise	緬甸陸龜	2
32	<i>Kinosternon scorpioides crurntatum</i>	Red Cheeked Mud Turtle	紅頰泥龜	2
33	<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>	Diamondback terrapin	鑽紋龜	1
34	<i>Morenia ocellata</i>	Bengal Eyed Terrapin	緬甸孔雀龜	1
35	<i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>	Alligator snapping turtle	鱷龜	1
36	<i>Pyxis planicauda</i>	Flat-backed Spider Tortoise	扁尾龜	1
37	<i>Pyxis arachnoides</i>	Spider Tortoise	蛛網龜	2
38	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	Spectacled Caiman	眼鏡凱門鱷	1
			Total	89

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Zoological (Bird) Collection at Yuen Long Park
(as at 1 March 2013)

Item	Scientific Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Quantity
1	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus</i>	Crested Mynah	八哥	1
2	<i>Aplonis panayensis</i>	Glossy Starling	輝椋鳥	3
3	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Emerald Dove	綠背金鳩	3
4	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Violet Starling	白腹紫椋鳥	5
5	<i>Cyanopica cyana</i>	Azure-winged Magpie	灰喜鵲	4
6	<i>Eophona migratoria</i>	Yellow-billed Grosbeak	黑尾蠟嘴雀	5
7	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	Hwa-Mei	畫眉	2
8	<i>Garrulax chinensis</i>	Black-throated Laughing Thrush	黑喉噪鵲	4
9	<i>Garrulax formosus</i>	Red-winged Laughing Thrush	麗色噪鵲	4
10	<i>Garrulax pectoralis</i>	Greater Necklaced Laughing Thrush	黑領噪鵲	2
11	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Eurasian Jay	松鴉	1
12	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	Barred Ground Dove	斑姬地鳩	17
13	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	Hill Mynah	鷓鴣	1
14	<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>	Black Bulbul	黑短腳鶇	3
15	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>	Purple Glossy Starling	紫色輝椋鳥	7
16	<i>Leiothrix argenteauris</i>	Silver-eared Mesia	銀耳相思鳥	7
17	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>	Peking Robin(Red-billed Leiothrix)	紅嘴相思鳥	20
18	<i>Liocichla omeiensis</i>	Mount Omei Liocichla	灰胸籐鶇	2
19	<i>Lonchura maja</i>	White-headed Munia	白頭文鳥	9
20	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>	Siberian Rubythroat	紅點頰	1
21	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>	Black-naped Oriole	黑枕黃鸝	1
22	<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	Java Sparrow	爪哇禾雀	11
23	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>	Black-crested Bulbul	黑頭黃鸝	1
24	<i>Scissirostrum dubium</i>	Grosbeak Starling	蠟嘴椋鳥	5
25	<i>Sturnus sericeus</i>	Silky Starling	絲光椋鳥	1
26	<i>Zosterops japonica</i>	Dark Green White-eye	暗綠繡眼鳥	1
27	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Red-whiskered Bulbul	紅耳鸝	11
28	<i>Lamprotornis iris</i>	Emerald Starling	翠綠輝椋鳥	2
29	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling	大藍耳輝椋鳥	1
30	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>	Long-tailed Glossy Starling	大長尾輝椋鳥	6
			Total	141

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

HAB413

Question Serial No.

3920

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government intends to open a visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street, North Point. What types of artworks will be displayed at the exhibitions held at the centre? How will the centre determine the hire charges for use of venue? How will the department responsible for the operation of the centre streamline the administrative procedure for application for hiring the venue so that more hirers may use the centre?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street is an art space with a special focus on nurturing local young artists and promoting community engagement. Through curating art exhibitions and organising community activities in collaboration with the visual arts sector, the art space will serve as an incubator for young artistic talents, a facilitator to art creations and an art project space to engage the community. Crossover disciplinary and experimental projects will also be organised to help young artists build up their career and personal profiles in the field. The artworks to be displayed at the art space will primarily be contemporary art created by local young artists. As an incubator for young artistic talents, the art space will be a platform where budding artists can share their works with the support of the Department. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department therefore does not intend to designate the art space as a hiring facility at this stage.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB414

Question Serial No.

3921

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire local visual artists' artworks, how will the Government assess the value of a piece of artwork? For how long is the sum of \$50 million expected to be used and what is the expected number of artworks to be acquired? What criteria will be used by LCSD for commissioning local visual artworks for exhibition? Will artists be engaged or applications invited for this purpose?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The additional funding of \$50 million to be allocated to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will be used to acquire and commission artworks by local artists for exhibition, public display, education and research purposes.

(a) Acquiring artworks

Having regard to the advice given by the Corruption Prevention Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, LCSD has devised a set of procedures and assessment criteria for acquisition of artworks for museums. The criteria include the artistic merit of the proposed acquisition, its relevance to museums' collections, its physical condition, price, display and education value, and the reputation of the artist.

In conducting the assessment, LCSD will invite Museum Expert Advisers (Advisers) from the relevant panel to give independent advice on the proposed acquisition in accordance with the above-mentioned procedures/criteria. Advisers are appointed to different panels according to their areas of expertise such as Hong Kong art, design, photography, Chinese antiquities and historical pictures, etc. The number of Advisers to be engaged for each acquisition depends on the value of the artworks, but at least three Advisers have to be engaged if the estimated value of the artwork is over \$50,000. The Advisers concerned are required to declare interest when conducting assessment to avoid conflict of interest and no remuneration or honorarium will be offered to them. Unanimous support of the Advisers for the proposed acquisition, including the price to be offered, is required.

As each piece of artwork is unique and the price varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired with the proposed amount of funding and when the funding will be exhausted cannot be estimated.

(b) Commissioning artworks for display in public areas

In addition to acquiring artworks, LCSD will also use part of the new funding to commission local artists to create artworks for display at public open spaces, such as parks, and government buildings to promote public's appreciation of art and the works of Hong Kong artists.

Artists or teams for the commissioning work will be selected through two channels, namely, open competition and collaboration with art related non-government organisations (NGOs). In the former case, an adjudication panel comprising five to seven experts in local and public art, representatives of the districts/venues concerned and Museum Expert Advisers, will be set up to select and recommend the appropriate artwork proposals for commissioning. Selection criteria include artistic merits and creativity, compliance with the competition and venue requirements, conformity with the environment, technical competence of the artist / team, feasibility and safety of the proposal, as well as the costs of implementation, management, maintenance and repair. As for collaboration with NGOs, the NGO partner appointed must be art related, non-profit making and has a good track record in executing similar commissioning projects. It will first work out the details of the proposed project and mechanism for artwork selection for LCSD's consideration. The independent advice of Museum Expert Advisers as well as the views of the venue and district representatives will be sought as part of the process.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB415

Question Serial No.

4601

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the exhibitions to be organised at the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre in 2013-14 as well as those already set out in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14, including the names of the exhibitions, the joint organisers (if any), the expenditure and manpower involved, and the estimated attendance.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

Exhibitions to be held at the Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum and Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre in 2013-14, together with the estimated expenditure and estimated attendance, are listed below. All the exhibitions will be organised with the existing manpower of the museums concerned.

Hong Kong Museum of History

Name of exhibition	Period	Joint organisers	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)#	Estimated attendance
History of Landslides in Hong Kong	May 2013	Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)	0.30 (to be borne by CEDD)	6 000
* The Splendours of Imperial Costume: Qing Court Attire	July – October 2013	The Palace Museum	13.90 (including sponsorship from Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT))	160 000

Name of exhibition	Period	Joint organisers	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)#	Estimated attendance
Hong Kong Observatory – Under the Same Sky 130 Years	July – September 2013	Hong Kong Observatory (HKO)	1.18 (partly borne by the HKO)	60 000
History of Psychiatric Services in Hong Kong	October – November 2013	Institute of Mental Health (IMH), Castle Peak Hospital	0.05 (to be borne by IMH)	10 000
Old Photos of Hong Kong	December 2013 – April 2014	N/A	2.50	150 000

* Exhibition listed in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14

Expenditure to be borne by LCSD unless otherwise stated.

Hong Kong Heritage Museum

Name of exhibition	Period	Joint organisers	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated attendance
Intelligence Infinity: Inspiration through Art	May – September 2013	N/A	2.00	200 000
Eddie Lau Retrospective Exhibition	July 2013 – January 2014	N/A	1.98	120 000
* Bruce Lee Exhibition	From July 2013 (for five years)	Bruce Lee Foundation	24.85	650 000 (for 2013-14 only)
Traditional Chinese Woodblock Prints from the Collection of the Heritage Museum	August 2013 – January 2014	Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1.80	180 000
Bring Me Home – Hong Kong Culture, Art & Design	October – November 2013	N/A	0.65	70 000
Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2013: Collaboration – Creative Print Series	October 2013 – December 2013	Hong Kong Open Printshop / Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2013	0.45	70 000

Name of exhibition	Period	Joint organisers	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated attendance
Selected Paintings on Flowers and Insects by Chao Shao-an	November 2013 – March 2015	N/A	0.40	110 000 (for 2013-14 only)
Guqin Exhibition	December 2013 – February 2014	Choi Chang Sau Qin Making Society	1.89	80 000

* Exhibition listed in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14

Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum

Name of exhibition	Period	Joint organisers	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated attendance
Dr Sun Yat-sen and His Family	May – October 2013	N/A	0.06	30 000
The 1911 Revolution and Guangdong	November 2013 – May 2014	Sun Yat-Sen Library of Guangdong Province	1.24	50 000

Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence

Name of exhibition	Period	Joint organisers	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated attendance
Anti-Japanese War Heroes: An Exhibition on the Hong Kong Independent Battalion of the Dongjiang Column	April – October 2013	Guangdong Museum of Revolutionary History	1.30	60 000
Exhibition on “The 120th Anniversary of the First Sino-Japanese War”	March – October 2014 (tentative)	The Sino-Japanese War Museum	2.00	90 000

Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre

Name of exhibition	Period	Joint organisers	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated attendance
Amazing Bourgogne!	May – June 2013	Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau	0.20	20 000
The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Annual Awards 2012	July – August 2013	The Hong Kong Institute of Architects	N/A	20 000
The 60th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Public Housing	October 2013 – March 2014	Housing Department	0.50	60 000

Other Exhibitions Listed in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14

Name of exhibition	Venue	Period	Joint organisers	Total expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated attendance
The Golden Regime of Gold Harvest	Hong Kong Film Archive	March – July 2013	Fortune Star Media Limited	0.65	35 000
Eternal Tao: New Dimensions in Chinese Contemporary Art	Hong Kong Museum of Art	May – August 2013	N/A	4.95	80 000
Maritime Porcelain Road: Relics from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Museums	Hong Kong Museum of Art	July 2013 – February 2014	Department of Culture of Guangdong Province and Cultural Affairs Bureau, Macao Special Administrative Region Government Guangdong Museum and Macao Museum	1.45	100 000
^ Childhood Memories	Hong Kong International Airport	July 2013 onwards	Airport Authority Hong Kong	0.05	156 000 (for 2013-14 only)
Hong Kong Contemporary Art Awards 2012	Hong Kong Museum of Art	October 2013 – January 2014	N/A	3.29	80 000

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

HAB416

Question Serial No.

4602

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As youth band culture matures in Taiwan and the Mainland, the Government and private sectors have held various music festivals to promote the culture. Apart from staging “Youth Band Marathon” last year, did the Home Affairs Bureau organise similar programmes in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13)? Moreover, has the Government noted and studied youth band culture in neighbouring Asian regions? If so, what are the details? Does the Government plan to introduce any measures to foster an environment that promotes youth band culture?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

To help nurture young performers and audience for band music, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched the first “Youth Band Marathon” in 2006 which has since become an annual event well-received by the young people. In recent years, LCSD partnered with various local youth organisations, including The Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs Association of Hong Kong, Caritas Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association in organising the Youth Band Marathon. With the support of these organisations, more young people interested in band music have joined this creative platform to share and showcase their talents. The number of bands featured in the event has grown from nine in 2006 to some 25 in the recent three years.

Band music is also a regular feature in the outdoor music series organised by LCSD, including “Tom Lee Music Plaza @ HKCC”, a partnership programme of LCSD with the Tom Lee Music Foundation since 2002. About ten performances a year are presented at the Piazza of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on Sunday afternoons in recent years. The number of performances will be increased to 12 in 2013-14.

The LCSD will continue to promote band music through partnerships with the youth and music sectors to foster a conducive environment for the development of band music among the youth. While the Department has not conducted formal studies on the youth band culture in the Asian region, it is aware of the developments through networking with its counterparts in the region.

Name in block letters: Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date: 5.4.2013

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

HAB417

Question Serial No.

4606

Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the provision of book-drop service at the major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations:

1. What is the monthly usage of the book drops at the three MTR interchange stations since the service was launched?
2. What was the expenditure for the service in the past year? What is the estimated expenditure this year?
3. The Administration stated in its reply to the Finance Committee last year that it would “assess the public response to and cost-effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications” (Reply Serial No.: HAB180) in order to review the scheme. It has also indicated in this year’s Estimates that a review of the service is being conducted and the outcome will be available by mid-2013. With a view to submitting the review findings in mid-2013, how will the Administration assess the public response to and cost-effectiveness of the scheme?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

1. Since the launch of the book drop service at the three MTR interchange stations in September 2011, a monthly average of 9 372, 11 524 and 4 425 library books were returned through the book drops at the Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong MTR stations respectively.
2. In 2012-13, the total operating expenditure in providing the book drop service at the three MTR stations was \$4.26 million, which covered the hiring of logistics services for collecting, checking in, sorting and delivering the returned books to the respective libraries. With some streamlining efforts, it is estimated that around \$3.5 million will be incurred in 2013-14.
3. To assess the effectiveness of the trial book drop service, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) conducted a review of the service by examining its usage statistics and the public views collected through an opinion survey conducted at 35 public libraries in October 2012. The findings showed that the service was generally welcomed by the working population, but the monthly usage is only about 29 per cent of the planned capacity, as the majority of readers still prefer visiting the libraries in person to return and borrow books on the same occasion. In view of the high recurrent cost involved (over \$9 per returned book) and the readers’ habit, LCSD considers it not cost-effective to extend the service to more MTR stations under the current mode of operation.

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

HAB418

Question Serial No.

4553

Head: 170 – Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the details and the findings of the Administration's review on the performance of the Care and Support Networking Team?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The performance of Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT) is satisfactory as it has met all the output and outcome standards throughout the service period and its services have been smoothly delivered to meet the service needs of the target groups. In light of its satisfactory performance, the service contract for CSNT was extended for three years from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015.

Name in block letters: Patrick T K Nip

Post Title: Director of Social Welfare

Date: 9.4.2013

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

HAB420

Question Serial No.

3542

Head: 703 – Buildings

Subhead (No. & title): 3055RE, 3057RE,
3058RE

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

According to the original proposals approved by the Finance Committee, 3055RE (“A permanent planning and infrastructure exhibition gallery at City Hall Annex”), 3057RE (“Conversion of Yau Ma Tei Theatre and Red Brick Building into a Xiqu Activity Centre”), and 3058RE (“Reprovisioning of Pak Tin Public Library”) were estimated to complete in June 2012, September 2011, and January 2013 respectively. Will the Administration inform this Committee why the completion dates of the 3 projects have been deferred? What is the latest progress of the 3 projects? What is the additional expenditure incurred for each of the 3 projects because of the deferrals?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The construction work of “A permanent planning and infrastructure exhibition gallery at City Hall Annex” was completed in March 2012, earlier than the scheduled completion date of June 2012. There was no deferral and therefore no additional expenditure incurred.

The “Conversion of Yau Ma Tei Theatre and Red Brick Building into a Xiqu Activity Centre” commenced in July 2009 and was completed and handed over to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in September 2011. There was no deferral and therefore no additional expenditure incurred. Fitting out and testing works of the stage and building services systems were immediately carried out by LCSD, followed by a series of commissioning programmes to try out the operation. The Theatre was officially opened in July 2012.

The “Reprovisioning of Pak Tin Public Library” includes the construction of a bare shell structure of a library by the Housing Department and interior fitting out works of the library by the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD). The reprovisioning of the Pak Tin Public Library in Shek Kip Mei Estate involves a lease for the accommodation of the library between the Government and the Housing Authority. As the time required to resolve issues on the terms of the lease between the Housing Authority and the Government is longer than expected, the premises has been handed over to LCSD since March 2013 for ArchSD to carry out interior fitting out works which are expected to be completed before end 2013. There is no additional expenditure incurred due to the deferral.

Name in block letters: K K LEUNG

Post Title: Director of Architectural Services

Date: 10.4.2013

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

HAB421

Question Serial No.

3543

Head: 703 – Buildings

Subhead (No. & title): 3049RG - Public library and indoor recreation centre in Area 3, Yuen Long

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services

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Question:

The revised estimate of 3049RG “Public library and indoor recreation centre in Area 3, Yuen Long” for 2012-13 is \$60 million, which was in a stark contrast to the original estimate of \$120 million. What are the reasons for the substantial reduction in estimate? Will the completion date of the project be deferred? What is the latest estimated completion date of the project?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

Construction of the “Public library and indoor recreation centre in Area 3, Yuen Long” commenced in July 2010 and is now scheduled to be completed in late 2015. The revised estimate for 2012-13 is \$60 million. The estimated expenditure of \$120 million for 2013-14 is mainly for the foundation and superstructure works. The remaining estimated expenditure of \$508 million will be incurred in 2014-15 and beyond for the remaining works, procurement of furniture and equipment, and payment of consultancy fees. We will continue to monitor the project progress and to expedite the works where possible.

The reason for the substantial reduction in estimate for 2012-13 is due to slower site progress of foundation contract in resolving the unforeseen complicated ground conditions with marble cavity underneath.

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